

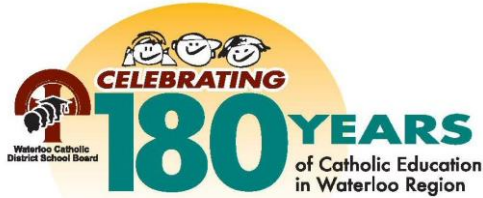


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News Release



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Eight Candidates Seek to Fill Vacant Catholic Board Trustee Seat

Waterloo Region, ON – Eight candidates have applied to the Waterloo Catholic District School Board to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Trustees representing the City of Waterloo and the Townships of Wellesley and Woolwich. The vacancy was created by the death of former trustee **Frank Johnson**, who passed away on July 2 after a long and valiant battle with cancer. The successful candidate will serve the remainder of Mr. Johnson's term, which ends in December, 2018.

The following individuals (listed in alphabetical order -- with lower-tier municipality of residence indicated in brackets) have met the legal requirements to serve as a Catholic school board Trustee and have applied for the position:

Wendy Ashby (Kitchener); **Gai Brown** (Waterloo); **Jeanne Gravelle** (Wellesley Township); **Renée Kraft** (Kitchener); **Theresa Lee** (Kitchener); **Michael Redfearn** (Waterloo); **Betty Anne Ryan** (Kitchener); **Deborah Stiles** (Kitchener).

QuickFacts

- ✓ The Board of Trustees will interview applicants in the Boardroom on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 – beginning at 7:00 p.m. Candidates will be interviewed in a random order determined by lot at the meeting. The successful candidate will be sworn in as a Trustee at the board's monthly meeting on Monday, September 26, 2016.
- ✓ This is the fourth time since 2005 that an interview / vote process has been used to fill a vacant Trustee position. Previous vacancies in 2005, 2006 and 2012 occurred when the incumbent Trustee moved out of Waterloo Region.
- ✓ In 2005, twenty-five candidates applied for the position – with ten candidates each applying for the 2006 and 2012 vacancies.

Quotes

"Losing a community leader of Frank Johnson's stature was certainly a blow to our school system, but we are very pleased (and we know Frank would be honoured) to see such a large number of highly-qualified candidates step forward to complete Frank's term of office. We thank all of them for offering their talents and expertise and we look forward to working with our new Trustee colleague later this month."

~~ **Manuel da Silva, Chair of the Board, WCDSB**

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