

New Erin mayor Michael Dehn and councillors sworn in

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Town to focus on upcoming municipal budget and the wastewater treatment plant

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Cheers of applause filled the room as a new chapter for Erin council got underway.

Newly sworn-in mayor Michael Dehn shared a few words as he set out to lead council for the next four years.

"I am deeply honoured (by) the faith and trust placed in me as your mayor," Dehn said to the audience. "I thank everyone who has supported me. As I take the chain of office of mayor, I would like to thank my predecessor, Mayor Allan Alls, for all his service to our community."

Dehn and councillors John Brennan, Jamie Cheyne, Cathy Aylard and Bridget Ryan were officially sworn in at an inauguration ceremony at the Erin legion on Nov. 16.

"I congratulate all my fellow councillors here today on their success," said Dehn. "We are all bound together by the collective common interest in the entity of the town of Erin and the welfare of our residents in providing value for our taxpayers."

Lisa Campion, director of legislative services and clerk, congratulated the mayor and council for their successful campaigns on behalf of town staff. She said she looks forward to working with council to make Erin a place to live, work and play.

"It takes commitment and an appreciation for your town when you run for public office, and we thank you for putting your name forward to represent your community," said Campion to the mayor and council. "We recognize the courage it takes to run and congratulate you on your successful campaigns."

Dehn said he spent the past couple of months listening to residents and meeting with town staff. He envisions a town that is not only successful but participates in citizen engagement. He said he will ensure every opportunity is provided for residents to have their say.

"The common thread is we all want to do the right thing for the town of Erin, the residents and the business community," said Dehn. "I am here to work with council and staff to address the concerns I heard. We are motivated by the desire for good governance and are willing to work hard."

Dehn plans to crunch some numbers for the upcoming municipal budget and the wastewater treatment plant project. He would like to focus on traffic, tourism, recreation, development, citizen engagement and transparency.

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"There is much work yet to be done," said Dehn. "I am looking forward to hitting the ground running."