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Councillor could lose Ward 1 seat

*Rick Day's position may
become vacant if he doesn't
attend next council session*

By Tim Foran
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Rick Day

Long-time Ward 1 Councillor Rick Day could lose his seat if he misses this Monday's council session, according to provincial law governing attendance.

The Municipal Act states a council seat becomes vacant when a councillor is absent from meetings for three successive months without being authorized to do so by a resolution of council. Day missed council sessions in May and June without such a resolution.

It's the fourth time in the past 18 months that Day has been potentially on the verge of losing his part-time position. Three times in 2008 he missed council for two consecutive months without a resolution but always made it to council in the third month.

Day, who has been a councillor since 1970, said he "absolutely" would be in attendance Monday night.

Asked to explain his attendance record — council minutes show he was only present for half of the 24 regular and special council sessions since the beginning of last year — Day said he has been grappling with a number of personal problems.

"You know, in this world, everything happens at once. And this term (of council), I've just had a series of challenges in my personal life coming close together that resulted in my attendance not being what it

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JUMPING FOR JOY: Jakob Robinson, 7, has fun leaping across the straw bales at Stonehaven Farms on Guelph Line over the weekend. The pick-your-own farm features a Kids Zone and market.

Death of 15-year-old mourned

By Stephanie Hounsell
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Fifteen-year-old Anthony Marziliano spent his last day doing what he loved most: fishing.

It was a near perfect day, in fact. For five hours Saturday afternoon, he and best friend Patrick Swica, 16, manoeuvred their rods in hopes of catching "the big one" — the main purpose of their stay at a cabin in Kawartha Lakes belonging to Patrick's uncle.

But it turned tragic in circumstances that still aren't clear.

At about 8 p.m., Patrick discovered Anthony's lifeless body floating in the lake — the Trent Severn Waterway. One of his shoes was in the water and one was on a rock.

"I started freaking out," he said.

For the past several days, Patrick has been grappling with what led to the death of his friend, a fellow Bishop Reding Secondary School student.

"I just want to know his last

moments," he said. "He wasn't like a friend, he was a brother."

An autopsy was conducted yesterday, but the cause of death hasn't yet been released. Foul play isn't suspected, said Const. Victoria Fisher of the OPP's Kawartha Lakes detachment. "The circumstances around how Anthony got into the water is what the OPP is continuing to investigate," she said.

Possibilities range from drowning to hitting his head to suffering from an underlying medical condition.

"We might never know exactly what happened," she said.

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Anthony Marziliano

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