

# STATEMENT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR JENNIFER MCKELVIE

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*The following is a statement released today by Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie:*

I would like to extend my thanks to Mayor Tory for his years of service here at City Hall — working together we've been able to accomplish a great deal on housing, on transit, and other priorities that matter most to residents. I wish him and his family well in the months ahead and fully respect his calls for privacy at this time.

My top priority, and the priority of all of Council, is the continued operations of local government for our residents. I was honoured to be appointed Deputy Mayor at the start of this term, and I am completely committed to fulfilling the duties and obligations of that role. As Deputy Mayor, I will oversee the operations of the Office of the Mayor from the moment Mayor Tory's resignation is formally effective, until a new Mayor is elected by residents.

Residents can rest assured that my entire focus at this time is ensuring a smooth transition and continued good governance. It is in that spirit that I must clarify that I will not be seeking to run for Mayor in the upcoming byelection. Representing the residents of my ward, and ensuring a smooth, stable transition until a new Mayor is elected, requires my full attention. I appreciate every resident who has reached out asking if I would run — my love for representing them and for my role, are why I won't be moving forward with a campaign for Mayor.

I sincerely appreciate the ongoing collaboration of my Council colleagues, and hardworking City staff who continue to demonstrate the utmost professionalism running our City services.

[https://www.toronto.com/news/i-will-not-be-seeking-to-run-for-mayor-in-the-upcoming-by-election-deputy/article\\_0b97228a-4ca6-53cd-82b9-d3e0004e1440.html](https://www.toronto.com/news/i-will-not-be-seeking-to-run-for-mayor-in-the-upcoming-by-election-deputy/article_0b97228a-4ca6-53cd-82b9-d3e0004e1440.html)