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Debbie Chapman runs for re-election for Kitchener’s Ward 9

Kitchener, ON – May 2, 2022, Debbie Chapman files papers to run for re-election as Kitchener’s Ward 9 City Councillor.

"My first term on Kitchener City Council has underscored the critical value of the years I have spent as a community leader and a people’s advocate. The work I have done has enabled me to be an effective voice for those citizens who often feel left out of local politics. My background teaching urban politics at Wilfrid Laurier University helps inform and reinforce the positions I take on issues affecting residents of Ward 9 and Waterloo Region at large."

Chapman listens to her constituents. She welcomes new challenges and is willing to confront the status quo when necessary. She approaches her analysis and understanding of each issue through a lens that is focused on equity, climate action, and affordability.

Raised in Kitchener, Chapman, married and mother of two adult children, has sat on numerous committees and boards since 2006. Currently, she chairs the City of Kitchener Planning and Strategic Initiatives Committee where she works with fellow councillors and City staff to make informed decisions on local development.

Chapman also sits on the following boards and committees:

- Kitchener Housing Inc.
- Downtown Business Improvement Area
- Multicultural Centre of KW
- Horticultural Society Kitchener
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Downtown Action Advisory Committee
- Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Victoria Park Working Group
- Heritage Kitchener Committee.

Her past affiliations include:

- Grand River Hospital Board
- Safe and Healthy Community Advisory Committee
- Cycling and Trails Community Advisory Committee
- Cherry Park Neighbourhood Association.

“As a city councillor I advocate a balanced approach to downtown development and community needs that includes more parkland in the downtown core and greater representation and decision making power of the BIPOC community.”