



## **BIOGRAPHY of GARY MCNAMARA**

### **MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF TECUMSEH**

Gary was born and raised in Cornwall, Ontario and moved to Tecumseh in 1981. He was employed at Hiram Walkers and Sons Ltd. as a Power Engineer until his retirement in 2011. Gary has been married to Heather for over 40 years, and is the father of two grown sons and proud grandfather of two grandchildren.

Gary was first elected to Tecumseh Town Council in November of 1991. In 1998 he was elected as Deputy Mayor and in November 2003 was elected Mayor for the Town of Tecumseh. Gary was re-elected as Mayor in 2006, acclaimed in 2010, and re-elected for the 2014-18 term. His County Council colleagues entrusted Gary with the responsibilities of Deputy Warden for 2000-2003 and again for 2010-2014.

As part of the restructuring of the electricity sector in Ontario in June 2000, four municipalities joined to form Essex Power Corporation. Gary has been elected as Chair since its incorporation, and has been instrumental in its strategic planning.

Gary has served as Tecumseh's representative on the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit since 1999. He was elected as Chair for 2006-2009 and again since January 2011.

Gary was first elected in 2004 as a Director for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Small Urban Caucus. In 2006 he was elected Chairman of Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM). In 2011 and again in 2014, Gary was acclaimed as President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a position he will hold until August 2016. Gary also serves as Chair of AMO's Local Authority Services.

Gary has been a strong community leader for over 35 years. In 2012, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his public service.

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