

Mayor Muttart Presented with Municipality's First Chain of Office

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Mayor Peter Muttart arrived at the office the day before the Municipal Election that would select his successor wishing for a quiet day with little to no fanfare.

No such luck, Mayor Muttart.

The outgoing Mayor walked into Council Chambers the morning of Oct. 18 to find the room typically reserved for formal municipal matters filled with applauding staff, Council colleagues, special guests, and family members gathered to celebrate his retirement at the close of his historic tenure as the first Mayor of the Municipality of the County of Kings.

Deputy Mayor Emily Lutz and Municipal Clerk Janny Postema presented Mayor Muttart with the first-ever Chain of Office to be worn by a mayor of the Municipality. "Mayor Peter Muttart" is engraved in the first link of the Chain, which will be worn by future mayors of the Municipality.

"(Mayor Muttart's) quiet, unassuming, dignified leadership has created a safe space in this Municipality for staff to do their work, for Council to come every couple weeks and make our decisions and talk about hard things that shape the future of this County," the Deputy Mayor shared in thanking the Mayor for laying a solid foundation for future Councils and staff.

Staff and members of Council seized the opportunity to thank Mayor Muttart for leading with professionalism and poise.

"His leadership created a respectful, safe environment where ideas from all Councillors could be discussed without intimidation," Coun. Dick Killam shared.

"His calm, thoughtful approach on controversial issues created a runway which launched new approaches to issues by always taking into consideration both sides of the discussion."



Deputy Mayor Emily Lutz and Municipal Clerk Janny Postema presented Mayor Muttart with the first-ever Chain of Office to be worn by a mayor of the Municipality during a surprise appreciation event hosted in Council Chambers Oct. 18.

Muttart served as a Councillor for a year and a half before being elected for back-to-back four-year terms as Mayor in 2016 and 2020.

“Thank you for leading this Council with the climate of respect, conscientiousness and synergy,” said Coun. June Granger.

“You brought the calm to tricky situations and managed to keep things light and forward moving when times got rough. Your knowledge and patience are admirable - your management style, noteworthy.”



Members of Mayor Peter Muttart's family joined staff in celebrating his historic eight-year tenure as the first Mayor of the Municipality of the County of Kings during an Appreciation Event on Oct. 18.

Staff sharing fond farewells expressed appreciation for the Mayor's sense of humour and thanked him for being kind, fair, a class act, honest, a man of integrity, reassuring presence, and true leader.

“His calm demeanor, decisiveness, and unwavering guidance will be dearly missed by staff, both inside and outside of Council Chambers,” said Director of Finance and Information Technology Greg Barr.

CAO Scott Conrod commended Mayor Muttart for leading with humility.

“Staff at the Municipality consider Peter to be a tremendous leader, a mentor, an ally, and a friend.”

Mayor Muttart thanked his municipal colleagues at the surprise ceremony and in writing after the event.

“As I ‘go out the door’, I want to express my appreciation for the privilege of working alongside each of you. Thanks as well for the very kind send-off today. I will remember this experience – and all of you – fondly,” he wrote.

“I’m sure that our paths will cross again. In the meantime, I wish each of you the very best.”

The Municipal Council elected on Oct. 19 will be sworn in Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. All are welcome to attend the ceremony in the Municipal Complex at 181 Coldbrook Village Park Drive or follow along online at www.countyofkings.ca.