

Deep River mayor-elect Sue D'Eon, third from right, was all smiles on election night. Joining her at the curling club for a celebration were some of her key supporters, from left to right, Vicki Landrigan, Carol Tonner, Laura Marini, husband Steve, Anne Murphy and Valri Poley. Photo: Vance Gutzman

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Bob McLaren, an incumbent councillor as well, also won re-election with 977 votes.

This was the second election in a row in which Deep River used electronic and telephone voting, and the results were announced in record time, roughly just 10 minutes after the polls closed at 8 pm.

The mayor-elect was not on hand at town hall to receive the results, but was gathered with supporters at the Curling Club, where the NRT caught up with her for comments.

"I'm humbled," D'Eon said.

"I want people to hold me accountable, and feel like they can approach me."

D'Eon said the election campaign was a really good experience, and she congratulated the other candidates who also took to the hustings.

"People were very forthcoming with their thoughts and opinions," D'Eon said of the campaign trail.

The mayor-elect added that, now that the election is over, she's going to "take a day to breathe."

"And then start compiling what I've been hearing and the issues we need to tackle in the next term."

NEW FACES

Second-place finisher Dumoulin, was also contacted by the NRT on election night.

"The residents have made a decision," he said.

"I think we should respect that decision."

Dumoulin added he was happy to see a few new faces elected to the council table.

"Hopefully they rise to the occasion and get the independent training they need to serve the community well," he said, noting he was pleased with the campaign he ran.

"I did my best to communicate what I believe to be the strategic and fiscal issues facing this community," Dumoulin said. Third place finisher Hutton was on hand at town hall as the results came in and took her defeat stoically.

"I accept what the voters have decided," she said. "I thank them very much for speaking to me a their doors. I've learned so much from this experience."

Kolaczek could not be reached by phone on election night.

Doncaster, who was also on hand at town hall to catch the results when they came in, said he felt "relieved" the election was over and he was re-elected.

"I'm honoured the voters re-elected me to continue to represent them," he said.

"I look forward to working with the new council."

Desrochers, who had served two consecutive terms as a councillor beginning in 2010, said he too was relieved the election was over, when reached by phone at home on election night.

"I can get back to my retirement," he said, while congratulating members of council who were elected to a four-year term.

"I wish them all well for putting their names in and running for office," he said.

"It's all about public service."

Full results of the election were as follows (* elected):

MAYOR

Suzanne D'Eon - 1,368* Larry Dumoulin - 398 Anne Hutton - 259 Benjamin Kolaczek - 14



Reeve Glenn Doncaster - 1,471* Ronald Desrochers - 538

COUNCILLOR Terry Myers - 1,399 * Kathy Hughes - 1,322 * Will Fitton - 1,216 * Christina Giardini-Rochon - 1,010 * Robert McLaren - 971 * Tanner Fleury - 761 Rajini Nitheanandan - 601 Merrill Gasmann - 519 Ken McDonald - 511 Stuart McCarthy - 436 Imran Bajwa - 213



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