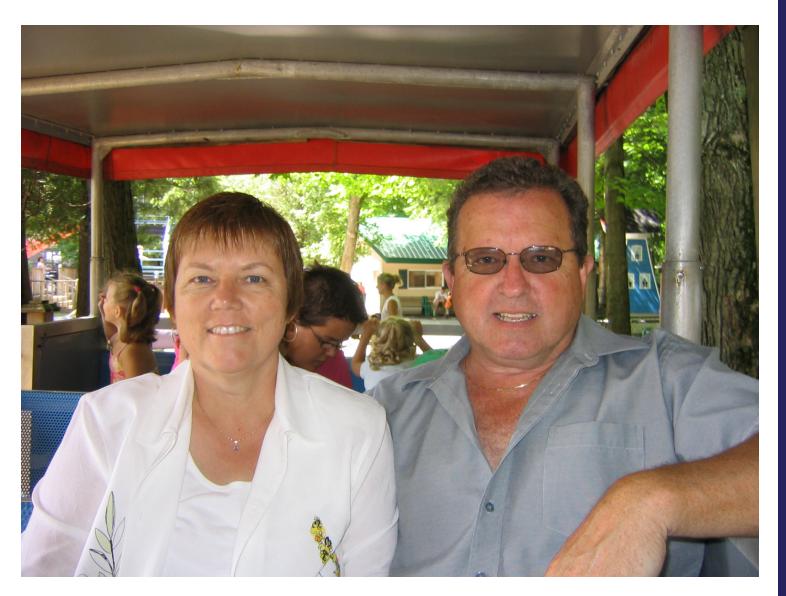
## Great Things DID HAPPEN IN WELLINGTON NORTH A Tribute To Former Mayor MIKE BROOMHEAD









## **Cultural Moment**

## In Memory of Michael John "Mike" Broomhead

"Great Things are Happening in Wellington North," was a favourite saying of Wellington North's former Mayor, Mike Broomhead. This positive outlook and words of encouragement empowered many in our community and has left a lasting impression with us all.

Today, we pay tribute to Wellington North's former Mayor, Mike Broomhead, who sadly passed away on February 5<sup>th, 2016</sup> in his 66<sup>th</sup> year. We pay respect to the "Great Things That Did Happen in Wellington North" under his ambassadorship of this great community.

As Councillor Yake recently reflected, "Mike was first elected to Mount Forest Council in 1989. He sat on and chaired every committee of Council while he was there. Mike was elected to the inaugural Wellington North Council as Councillor for Ward 2 and in 2003 he was elected as Wellington North's second Mayor, a position he held until 2010. He was proud to represent his community at the Council table for over 21 years."

When Mike served as Wellington North Mayor, there were many instrumental initiatives that impacted the community under his leadership that included the Big Dig, construction of the Sports Complex and Wastewater Treatment Plant in Mount Forest, creation of The Butter Tart Trail and Birding Trail, as well as, welcoming the Olympic Torch Run and bringing a new swimming pool, Medical Clinic and Library to the residents of Arthur. As Councillor Yake also recalled, Mike always started his meetings as friends and encouraged that participants end the meeting as friends.

Mike credited his success to the support he received from his family and friends. Beloved husband of Norine, loved father of Daryl Broomhead of Woodstock, Alicia Frey & husband Ken of Mount Forest and Jamie Broomhead & Yvonne Arbour of Hamilton. Loving grandfather of Tessa, Lucas, Lizzie, Wesley and Caden.

His contributions and love for his family will always be cherished.