



To Bill Gippe, a valued community member and former Town of Erie Trustee,

It is with great gratitude and admiration that we present this plaque to you after your years of official service to the Town, as well as all the unofficial contributions you have already provided and will no doubt continue to provide to the community.

The community, Town staff, and your fellow elected officials and volunteers want to extend a thank you for the many ways you gave your time and energy to making Erie great. Including diving into the Erie Police Department's Restorative Justice Team back in 2013 to help inspire change in the juvenile justice system through sharing your unique perspectives. Your leadership in conducting discussion circles with the community and juveniles helped foster trust and hope for many residents connected to the justice system. In addition, your time with the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program helped support many important outreach campaigns in the Town from National Night Out to the Keep Erie Safe Committee, to the Community Academy.

"Bill Gippe is an all-around type of guy who is a leader in our community," said Erie Police Chief Kim Stewart. "He embodied kindness and hope for our future, for us to be better, and be better to one another."

After spending hundreds of hours volunteering with the VIPS program and Restorative Justice, you went on to give even more of your time and expertise to the Town of Erie Planning Commission. Serving from May 2014 through April 2018, you were able to bring the community's desires to fruition through your advising and identified ways that you could improve Town policy which lead to a run for Trustee.

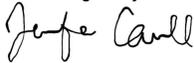
It was the compilation of experience in the Town with your can-do spirit that lead to your election to office in April 2018. Adding to your volunteering with EPD you also spent a huge amount of time working with active adults through the Erie Community Center as a Senior Nutrition Volunteer – even becoming the Active Adult Volunteer of the Year in 2017. You were also a huge support of the Disc Golf course and have been proactive about sun safety and providing shade at playgrounds. Truly covering the full gamut of services from "cradle to grave" for our residents.

"Trustee Gippe was always a big supporter of staff and made sure to show his appreciation for our efforts," said Public Works Director Todd Fessenden.

We will greatly miss your sense of humor, excitement for innovation, and unwavering dedication to the facts in any situation. Your ability to boil any complicated topic down to the key points was always appreciated and helped move the Town forward on so many fronts.

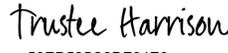
Bill, we wish you the very best as you continue to nurture your own family and support the community you so deeply care about. We haven't see the last of you yet, and for that we are grateful!

On behalf of the Town of Erie and all of the staff:

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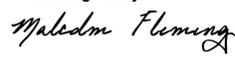
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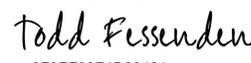
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