

Deputy Mayor – Roles and Responsibilities

Whitby's Current Roles and Responsibilities	Elected Directly	One or multiple Member(s) appointed to defined role	Deputy Mayor appointed by Mayor	Appointed by Council	Appointed for defined term based on Ward, number of votes, or alphabetically
<p>In accordance with the Municipal Act, the Deputy Mayor shall act in the place of the Mayor when the Mayor is absent or refuses to act, or the office of the Mayor is vacant, and the Deputy Mayor shall have all the powers and duties of the Mayor with respect to the role of presiding at meetings.</p>	<p>Cobourg: Deputy Mayor, when acting as Mayor, has all the rights, powers, and authority of the Mayor. In the event that both the Mayor/Head of Council and the Deputy Mayor are not available, the Clerk in consultation with the CAO, will select a member of the Cobourg Municipal Council to perform the specific responsibility or duty as required.</p> <p>Newmarket: Deputy Mayor, when acting as Mayor, has all the rights, powers, and authority of the Mayor.</p>	<p>Burlington: Deputy Mayor (Emergencies/Ceremonial) will act in the place of the Mayor, and while so acting, has and may exercise all the rights, powers and authority of the Head of Council. The function of the Deputy Mayor Emergencies/Ceremonial is for corporate/administrative purposes. The rotation of the Deputy Mayor (Emergencies/Ceremonial) will be on a three times per year basis, determined by the Mayor in consultation with council prior to the start of each term of Council. Deputy Mayor with Portfolio will work in collaboration with the Mayor to enhance and support the existing governance framework and Council approved priorities, while respecting that decision-making remains with Council.</p>	<p>Toronto: The Deputy Mayor has, and may exercise, all the rights, powers, and authority of the Mayor, except the by-right-of-office powers of the Mayor as a member of a Community Council.</p>	<p>Oshawa: Deputy Mayor serves as Acting Mayor in the absence of the Mayor.</p> <p>London: Assist Mayor in carrying out duties and/or act in place of the head of council or other member of council designated to preside at meetings in the municipality's procedure by-law when the head of council or designated member is unable or refuses to act or the office is vacant. Mayor shall be solely responsible for determining which of their powers and duties are to be allocated to the Deputy Mayor and may adjust that allocation from time to time at their discretion.</p> <p>Peterborough: The appointee recommended by the Mayor and appointed by Council shall be known as the First Deputy Mayor and shall have all of the duties, rights, powers and authority of the Mayor during such absence or refusal to act.</p> <p>In addition to the appointment of a First Deputy Mayor, the Council shall, by by-law, appoint a Member as Second Deputy Mayor, who shall have all of the duties, rights, powers and authority of the Mayor during the absence or refusal to act of both the Mayor and the First Deputy Mayor.</p>	<p>Pickering: In the Mayor or Deputy Mayor's absence at an event, the City Councillor in the Ward where the event is taking place will act as the Acting Mayor (ceremonial). In their absence, the Mayor will select another Councillor to attend the event as Acting Mayor (ceremonial).</p> <p>Vaughan: In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor acts as the Chair at Council.</p> <p>Markham: Deputy Mayor is the Head of Council as defined by the Municipal Act when acting in absence of the Mayor.</p> <p>Richmond Hill: In the absence or inability of the Mayor to act, or if a vacancy in the Office of the Mayor occurs, the Deputy Mayor shall be the Acting Mayor for the City and may exercise all the Mayor's rights and duties as set out in this by-law, the Act, or Applicable Law.</p> <p>Oakville: In the absence of the Mayor, or if he/she is absent through illness or refuses to act or his/her office is vacant, or otherwise at the request of the Mayor, the Acting Mayor as determined by by-law shall serve as Acting Mayor.</p>

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