

# Publisher calls it quits after 40 years of service

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The publisher of *The Mississauga News* says he hopes to spend more time on the golf course next year after he formally wraps up a 40-year career in the community newspaper business.

Ken Nugent, the man who runs Canada's premier community newspaper, announced Wednesday that he's retiring in January. The decision caps a successful career that began when Nugent, 62, was hired by *The News* to sell advertising in 1973.

Nugent quickly moved up the ladder and was named publisher of *The Richmond Hill Liberal* in 1986. He was transferred to *The Brampton Guardian* in 1991, where his role expanded to lead newspapers in Georgetown, Caledon, Orangeville and southwestern Ontario.

Nugent, a Mississauga resident, is currently a vice-president of the Metroland Media Group. He's the man in charge of the company's Peel and Southwestern Ontario divisions, a portfolio that includes *The News* and *The Brampton Guardian*.

Metroland Media Group is a division of Torstar Corp., which owns *The Hamilton*

*Spectator* and *The Toronto Star* and other daily and weekly newspapers in Ontario, as well as Harlequin, the famed publisher of romance books.

Nugent broke the news to his senior staff during a meeting on Wednesday. He told them he'll finally have time to take his son to hockey practice.

"I am most proud of the opportunity I had to work with some fabulous, talented people and to be able to challenge them to take their game to the next level," Nugent said. "Working with community newspapers is grassroots journalism that affects people right where they live. We often provide the only coverage of events that take place in a community."

He'll be replaced on Jan. 3 by Dana Robbins, publisher of *The Hamilton Spectator*.



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Nugent**