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Three Veteran Sudbury Political Leaders Endorse Shawn Poland for Ward 9

GREATER SUDBURY, ON — Three of Greater Sudbury's most experienced former political leaders, representing three different political traditions and decades of public service, are endorsing Shawn Poland in his campaign to become the next City Councillor for Ward 9.

Former Greater Sudbury Mayor and Progressive Conservative MPP Jim Gordon, former Liberal MPP and Ontario cabinet minister Rick Bartolucci, and former NDP MPP, Ontario Finance Minister and Deputy Premier Floyd Laughren are lending their support to Poland.

Together, the three men represent decades of municipal and provincial public service and were involved in many of the major decisions and initiatives that helped shape modern Greater Sudbury.

Gordon served as mayor of Sudbury from 1976 to 1981 and again from 1991 until amalgamation before becoming the first mayor of the new City of Greater Sudbury. He also represented Sudbury at Queen's Park and served in the provincial cabinet.

"Municipal government needs people who understand that leadership is about listening, making sound decisions and then getting things done. Shawn has the experience, maturity and judgment to do that. He understands this community, he understands how organizations work, and I believe he will bring a thoughtful and practical approach to the council table. I'm pleased to support him in Ward 9."

— Jim Gordon

Bartolucci began his political career municipally before representing Sudbury at Queen's Park for 19 years. During his provincial career, he served in several senior cabinet positions, including Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"One of the most important qualities in public life is the ability to bring people together and build the relationships needed to move your community forward. Shawn has demonstrated that ability throughout his career. He knows how to work with people, how to advocate for Sudbury and how to turn ideas into action. I believe he would be a strong voice for Ward 9 and an effective member of City Council."

— Rick Bartolucci

Laughren represented Nickel Belt at Queen's Park for more than 26 years and served as Ontario's Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier.

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“Sudbury has enormous opportunities in front of it, but opportunities only matter if you have people prepared to make the most of them. Shawn brings experience, good judgment and a practical understanding of how decisions affect people and communities. This is an important time for Sudbury, and I believe Shawn has the ability to help guide the city toward a strong and prosperous future.”

— Floyd Laughren

While Gordon, Bartolucci and Laughren represented different political parties during their careers, all three shared a commitment to Sudbury and a belief that the community could succeed by thinking bigger, working together and ensuring residents benefited from its growth.

Poland said receiving the support of three people who devoted so much of their lives to the community is particularly meaningful.

“Jim, Rick and Floyd have each made an extraordinary contribution to Sudbury and Northern Ontario,” said Poland. “They came from different political parties and certainly didn’t always agree, but they shared something much more important, a deep commitment to this community and to making life better for the people who live here. I have tremendous respect for their years of public service, and I’m incredibly grateful and honoured to have their confidence and support.”

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