

Eight candidates now in race to fill five Orangeville seats

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With this week's addition of former Citizen columnist Todd Taylor to the list of candidates seeking election in October's municipal vote, we take a look at those who have officially put their names forward.

As seen on this week's front page, local realtor Sandy Brown is officially standing for mayor. Having unsuccessfully run for the deputy mayor's seat in 2014, Mr. Brown will be hoping to garner enough votes to lead this next Council into a new term.

There are two names in the mix for deputy mayor. As seen in our May 10 edition, Orangeville's former fire chief Andy MacIntosh will stand for the second most important seat on Council. His competition will come in form of Nick Garisto, a current member of Council and former deputy mayor, having served in the position from 2000 to 2003.

With the election now less than four months away, eight local residents have submitted their papers with the intent of securing a seat on Council. First to do so on May 1 were local engineer Grant Peters, who was featured in the June 14 edition of the Citizen, and Simran Bhamu, whose feature will appear in next week's newspaper.

Trevor Castiglione, who runs a local garage, submitted on May 2, as too did Council blogger Lisa Post, whose story appeared in last week's paper. James Jackson submitted his papers on June 6, while Humber College's Orangeville campus director Joe Andrews submitted on June 15. Stories on Mr. Castiglione, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Andrews will run in July.

So far, the only incumbent seeking re-election to Council is Don Kidd. He submitted his paperwork on June 18.

Mr. Taylor officially submitted yesterday. With five councillor seats to fill, expect more names to come out of the woodwork over the coming weeks. Mayor Jeremy Williams is also widely expected to file his paperwork in the coming weeks.

Ontario's municipal elections will take place on October 22.