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## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Changes on Centre Hastings Municipal Council

**CENTRE HASTINGS** – Council accepted the resignation of long serving member Mr. Jim Bonter at their regular meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023.

In a letter provided to Council, Mr. Bonter expressed the following:

"After some careful consideration, I have decided to step down from my role as councillor for the Municipality of Centre Hastings. While I continue to enjoy the role, I also recognize the need to be able to respond to the needs of citizens within our community, which has at times been difficult for me given my current health situation. Although I am feeling well at this time, I need to continue to focus on my health and feel it is best to step back from this commitment. It has been great for me to be a part of the team and I will continue to be an active member of this great community.

Thanks to you all for your ongoing support! The nature of a small town is so special especially during times such as this. I look forward to staying in touch with you all!

## Thanks for everything."

Council received the resignation and thanked Mr. Bonter for all his service. "We are sorry to see Jim leaving Council but we understand the need to prioritize his health. We thank him for all of his service and dedication to the community." said Centre Hastings Mayor Tom Deline.

As per the Council Vacancy Policy the candidate with the next highest number of votes from the October 2022 election will be appointed to fill the vacant seat. Judy Brant will be appointed to the seat and will take the Oath of Office at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.