

Orangeville's new council to be sworn in on Monday at Town Hall



By Mike Baker

It will be out with the old and in with the new on Monday evening in a special ceremony at Town Hall as the seven individuals selected to serve on the municipality's next council will be officially sworn in by a provincial court judge..

Beginning at 7 p.m. the inauguration will usher in a new era in the community. Sandy Brown, who received 3,413 votes in October's municipal election, will assume the role of mayor, while Andy Macintosh, who handily defeated local political veteran Nick Garisto, will be sworn in as deputy mayor.

Todd Taylor, Grant Peters, Debbie Sherwood, Joe Andrews and Lisa Post will be sworn in as Orangeville's five councillors.

Speaking to the Citizen, Town Clerk Susan Greatrix confirmed that Monday's meeting will serve only as an inauguration, with no Town business to be addressed by the new council.

The event officially starts at 7 p.m. at the Opera House inside Town Hall. The Honourable Mr. Justice Richard Schwartzl will do the swearing in, Ms. Greatrix said. It should last between 45 minutes and an hour, with a reception following in the atrium.

Anyone from the public is welcome to attend.

The swearing in of a new council will officially call time on the team many in the community branded the "gong show". Outgoing mayor Jeremy Williams has already shifted focus, announcing earlier this month that he will seek to replace the retiring David Tilson as the Conservative representative for Dufferin-Caledon in next year's federal election. Long-time Coun. Gail Campbell, who chose not to seek re-election, will return to her roots after being selected to serve as a trustee with the Upper Grand District School Board.

It is unclear, as of press time, what the future holds for outgoing Deputy Mayor Warren Maycock and outgoing Councillors Don Kidd, Nick Garisto, Scott Wilson and Sylvia Bradley.

Following Monday's inauguration, Orangeville Council will reconvene on Dec. 10. It is hoped that the ongoing renovations of council chambers will be completed in time for the meeting on Dec. 10.