



BIOGRAPHY

RUTH LOVELL STANNERS MAYOR

Mayor Ruth Lovell Stanners is in her second term as Mayor of the City of Owen Sound. Prior to that, she was a City Councillor.

Mayor Ruth, as she is known, moved to Owen Sound from London in the early 1970's. She attended the University of Western Ontario and graduated with a degree in English and Psychology and did a post-grad degree in Journalism. She worked as a Social Worker with the Children's Aid Society in London prior to moving to Owen Sound. After her children were in school, she began a career in real estate.

Mayor Ruth became involved in the community through volunteer work as a Board and auxiliary member of the Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre, a member of the Woman's Committee of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery and Special Projects Committee at the Family Y.

Prior to being involved in local politics she was appointed by the provincial governments to the Owen Sound Police Services Board and eventually went on to be elected President of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards.

She was appointed by the federal government to Chair the local Board of Referees of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Since being elected locally, Mayor Ruth has served on and chaired a number of committees and is currently chairing Grey County's Social Services Committee.

Her interest in children and persons with disabilities has led to an ongoing involvement with GRACE, the Georgian Riding Association for Challenged Equestrians, an organisation of which she is now past president.

Mayor Ruth is married to Dr. Bruce Stanners, a physician she recruited in a most imaginative way – she married him. She is also the mother of three adult children and four active grandchildren aged 5, 4, 3, and almost 2.

Mayor Ruth and Dr. Bruce love the outdoor life that is so much a part of Owen Sound. They bike, walk (often accompanied by their dog Hope), snowshoe, and cross country ski – depending on the season.

"I love my job" said Mayor Ruth. "It gives me an opportunity to work for and promote the city I love. And, I have an opportunity to meet and work with the exceptional and very special people of Owen Sound. I can't imagine there is anywhere where people have a greater pride and passion for their community than here – and it is great to be part of that."

