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## Statement from Mayor Brian Smith on the death of former MPP Chris Stockwell

**Wasaga Beach** – On behalf of all residents and members of council, as well as staff at the Town of Wasaga Beach, Mayor Brian Smith extends his deepest sympathy to Councillor Bill Stockwell and his wife, Loretta, on the death of their son, Chris Stockwell.

“To Bill and Loretta we express our sorrow on the loss of their beloved son. May our prayers and thoughts support you and all members of the Stockwell family during this difficult time,” Mayor Smith said.

Chris Stockwell died Saturday after a battle with cancer.

He was 60.

Chris served a distinguished political career at the municipal level and at Queen’s Park.

In 1982, he was elected to the Board of Control in Etobicoke and Metropolitan Toronto council. He was re-elected in 1985 and 1988 to Metro Council.

His career in provincial politics began in 1990 when he was elected as a Progressive Conservative to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, representing the riding of Etobicoke West. He was re-elected in 1995 in Etobicoke West and in 1999 in Etobicoke Centre.

During his time at the legislature, Chris served as Speaker, Minister of Labour, Minister of the Environment and Energy, and Government House Leader.

“Ontario has lost a man who was passionate about public service. We mourn with the entire Stockwell family,” Mayor Smith said.

Councillor Bill Stockwell will not be at this week’s Committee of the Whole meeting or the Beachfront Management Board meeting. Messages to him can be relayed through the Office of the Mayor by calling 705-429-3844, ext. 2246.