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Longtime Mississauga resident Henry Stewart has announced he is retiring as chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), effective next January.

Stewart has been a member of the OMB for 15 years and has served as its chairman for the past 10 years.

In a letter to Attorney-General Ian Scott, Stewart said he feels it is time for a change. He noted the jurisdiction of the board has expanded considerably over the past decade. "Every effort has been made to meet our heavy responsibilities properly without fear or favor," wrote Stewart.

The 60-year-old father of four was the manager of the Town of Mississauga before moving to the OMB. He also served as assistant chief administrative officer, deputy clerk, and assistant secretary to the planning board of the Township of Toronto, which was the predecessor of the Town of Mississauga. He began his career in 1950 as the representative for Peel County to the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Attorney-General Scott commented that Stewart's "leadership, compassion, and conviction in dealing with often controversial appeal and approval matters relating to local government has set a high standard for those left to carry the board's work. He has established the OMB's reputation for credibility and impartiality in adjudicating municipal issues during unparalleled periods of growth in this province."