

Elliot aiming to regain MPP's post

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Ontario Liberal Leader Lyn McLeod congratulated Walt Elliot April 7 in Brookville for securing his nomination as the provincial party's candidate in Halton North.

"Tonight we have taken the first step to ensuring Walt Elliot is once again the member for Halton North," McLeod told more than 100 Liberals during a nomination meeting at Nassagaweya Community Centre.

"Walt has the experience and a proud record of community service that make him an outstanding candidate," McLeod said. "He will be a valuable member of the Liberal team."

Elliot, the Liberal MPP for Halton North from 1987 to 1990, was officially acclaimed to the position; he was the only person to file nomination papers.

The former school principal is returning to politics after being ousted as MPP by Noel Duignan in the 1990 NDP sweep. During his term, he served as parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Housing.

"I believe people are anxious to get some competence back into government," said McLeod. "That is why we want to offer the experience and quality of the strongest possible team of candidates - candidates like Walt Elliot - so we can get government working for people."

McLeod told the audience that in



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LYN McLEOD

the next provincial election, the people of Ontario will reject Premier Bob Rae's "politics of incompetence" and PC leader Mike Harris' "politics of intolerance."

"Our number one priority is jobs," McLeod said. "Ontario needs effective leadership to set the right directions, to make the tough choices, to implement the changes that are needed. We are ready and able to provide that leadership, to offer effective government, to get Ontario working again."

Elliot said, "I am excited at the prospect of being part of the Liberal government of Ontario after the next election."

"I am excited because Milton and Halton Hills, and all of Ontario, are well positioned to take advantage of the limitless opportunities on the economic horizon."

He said the province is currently in the middle of a massive restructuring from the manufacturing age to the information age. As a result, the government must recognize and

accept the need for change.

"Many of the jobs we have counted on have already disappeared for good," he said. "Our challenge is to gear the economy in Ontario to be an integral part of the new global economy with all its opportunities."

"Contrary to all the gloom and doom that we hear every day, already an unprecedented number of new businesses are being established in Ontario and Canada every day. Our real challenges are to give our workers, both young and old, the new skills for the new jobs, and to provide our entrepreneurs with the economic climate to be able to hire these people and to prosper."

Born in the community of Chesley in 1933, Elliot earned a B.A. in mathematics at McMaster University and an M.A. in education administration at Brock University.

Actively involved in teaching for more than 27 years, he was head of mathematics at secondary schools in Peterborough, Orangeville, Oakville and Scarborough, and was principal of Orangeville District High School.

Since 1990, Elliot, has maintained a high level of community involvement. He was chairman of the United Way of Milton and is a member of several organizations including the Children's and Youth Foundation, Halton Recovery House and the Milton Historical Society.

A provincial election is expected in the spring of 1995, but could be called as early as the fall of 1994.

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Grass fire

The Halton Hills Fire Department spent five hours fighting a large grass fire on Sixth Line, south of 10 Sideroad Sunday. They were called to the scene at 3:11 p.m. Two sheds and a radio

Police Blotter

tower were damaged in the fire, but there is no value put on the damage yet. At 9 p.m., about an hour after they left, the Halton Hills firefighters were called back to the fire because some stumps were still burning.

Drunk charge

A 67-year-old Georgetown man was charged with being drunk in a public place Saturday afternoon. He was visiting a friend when he fell into a ravine and hurt his head, police said. According to police the man was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for treatment, but police were called back to the hospital when someone was reported to be causing a disturbance.

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