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STAN CAMERON NAMED PEEL BOARD CHAIR

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Stan Cameron grew up in poverty.

He was born and raised in Toronto at Queen St. East and Pape; his Dad died when he was young and his mom was sick.

It was at school that he found his family - through teachers that let him be who he wanted to be.

They let him keep busy on sports teams and helping out setting up equipment and lining the fields. They let him join the school family.

On Dec. 3, Peel' District School Board trustees elected Cameron as chair of the board. He will serve a one-year term.

Mississauga trustee Janet McDougald retired this fall after serving 20 years in the position.

Caledon's trustee for the last 8 years has long surpassed his impoverished upbringing, but he attributes the sense of family that he found in school to his drive for giving back to the education system now.

As chair, Cameron will continue to represent Caledon as its only trustee on the 12-body board, but will also act as board representative at events, run board meetings, help put agendas together, welcome the public and make decisions about points of order.

Along with new vice chair, Mississauga trustee Sue Lawton, Cameron said over the next year he will strive to establish a positive relationship with the province so that the board has the funding and support it needs to provide its services and programs.

He's also looking forward to continuing with several of the board's current initiatives such as We

Rise Together, which focuses on Black students who have struggled academically, offering in mental health and antipoverty programs.

And he hopes this role will help give Caledon a stronger voice around the board table.



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Stan Cameron photo Caledon trustee Stan Cameron selected new Peel District School Board chair.