

Gary Cascone switches to mayor's race

Gary Cascone had been planning to run for the Regional seat for Ward 5 on Caledon council, but he raised his sights. Cascone announced Tuesday that he had filed papers to run for mayor of Caledon in next month's municipal elections. "After talking with many folks in town, I have decided to take it up a notch and seek the mayoralty of our town," he said in a statement released Tuesday. "People have told me that they are tired of career politicians and that it was time for responsible change. With their support and encouragement, I believe we can move our town in the right direction and I'm ready to dedicate myself to that task."

Cascone announced he has lined up an impressive list of endorsements from several Caledon residents. He has also secured the commitment of former councillor Jason Payne and Shaun Marshall to serve as fundraising chairs for his campaign.

"Our town is facing some critical choices in the coming year," Cascone said. "We need someone that will put the town first and not their careers. That's why I'm announcing that I will impose a voluntary term limit as two terms as mayor."

He has also outlined a five-point plan for bringing about responsible change while respecting the Town's traditions:

? An open, transparent council and Town administration.

? Holding the line on taxes and delivering value for money.

? Unlocking gridlock so people can in, out and around town easier.

? Delivering services efficiently, courteously and cost effectively.

? Balancing the community people want while ensuring responsible growth.

"Our community is one of the last rural/urban towns in the GTA," Cascone said. "We need a mayor who has a plan that can balance the needs of both, while leading us forward."