

## **Candidate Profile: Harry Stewart**

Mr. Stewart had the privilege of working for the Algoma District Services Administration Board for 30 years. He retired on March 1st, 2017 as Manager of Information Technology. In his role, he had responsibilities for data security, Local and Wide Area Networks, and technical setup of area offices throughout the Algoma District. Throughout his career, Mr. Stewart was also involved in special projects with the Province of Ontario and the Algoma District Services Administration Board.

As a result, Mr. Stewart possesses a good working knowledge of the ADSAB board. Mr. Stewart, currently an ADSAB Board Member and Chairperson of the ADSAB Finance Committee, would like to continue to serve those who live, work and have property in the unorganized community as a member of the ADSAB board.

Mr. Stewart has a broad range of experience in local community involvement. He has run the Thessalon Food Bank for several years. In earlier years, he served on the Thessalon Chamber of Commerce, volunteered for local charitable events, was involved in many local community events, and was involved in the local United Church (chairperson).

Currently, Mr. Stewart is the Chair/President of Welcome Friend Association, a charity he started with his partner in 2009. Mr. Stewart's long-held dream came to fruition in 2012 when WFA created and now runs Rainbow Camp® for 2SLGBTQ+ youth. In 2021 for their efforts, Mr. Stewart and his partner were awarded the Governor General's Meritorious Service Award. Rainbow Camp® was virtual during the pandemic and in 2022 is being offered again as an onsite overnight camp in the Algoma region.

Mr. Stewart has a cottage (which served as his home for many years) in Gould Township (30 miles north on Hwy 129). He's a team player and brings firsthand knowledge of the needs of the unorganized townships to any board where he volunteers.