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Fitz “TheWhip” Vanderpool Announces Candidacy for Ward 5 in Kitchener Municipal Election

Kitchener, ON – June 22, 2026 - Fitz “TheWhip” Vanderpool, Canada's most decorated professional boxing champion, community leader, and long-time resident of Kitchener, has officially announced his candidacy for Ward 5 in the upcoming municipal election.

Fitz “the Whip” Vanderpool is widely recognized as one of Canada's most accomplished professional boxers, having earned multiple championship titles throughout his career.

Now, Vanderpool is stepping into public service with a commitment to bring the same discipline, resilience, and community focus that defined his athletic career to local government.

“I’ve spent my life fighting for something bigger than myself—whether in the ring or in the community,” said Vanderpool. “Running for Ward 5 is a natural next step. I want to be a strong voice for residents, advocate for affordable living, and help build a safer, more inclusive Kitchener for everyone.”

A resident of the Region of Waterloo for more than 50 years, Vanderpool has deep roots in the community he now seeks to represent. Beyond his athletic achievements, Vanderpool has built a reputation as a dedicated community advocate.

He has served as an ambassador for one of Southwestern Ontario's largest toy drives through the Knights of Columbus, as well as an International Fire Safety Ambassador across North America.

Vanderpool also has the distinct honour of being awarded the King Charles III Coronation medal for his “profound and lasting contribution to Ontario and to Canada.”

As a business owner for over two decades, he brings firsthand experience with the economic pressures facing residents, including rising property taxes and the need for more affordable housing options.

His campaign will focus on affordability, support for seniors on fixed incomes, youth engagement, and practical solutions to improve quality of life across Ward 5.

“I’m not entering politics for recognition—I’m doing it to serve,” Vanderpool added. “Ward 5 deserves leadership that listens, acts, and delivers real results.”

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