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“Bill Hill will be truly missed by all of us” – County mourns the passing of a great man and community leader

Dufferin – Those who knew former County of Dufferin Warden Bill Hill were saddened to learn of his passing today and as they chatted amongst themselves the memories of his contributions to Dufferin County and the municipalities he represented came flooding back. Having served on Shelburne Town Council, Melancthon Township Council the former Dufferin County School Board and County Council there were lots of memories to share.

County CAO, Sonya Pritchard expressed her respect and admiration for Bill and the strong leadership role he played in moving the County of Dufferin through the process to adopt the first County Official Plan.

The former Deputy Mayor of Amaranth and the one-time Warden of Dufferin County, Walter Kolodziechuk stated that there have been very few people in politics who could measure up to Bill's example.

From happy memories of Bill actively participating at community events to some of the more persuasive discussions about what was best for the residents of Dufferin the impact that Bill had on our community will be long lasting.

Bill was the driving force behind the development of the annual scholarship that Dufferin County offers for students pursuing higher education and apprenticeships. Investing in the future of Dufferin County was a consistent theme in all of Bill's work as an elected official and his willingness to get his hands dirty was undeniable. Staff recalled a time when, in the early morning hours of Canada Day 2014, Bill was ankle deep in a Pine River tributary making sure run off from an industrial fire didn't contaminate a cold water stream.

Staff weren't the only ones reminiscing about Warden Hill today. As a mentor to those who served on various councils, boards and committees over the years Bill left a lasting impression deeply rooted in honour and integrity.

County Warden Paul Mills said that “today we lost one of the most community minded men that I have ever had the privilege to work with”. A sentiment that has been echoed by many current and former members of County Council.

After his retirement in 2014 Bill and his “beautiful bride” as he called his wife Alma moved to the shores of Lake Couchiching to enjoy time with their family.

Warden Mills said it best “as a colleague and a true friend, Bill Hill, will be truly missed by all of us”.

Warden Mills has directed that flags at the County of Dufferin Courthouse be flown at half-mast until Tuesday April 3rd, 2018 in honour of the lasting contributions of Bill Hill 1947-2018.

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Image Attached shows the 2014 Dufferin County Council with (from left to right) Councilors Rob Adams, Paul Mills, Ed Crewson, Walter Kolodziechuk, Don MacIver, Rhonda Campbell-Moon, Al Taylor, Warrens Maycock, John Oosterhoff, Darren White, Ken McGhee, Laura Ryan (seated) and Warden Bill Hill (seated).

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