



*From the office of:* **Tom Whitton, Eng.**  
**Municipal Councillor**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TOM WHITTON WILL NOT BE RUNNING AS A CANDIDATE IN THE NOVEMBER 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

**Deux-Montagnes, January 17, 2013** – Mr. Tom Whitton, City Councillor for the Olympia District, announced during a press conference that he will not be running as a City Councillor in the November 2013 elections. And contrary to recent speculation, he is not planning to run for Mayor of Deux-Montagnes.

Following the announcement by Mayor Lauzon that he would not be seeking a third term in the upcoming election, after consulting with his family and considering his professional aspirations, Councillor Whitton announced that he would not be seeking a new mandate. Although certain media have mentioned his interest in becoming Mayor, Whitton, who has the necessary experience, skills and determination for the job, decided that at this point in time in his career, he did not wish to continue in politics beyond the present term.

“The last few years have been very rewarding. Representing the citizens from Olympia District and the residents of Deux-Montagnes has been an honour for me. I believe I have positively contributed to the life of our citizens through my efforts on the council. In particular, I negotiated an infrastructure cost-sharing agreement with Sainte-Marthe-sur-Le-Lac to help our Shramrocks soccer organization grow. I have vigilantly represented the City on two inter-municipal committees. I’ve also been a strong defender of Mayor Lauzon’s council in our public consultation efforts over the past three years to help redefine the vision of our city. I proudly proposed the adoption of a revised urban plan to the council on October 11, 2012. This document is a blueprint for the revitalization of our city and for the creation of desperately needed wealth.”

The Councillor is committed to remaining active during the 2013 campaign and in the years to come. He intends to participate in council meetings and to maintain his social network platforms (Facebook and Twitter) to be able to express his opinions and campaign observations of the new administration that will be elected in November 2013. Mr. Whitton intends to complete his current term with the same enthusiasm he had on his first day: “The Council faces many challenges, including the implementation of the specific urban development plans and various zoning changes that are all crucial for the strategic development of our city. It is vitally important to rapidly create wealth via our revised Urban Plan. Deux-Montagnes is unique in the Montreal urban community with its fully developed territory and low taxation base. Densification that is limited to certain strategic sectors is imperative for our survival. The stagnation or potential reduction in property values due to lack of competitiveness with our neighboring cities as a result of high taxation is a worrisome possibility. Creating wealth is the only solution, and it must be a key issue in the upcoming campaign. I therefore call upon all Deux-Montagnes citizens to be vigilant in their choice of potential council candidates to represent their interests,” he commented.

In conclusion, the Councillor wished to thank the citizens from Olympia District for placing their trust in him, Mayor Lauzon for his vision and commitment to the City, and his Councillor colleagues, Mme Bigras and M. St-Charles, for their dynamism and devotion. He emphasized the professionalism of the City's employees, including Fabienne Côté, in charge of the Mayor's office, Jacques Robichaud, City Clerk and Jean Langevin, Director General, as well as Department Managers. He also thanked his spouse and members of his family for their continued support of his councillor duties. Greetings and thanks were also extended to the numerous sports and recreation associations he has worked with since the beginning of his term in office.

Councillor Whitton concluded by stating that he would continue to fight for Deux-Montagnes and its citizens during both the upcoming campaign and the Council's next term following the election: "With the development process undertaken by our administration and with all the public consultations we have held, I firmly believe that our informed citizens will elect a council that will not deviate from this vision. Otherwise, the Deux-Montagnes' survival as a stand-alone community is in jeopardy."

*Tom Whitton was elected in 2009 as a City Councillor in Deux-Montagnes' Olympia District, as a member of Mayor Marc Lauzon's Action Deux-Montagnes team. Mr. Whitton is responsible for Recreation and Sports, was recently appointed President of the "Régie de traitement des eaux usées de Deux-Montagnes", sits as an alternate member on the "Conseil intermunicipal de transport des Laurentides", and was President of the "Comité consultatif d'urbanisme" from 2009 to 2011. Mr. Whitton also sits on the Board of Directors of the Manoir Grand-Moulin Corporation and of the Deux-Montagnes Sports and Cultural Complex "Olympia" corporation. Mr. Whitton is also the Business Development Leader for PyroGenesis Canada, an environmental technology company, has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from McGill University, and is a long-standing member of the Order of Engineers of Quebec.*

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