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"I won't let you down."

With those words new North Bay Mayor Vic Fedeli reassured hundreds of supporters in the lobby of city hall after his massive landslide victory over former Deputy Mayor Lynne Bennett.

It wasn't close from the start. When the first results came in at about 8:34 p.m., Fedeli had garnered 2,326 votes to Bennett's 576.

When it was all said and done, and when all 14 poll results had come in, the unstoppable Fedeli machine had crushed Bennett 13,025 votes to 3,147.

Fedeli had told baytoday.ca prior to the election he hoped to gain at least 70 per cent of the vote, and ended up with five per cent more than his target.

The new mayor celebrated with a big kiss for his wife Patty.

Tim Wright ended up with 686 votes, and Jeff Marceau finished with 508 votes.

The five incumbents running for council retained their seats, with Peter Chirico winning the deputy mayor's position. George Maroosis, Mike Anthony, Sarah Campbell and Maureen Boldt also held onto their seats.

The balance of the new council will be made up of newcomers Mac Bain, Darryl Vaillancourt, Dave Mendicino, Tom Mason and Judy Koziol.