

What makes a good leader? Mayor and panel weigh in

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1 / 2 Many municipal employees from across the county turned out to listen to a leadership panel for the Mohawk College Enterprise Future Ready Leadership training program on Jan. 23, 2019 at the Simcoe County Administration Centre in Midhurst. Jessica Owen/BarrieToday

In the Simcoe County council chambers on Wednesday afternoon, Barrie Mayor Jeff Lehman acknowledged one of the city's biggest failures.

"We failed spectacularly overhauling our transit system," he said. "I wore most of it, and rightly so. We really screwed it up.

"Fortunately, our ridership was low to begin with so our percentage of the population that was angry was low," Lehman said to laughter from the audience.

Lehman, along with Collingwood chief administrative officer Fareed Amin, Nathan D. Hyde, chief administrative officer of Erin, and Niru Somayajula, president of Sensor Technology in Collingwood, all spoke on a leadership panel for the Mohawk College Enterprise Future Ready Leadership training program at the County of Simcoe Administration Centre in Midhurst.