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I completely understand how the loss of a colleague on council is experienced by the whole team. In the aftermath, decisions are difficult. For a full term, I was John Levi's teammate and while we sometimes disagreed, we far more often agreed on emerging issues and worked together with the good of Mississippi Mills ratepayers foremost in our minds.

I ran against John for the position of deputy mayor in the 2018 election and was supported by 2,228 voters. Before that, I served three terms as a ward councillor for Mississippi Mills and one term at Lanark County during which I was selected by my peers to act as deputy mayor between 2012 and 2018. I loved working with others to steward our municipal governments and was primed to take on the position of deputy mayor, a role which I recognized was largely to act as a bridge between council and the mayor.

I am dedicated to representing citizens of all ages and to increasing community prosperity. I am a critical thinker and creative problem-solver who can stand her ground in respectful public debate, vital attributes for a leader working for the health and diversity of the community. I am a qualified and excellent leader who can step into the mayor's role if called upon. I have concrete people skills and am looking forward to working with the present council which includes four first-time councillors.

The new council is climbing a steep learning curve not only on issues but also on procedure. I have both the subject matter expertise and the procedural knowledge to be of assistance and I am prepared to navigate difficult decisions together.

The breadth of my credentials has always served council and the community well. I have a master's degree, a certificate in social media, certification in facilitative leadership, community change and community engagement. My career centred on service including working as the community coordinator for the Lanark County Planning Council for Children, Youth and Families. I now work as a professional facilitator specializing in strategic planning and goal-setting.

During my terms on council and as deputy mayor on Lanark County Council, I acted as chair of several committees and boards and as a working member of many others including Recreation and Culture, Planning and Economic Development, Finance and Administration, Fire, Water and Sewer, Community Control Group, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Police Services Board, Mills Community Support, Almonte 125 Celebrations, Veteran's Memorial Walkway, Wastewater Treatment Technical Advisory, Almonte Community Centre Expansion, Pakenham Library Expansion, Economic Development, Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation and Rural Transit Advisory Committee.

I am a community builder and my thousands of volunteer hours over the past 30 years have given me intimate knowledge of our community. I have the experience and knowledge to be an excellent deputy mayor and am grateful for this opportunity as well as for your support and kind consideration.

