

## Doug Barnes retiring as Town of Caledon CAO next month

Town of Caledon Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Barnes has announced that he will officially be retiring Oct. 30. On behalf of members of council and the entire Caledon community, I want to thank Mr. Barnes for serving as Chief Administrative Officer for the past seven years," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "I'm personally grateful that he stayed on to help me transition into my role as Mayor; I greatly valued his advice and guidance as Councillor and now as Mayor. Barnes has been CAO for Town since 2007. He will be retiring with 40 years of public administration background, with diverse experiences in government at both the provincial and municipal levels. Thompson observed that Barnes has been on the job longer than any previous CAO. "He wants to retire and enjoy life," he remarked. "Doug has brought some strength to the Town," the Mayor added. "I think he's left us with a stable of really good, qualified people. I'm grateful he's stayed with us as long as he has," Thompson said. During his time with the Town, Barnes has had oversight of all aspects of Town operations and capital, led the senior management team and provided strategic guidance to the mayor and council. This brought about a strengthening of the financial health of the Town, brought accountability and reporting practices across all divisions, and improved on service levels and process, with a focus on planning and development. "Working with each and every council and staff member has been an enjoyable and personally rewarding experience," Barnes said. "The Town of Caledon has been a great, vibrant and engaging place to live and work. Thank you for your support during my time here." Thompson said a recruitment process for Barnes' successor has started

