

**For immediate release**

Meaford, Ontario



January 10, 2012

**Re: Meaford Chief Administrative Officer Tenders Resignation**

At a closed session of Council on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Meaford CAO Frank Miele tendered his resignation to Council. Miele is moving on to become CAO of the Town Of Gravenhurst. His last day at the Municipality of Meaford will be Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Citing the opportunity to take on new challenges and further grow his career, Miele states "The future of the Municipality of Meaford is very positive. We have a terrific, and very hard working, dedicated staff that has been a privilege to work with. I am confident that with all of the plans that are currently in place, the Municipality will grow and prosper".

Meaford's Mayor Francis Richardson said "Mr. Miele has provided residents of our community with a strong foundation. He has worked tirelessly to improve services, meet new demands for services, while maintaining superior quality of existing services. While we are sad to say good bye, Mr. Miele has left the municipality in a very good position moving forward. We wish him all the very best and much future success. His vision and leadership will be missed".

Meaford's Deputy Mayor Harley Greenfield thanked Mr. Miele for bringing the Municipality of Meaford into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. "We are a better municipality now because of the innovative and unique leadership style of Mr. Miele."

In his three years as CAO of Meaford, Miele oversaw the development and implementation of many new innovative plans and projects including a Corporate Strategic Plan, Operational Review, Meaford Economic Development Strategy, Community Services Strategy, Service Delivery Standards Manual, a Long Term Financial Strategy, Quarterly and Annual Reports and of course, Meaford's new brand..."the other big apple". In all endeavors, Miele was a champion at engaging the community.

In the month before his departure, Miele will work with council and staff to ensure business continuity from an administrative perspective, while council considers its options for Miele's replacement. "We are very fortunate to have a strong Management Team and first-rate frontline staff; and as such, I am confident that business of the Municipality will move forward uninterrupted, and that residents will experience a seamless transition," Mayor Francis Richardson concluded.

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