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## From dog tags to licenses Bill Munden has done it all

In 1953, Bill Munden landed his first municipal government job as an accounting clerk for the Village of Port Credit.

He sold dog tags, handed out marriage licenses, even lent a helping hand to the police officers who were housed in the office building next door.

Next April, Munden will retire from his current job as the corporate services commissioner, clerk and treasurer of the sixth largest municipality in Canada.

It's been a long, sometimes bumpy, but ultimately rewarding journey to the top, says Munden, now 63.

"I've been here long enough," he said yesterday of his decision to retire after 45 years in the business. He is the longest-serving municipal employee at city hall.

As for the changes he's seen during his career, Munden says, "I guess you could say I've gone from the pencil and paper era to



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the computerized one. I've come from a very small village to a very large city."

Munden may be retiring but he won't be exactly be putting his feet up to relax.

"I'm just retiring

from the City of Mississauga," he said. "I've got some other areas to pursue," involving private business interests.

In announcing Munden's retirement, City Manager Dave O'Brien said, "Bill has been a loyal and dedicated municipal employee throughout his career.

His exemplary service is an example to us all and we will be losing a dear friend and advisor."

Munden was Port Credit's Town Manager from 1970-74. He went to work for the City of Mississauga in 1974 when Port Credit amalgamated with Streetsville and Mississauga.

In 1985 Munden became Mississauga's commissioner of finance and treasurer. Two years ago he was named commissioner of corporate services and clerk/treasurer.

The search for Munden's replacement will begin immediately. The commissioner will officially retire next April.

Over the years, Munden was especially known for his candor when asked for his opinion on issues by city council.

"I always gave my best advice and after that, it was up to them," he said."