

Alex has represented the Riverwalk and supported projects like the 'Pitch In' clean-up and 'Communities in Bloom' competition, while on the Beautification Committee



Alex with Harold Mackay at Pitch In Day April 2014

He has championed the Riverwalk project, since its 2002 beginning, and has continued to advocate ongoing maintenance and further expansion.



Riverwalk Bridges Opening Day 2005

Our Chosen Home – Almonte



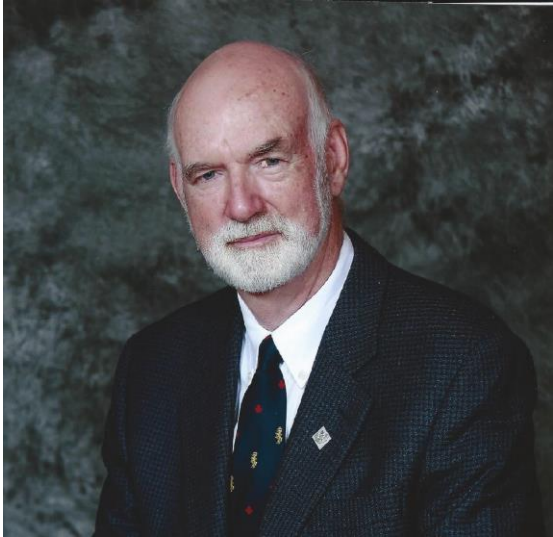
Alex with Elizabeth at Noreen Young Gala 2014

Elizabeth, Michelle, Helen and I were a typical well-travelled Army family when we came to Almonte, in 1988, and began to establish our chosen family home. We were attracted by Almonte’s marvellous natural and built heritage, great small-town character and excellent quality of life and continue to appreciate these wonderful aspects. We cherish and care deeply about Almonte and since 1998, Mississippi Mills.

Both Elizabeth and I have tried consistently to improve our community and have worked hard to make Mississippi Mills a success.

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**Re-Elect Alex Gillis
Councillor Almonte Ward**



A strong and experienced voice on Council

I am proud of my Council record. I offer professional skills and comprehensive council experience. There are important ongoing issues that I still want to address and I would like very much to continue for another term on Council. I have the energy and desire to serve you again, and would appreciate your vote.

Thank you, Alex Gillis

Background

A retired army colonel, Alex has extensive practical experience and knowledge from 31 years in the Canadian Forces; he served as a RCEME officer in Germany, England and across Canada. He also enjoyed a second career in the private sector, mostly, at Martin Marietta Canada Limited (MMCL) in Ottawa. He held Director level positions with National Defence and MMCL.

Alex was born and raised in Nova Scotia. He attended universities in Nova Scotia and in England, obtaining a Mechanical Engineering degree and a Master of Science in Information Systems.

Council Experience

He has been a councillor in both Mississippi Mills for about 15 years and in Almonte for 6 years, and has important knowledge of this formative period.

Alex has a long record of leadership on council including advancement of: the Riverwalk, the Business Park, the Community & Economic Development Committee and the Heritage Committee. He also helped advance the municipal budgeting process as Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee for 3 years.

Community Involvement

He has been very active in the community. Alex was President of the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum for 2 years, President of the Almonte Tennis Club for 8 years & Secretary of the North Lanark Highland Games for 8 years. He was a Board member of the Mississippi River Power Corporation for 3 years and of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority for the past 4 years.

Council Record for 2010 – 14

Alex contributed notably as follows:

- Pushed for the Town's Operational Review.
- Supported the first Long Term Financial Plan for Mississippi Mills, subject to its periodic review and practical implementation.
- Argued for phase-in of water bill increases to ease user payments.
- Advocated limits on the diversion of hydro revenues away from the water and sewer account.
- Represented Council & Public concerns about 'Enerdu'.
- Championed cultural use of the Almonte Old Town Hall (AOTH).
- Served effectively on the AOTH and Beautification Committees.
- Chaired the Council Committee of the Whole for assigned 3 months.

Platform for Next Term

- I will work, particularly, to:
- Provide excellent representative government, while respecting community views & consensus.
 - Assist sound financial practices.
 - Ease/phase-in rising water bills.
 - Facilitate a Heritage District in downtown Almonte, subject to ongoing Study.
 - Protect our Mississippi River, particularly, Riverwalk and Appleton wetland areas.
 - Support improvements in the Community's Quality of Life, especially, by empowering volunteers & community groups.
 - Advocate use of the AOTH for culture and administration.
 - Improve maintenance of Town Properties and Parks.
 - Represent all age groups fairly.
 - Facilitate business growth.

Voting will be online or by telephone starting on Oct 20 at 10:00 am and ending at 8 pm on Oct 27, Election Day. More Information is available from the Town Clerk at 613-256-2064 (ext. 226 or ext. 208).

Please Vote - Your vote is important

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