

Election info

Do you have questions about Ontario's upcoming 2011 General Election on Thursday, Oct. 6?

If so, Elections Ontario is a one-stop online resource for answers to just about any question related to the provincial election.

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In each of Ontario's 107 electoral districts, returning officers are appointed and are responsible for conducting the election for that district. Wellington-Halton Hills's returning officer is Joseph Kuglin, (21 Main St. N., Acton L7J 1C7) and he can be reached by phoning 1-866-850-0483.

The Wellington-Halton Hills riding features a population of 100,555 and is made up the Town of Halton Hills and the part of the County of Wellington comprised of the townships of Centre Wellington, Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch and the Town of Erin.

On Election Day, Ontarians are eligible to vote if they are 18 years of age or older, are a Canadian citizen, reside in an electoral district and have not already voted in this election.

If you are qualified to vote and your name is on the Voters List, Elections Ontario will mail you a Notice of Registration Card that will list your voting location on Election Day, plus the dates, times and places of your advanced voting locations.

Voters are asked to bring their Notice of Registration Card with them when voting. If you don't receive the card, but still want to vote, check with your electoral district's returning office to make sure you are on the Voters List.

Registered voters can vote in person on Election Day, in person at an advance poll between Sept. 21-30 or in person or by mail through special ballot.

WEB POLL RESULTS

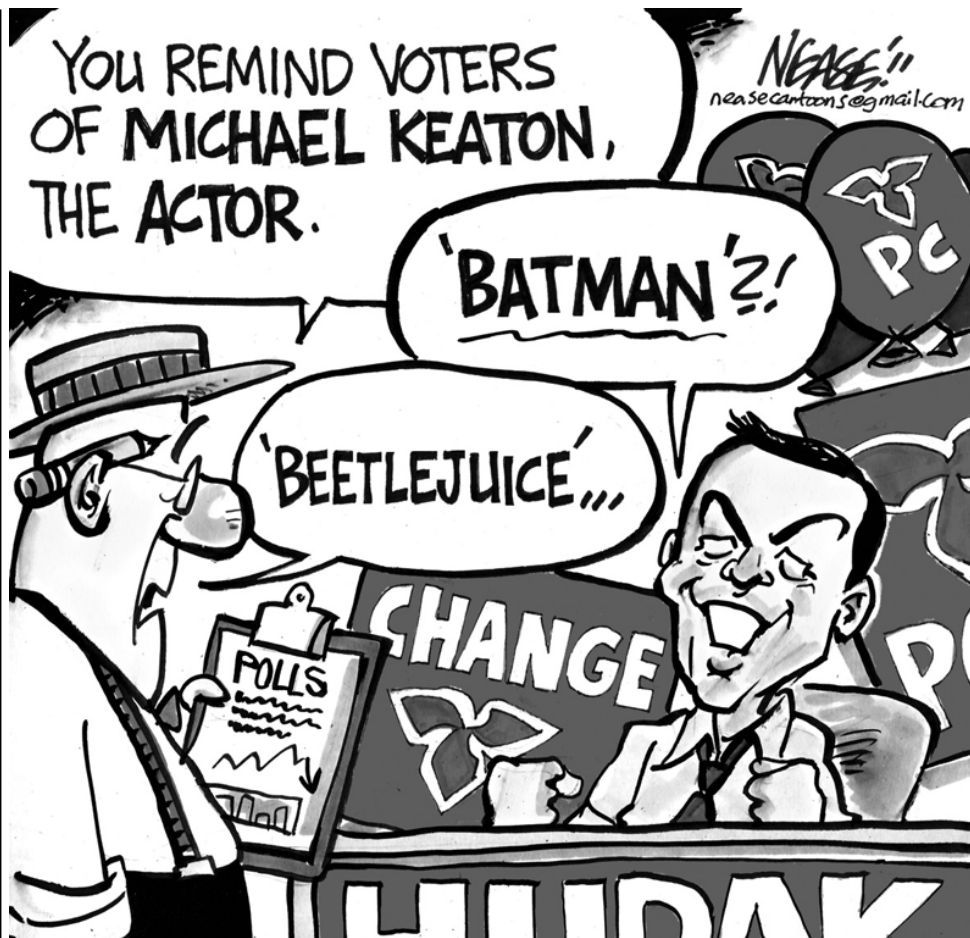
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Will you be attending or watching any all-candidate debates in this election?

- No (60%)
- Yes (28%)
- What election? (12%)

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Letters to the editor

What do candidates have for YOUTH?

Dear editor,

As the provincial election is approaching, and seems to be a hot topic for everyone, I was considering the promises that are being made, and what are the candidates' forthcoming plans for our community... especially for youth in Halton Hills!

Being a youth, I am curious to find out what our next MPP is going to contribute towards developing the potential of our upcoming generations. What facilities will be provided for youth in addition to what we have? What are their plans for post-secondary education in Halton Hills? Are there any plans for a university in our community so that we do not have to commute or live away from home? What are the incentives for youth to participate in community growth?

Unfortunately, I didn't see much for youth in the provincial agenda. The list is endless but it is the right time that we should talk. Therefore, I urge all YOUTH in our community to ask each and every candidate on September 30 at the Gellert Com-

munity Centre and on other occasions before the election what they have in their pocket for YOUTH!

Make sure to use you use your right to vote if you are 18 and let all the candidates know on October 6 that YOUTH matters in Halton Hills!

*Harnoor Gill,
Grade 8 student,
Stewarttown Middle School*

HHGC a positive place

Dear editor,

I was shocked and disappointed to read about how the Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre was negatively portrayed in your paper recently.

This non-profit is critical to our community in that it fosters a non-threatening environment in a large, open indoor space where children can interact with their peers in a non-aggressive, non-competitive way. It promotes children's (not just girls') fitness, provides physical and emotional well-being, and builds self-esteem and self-confidence.

We found the HHGC to be a very positive place for our son to interact with his peers at a time when his school was unable to provide this for him. We have also been

impressed with the positive way the coaches interact with the kids and that every child is encouraged to participate at their own level.

Consequently, the Town should do everything they can to keep this organization open.

*Enrico and Louise Vonghia,
Georgetown*

Burger commended

Dear editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank an exceptional individual who is currently on a cross-Canada cycling trip to help battle childhood cancer.

Mr. Mark Burger, a local firefighter, has put in countless hours over the last few months to prepare for this journey. This is the second year that Mark is participating in the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride. I guess he thought last year's ride was easy, because this year Mark is riding a tandem bicycle with a 16-year-old brain cancer survivor.

I have called Georgetown home for the last five years and it is people like Mark who make this community such a great place to live.

Dr. Ted Niejadlik, Georgetown