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OUUELLETTE INTRODUCES BILL TO HELP MUNICIPAL COUNCILS & SCHOOL BOARDS FILL VACANCIES AFTER ELECTIONS

Oshawa MPP to ensure transparency and local democracy

QUEEN'S PARK – Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette today in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario introduced a Bill that would have school boards and municipal councils pre-determine how to fill vacancies that occur after elections.

The bill, if passed would require municipalities and school boards to adopt a policy with respect to filling vacancies that occur within six months after a regular election. The policy must set out whether the municipality or school board is required to fill the vacancy by appointing someone or by requiring that a by-election be held by outgoing committee.

The intent of this bill is not to dictate the policy to the local council or board; it simply ensures that a clear procedure and direction is in place before an election takes place.

"I am pleased to be able to introduce this legislation and present the citizens of all municipalities with an open and clear plan to help deal with filling vacant electoral positions," added Mr. Ouellette.

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