

# NDP political broom sweeps through North Halton

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Ontario voters' 'Summer of Discontent' was translated at the polls into the fall of the Liberal party in Ontario's 35th provincial election Thursday.

The New Democratic Party, under the leadership of Bob Rae, takes over the reins of government in the province for the first time in Ontario history.

The New Democratic Party political broom also swept through the North Halton riding as first-time NDP candidate, Noel Duignan, unseated incumbent,

Walt Elliot, to join his victorious political cohorts at Queen's Park.

Mr. Duignan could only describe the Liberal downfall and the NDP takeover as "astounding". Recognizing that North Halton has not been a traditional NDP riding, Mr. Duignan said it is a "sign that the people want to change the system. People think it's not working well and want to see a change."

Remarking on the province-wide NDP sweep Mr. Duignan said "they want a change a change they're going to get - a government by the people of the people and for

the people."

He told his supporters who packed the Glen Williams Town Hall cheering the NDP victory that the party would take on a mandate to make those who don't pay taxes pay. Housing, small business and local transportation are on Mr. Duignan's target list for improvements and representation. But above all he insists North Halton constituents are most important to him.

It is the first election race for Mr. Duignan, 41, who was born in Dublin and emigrated to Canada in

1976. He was previously a Parliamentary Assistant to NDP MP Derek Blackburn.

For the past four years Mr. Duignan has been a consultant for Homestarts Incorporated, which builds and operates housing co-ops. He was founder and is executive director of the Brant Alcove Rehabilitation Services, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation service in Brantford.

He and his wife Hilary reside in Georgetown with their four children, Alec, 18, Eamonn, 16, Kyle, 13 and Cein, 6.

Unofficial results on election night showed Mr. Duignan with 8,411 votes, Mr. Elliot with 7,831 votes, Progressive Conservative candidate Dave Whiting with 7,296 votes, Family Coalition Party candidate, Giuseppe Gori with 2,458 votes, Green Party candidate, Patricia Kammerer with 608 votes and Libertarian Party candidate John Shadbolt with 457 votes.

In claiming the North Halton provincial seat, Mr. Duignan won 30.9 per cent (unofficially) of votes cast.

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## Defeated candidates commiserate

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To the victor go the spoils and to the losers frustration, accompanied by the mind-wrenching, self-doubting question - "Why?"

Such is politics, such is life.

Liberal incumbent, Walt Elliot, who has represented the North Halton riding in provincial politics since his election in 1987, went down to defeat in Thursday's Ontario election as NDP candidate Noel Duignan added the local riding to the New Democratic Party's provincial majority.

Mr. Elliot was somewhat circumspect in explaining his defeat when he stated, "There are two ways of being defeated. One is during the nomination process and the other is during an election when the electorate wants a change. We got turfed out."

Mr. Elliot did not accept personal blame for his loss of the North Halton riding seat, expressing the opinion that defeated Liberal party leader, David Peterson, was the main cause of his demise.

Concerning his future, Mr. Elliot stated simply, "I'm going to enjoy retirement. I'm going to close up the riding offices, clean up my affairs and enjoy time with my wife Anne."

A visibly shaken and disappointed Dave Whiting, the Progressive Conservative Party candidate, who finished third behind

Mr. Duignan and Mr. Elliot said, "We thought we would finish either first or third, unfortunately, it was third."

"Why third, because that is the way the electorate was thinking and I'm disappointed."

In regards to the NDP provincial majority victory, Mr. Whiting said, "It represents a protest vote and the province is going to pay."

An adamant Mr. Whiting stated, however, "I'm going to run again."

Any new party faces nothing but uphill battles, said Giuseppe Gori, North Halton Family Coalition Party candidate.

Mr. Gori said radio and television stations, like the CBC, who he said operates on taxpayer's money, didn't afford FCP the coverage to relay information to the public. "Many people believe what they see on TV," he said, adding that the public won't perceive the FCP as an established party until it receives wider media coverage.

Saying that much of the groundwork has been laid to inform the public about FCP, the battle will not be as tough next election, said Mr. Gori. He believes the party has reached everyone at least once. "Next time we won't have to start from scratch."

Patricia Kammerer, Green Party candidate who finished fifth, was reached at Green Party provincial headquarters in Toronto on

election night.

Ms. Kammerer seemed non-plussed about her fifth place finish.

"I'm quite pleased with the number of votes I received," she said. "I really had little time for canvassing but I feel our party got the environmental message across."

"I enjoyed the campaign and am very pleased that the NDP candidate will represent our riding."

When asked if she would seek political office in the future, Ms. Kammerer answered in the affirmative, stating, "If given the opportunity, I would run again."

Last place finisher, Libertarian Party candidate, John Shadbolt was philosophical about his defeat.

"I started late in the race," he said. "The people wanted a change and locally the NDP candidate was the most logical choice."

Mr. Shadbolt also attributed the same popular disaffection as contributing to the NDP victory.

"The people were protesting against the Liberal Party and since they had already kicked out the Progressive Conservatives several years ago, they felt they had to give the NDP's a chance."

Mr. Shadbolt is not soured by his political experience and is eager to toss his hat into the ring again.

"If given a chance," he said, "I would run for office again. But with better organization."



Defeated incumbent Liberal, Walt Elliot, congratulates incoming North Halton MPP Noel Duignan of the NDP.



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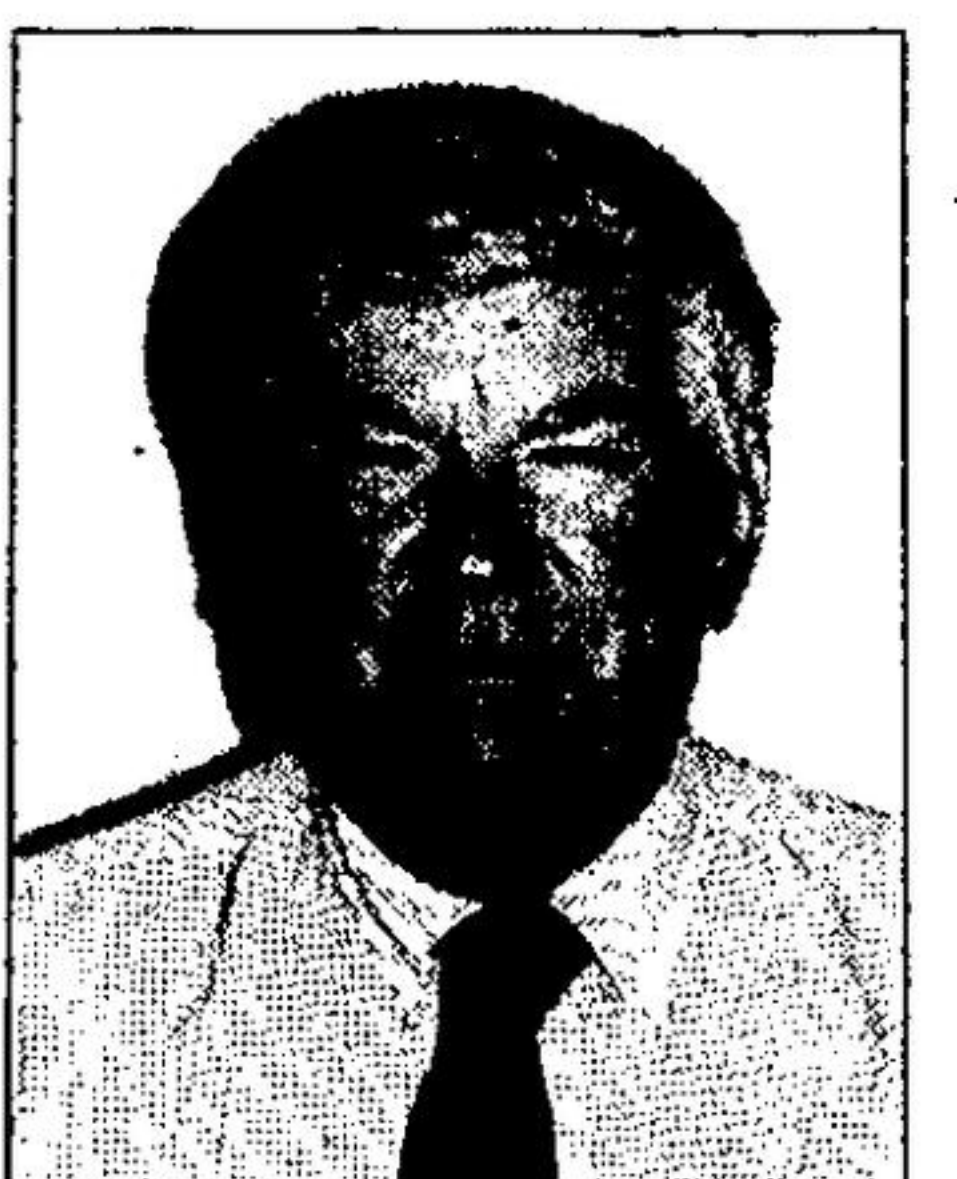
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