

JOHN RUSH, CANDIDATE FOR WARD 4 COUNCIL

I have always been a civic minded individual and used my education and qualifications to serve the community for over 40 years. I Retired June 1st 2017 from Chrysler Assembly Plant in Brampton, Ontario after 26 years

Purchased our home in the township of Brock in January of 2017 from DS&B Farms.

When we moved to Brock in the early winter of 2017, I looked into where I could best help the community and offered my experience and was invited to attend the Fire Services planning committee to spec apparatus. As having done this job previously on numerous occasions I felt I could assist in this endeavour.

I volunteered to sit on the committee of concerned citizens chaired by Debbie Bath-Hadden, re: all the licenced cannabis grow operations in the Township of Brock and met with other concerned citizens as well as our Member of Parliament Jamie Schmale at this time.

For the past 5 years since the beginning of Covid, my time was limited as my wife and I became fulltime caregivers to her physically disabled Father who as of February of this year was finally accepted as a resident at Bon Air long term care in Cannington.

I now look forward to re-involving myself civically in whatever capacity I can be of service.

Qualifications:

Graduate of Huron Heights Secondary School, Newmarket, Ontario

Certificate in Fire Service Administration, Specialty in Strategic Planning
Dalhousie University

OACETT Certificate Associate Engineering technician

Industrial & Construction Mechanic (Millwright) licences

Trainer/Facilitator Certificate, Office of Fire Marshal

Completed Excellence in Educating Adults course from Seneca College

Upon retirement have been employed as a Part Time College Professor,
George Brown College, Humber College, Durham College teaching
Millwright theory and practical applications

Joined the Volunteer Firefighters East Gwillimbury Stn 28 in March of
1979

Became Fire Prevention Officer for the Town of East Gwillimbury in
1984 until 2003

Promoted to District Chief East Gwillimbury Fire and Emergency
Services in December 2003

Retired with rank of District Fire Chief, in charge of station with 14
Volunteer Firefighters and 14 Career Firefighters in November of 2017
after 39 years' service to the Town of East Gwillimbury

Received The Fire Services Exemplary Service Medals for: 20, 25, 30 and
35 years' service from province and federal governments

Group Leader Millwright at Chrysler Automotive Plant, Brampton

Currently employed with Stock Transportation in Sunderland, Ontario
as a School bus driver since May of 2019

Community Involvement:

Implemented TAPPC Program for the town of East Gwillimbury, an arson prevention program for minor age at risk children

Implemented the Older & Wiser Program for seniors, for the town of East Gwillimbury

Member of Queensville United Church for 40 years

Served as Chair of Ministry and Personnel

Chair of the Board of Stewards

Served as Clerk of Session

Co/chair and project manager of the Elevator Committee during provincial accessibility legislation

Sat on Community Safety Committee East Gwillimbury

Ran for East Gwillimbury Council 2014

Coached boy's rep fastball in East Gwillimbury and took them to the all Ontario finals for 3 years

Trainer for boy's rep hockey team

Assisted Fire Chief in preparation of 10 year plan town of East Gwillimbury

Assisted in creation of the Junior Firefighter program with York Region Fire Prevention Officers