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Provincial election campaign now underway

Four vying for MPP's job



TED ARNOTT
(PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE)



MOYNA JOHNSON
(LIBERAL)

The 2011 provincial election campaign officially began yesterday (Wednesday) with four candidates seeking to win the riding of Wellington-Halton Hills.

The election, which will be held Thursday, Oct. 6, sees three challengers to incumbent Progressive Conservative Ted Arnett's job.

Longtime Halton Hills Ward 3 Councillor Moyna Johnson is

running for the Liberal Party while Dale Hamilton, a former municipal councillor in the pre-amalgamation township of Eramosa will carry the banner for the New Democratic Party (NDP). Raymond Dartsch, a community nurse from Eden Mills, was nominated this past weekend as the Green Party candidate.

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DALE HAMILTON
(NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY)



RAYMOND DARTSCH
(GREEN PARTY)

Local firefighter the 'engine' for teen's cross-Canada ride

By **LISA TALLYN**
Staff Writer

Mark Burger is riding across Canada again this year to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer, but this time he's making the journey on a tandem bicycle with a young cancer survivor riding behind him.

This is the Georgetown man's second ride across the country with the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride, one of the biggest and most ambitious charity cycling events on behalf of childhood cancer in the world.

Burger, a Halton Hills firefighter, is riding this year on a tandem bicycle with Josh Nelson, 17, of Cambridge,

who had brain cancer when he was nine years old. Nelson has been cancer-free for eight years.

Burger met the young man last year when Nelson joined the cyclists for a leg of the ride. The two hit it off and Burger learned that riding across Canada in the event is Nelson's dream.

"I'm just the engine for him," said Burger.

Now in its fourth year, the Ride began in Vancouver yesterday (Wednesday) and finishes in Halifax 16 days later.

Riding in relay style, the selected national riders will each cycle approximately 165 km a day joined along the

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Halton Hills Fire Department mascot Sparky recently joined 17-year-old Josh Nelson and Halton Hills firefighter Mark Burger during a boot drive fundraising day in support of the pair's participation in the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride. Burger and Nelson, who left Vancouver yesterday, are riding a tandem bike across Canada.

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