

Message from Councillor Joe Persechini

I personally want to thank the Mayor, Virginia Hackson, and Council for all the support that has been given to me over the past eight years.

It has been an honour to represent residents of East Gwillimbury, to serve them, and to advocate for what was important to them over the past eight years while on Council.

I also want to acknowledge the Senior Leadership Team and all the dedicated staff that deliver quality programs and services to our residents, and our CAO Tom Webster and his staff for great leadership and our Clerk Tara Lajevardi and her staff.

My first term was in the Finance Department. I want to express my thanks to Mark Valcic and his team. We accomplished a lot during my term because of all the good people in that department who worked together to make things happen.

My second term was in Parks and Recreation. I worked with Aaron Karmazyn and his amazing team. Here too everyone moved projects forward due to their amazing ability to work closely with each other.

When things needed to get done, I could always count on Mike Molinari and his management team to make it happen.

Working with Gina Casey, the Executive Director, was always a pleasure. She was another person I could always count on when I needed help of any kind.

Randy Bell of the IT Department was a godsend in helping me with all of my computer inquiries - what would I have done without him? And he even made house calls!

I thank the people of EG who gave me two terms on this Council. What an opportunity – to work with such wonderful people.

To all the other departments, volunteers, committee members, friends, and families who helped me along the way - my heartfelt thank you.

During my eight years in office, I have been surrounded by good, conscientious, hardworking people. We have the best staff any organization could hope for. I have been blessed to be associated with all of you and proud to have been part of the EG team.

I am not going anywhere. I would like the opportunity of continuing to contribute value to the community in a different capacity. Here's to a partnership that I hope will continue on into the future.