

Ryan McLaughlin is running to be councillor of ward 1 in Acton.

## Acton father vying for council seat: Meet Ryan McLaughlin

**ALEXANDRA HECK** 

aheck@metroland.com

McLaughlin Rvan moved to Acton over three years ago, looking for a town to raise his young

Since then, he's not just made it his home, he's made it his community.

"It's the jewel nobody about," knows said McLaughlin, talking about other communities becoming larger GTA cities. "Acton and Georgetown are nice little communities.'

Communities, he says, have been perfect for raising his son and daughter, for taking to indoor soccer in the mornings, library reading sessions and swimming lessons.

McLaughlin has put in his bid to run for councillor of Ward 1, Acton, in the upcoming Halton Hills municipal election.

"I wanted to run because I do have a sense of community," he said, adding that he has a good sense of what parents' needs are in the area. "I think I could be a representation of that com-

Raised in Burlington, McLaughlin is a banker who commutes to Mississauga for work.

He says his occupation gives him a good sense of fiscal

sponsibility. McLaughlin is also the because I do president of the Georgetown Rotary community, "I

Club. "You've got to get out a representation and get involved in the of that community,' said. he

"That's how you build a community.'

He says he would like to tackle some of the tough issues facing Acton, like the state of the downtown core, truck traffic and resultant pedestrian safety.

That corner is terrible," he said. "The traffic is very industrialized at certain parts of the day.

He says that the town is also in need of services, such as special needs pro-

'There's all of those storefronts that are available," he said. "There's a demand for it."

"I wanted to run

have a sense of

think I could be

community."

- Ryan McLaughlin

Although he understands the risk of making capital investments in recreation services. McLaughlin recognizes a

> need for improvements to the local pool, and for more leisure services for young families.

"It's just time for something different,' McLaughlin, who so far

would be in

the running with Coun. Mike Albano. Longtime Ward 1 Coun. Jon Hurst has yet to file for candidacy.

"I would like to work with Mike," McLaughlin. "The two of us could be a good team."

In his spare time, McLaughlin plays water polo on a team in Burlington and enjoys visiting local attractions like Chudleigh's Farm with his children and hiking in





**EXHIBITION PLACE** 

HondaOntario.com

LEASE PAYMENTS INCLUDE FREIGHT



Limited time lease offers available through Honda Financial Services Inc. (HFS), to qualified retail customers on approved credit. Weekly payments include freight and PDI (ranges from \$1,655 to \$1,795 depending on model), tire & environmental fee (\$17.50), A/C charge (\$100), and OMVIC fee (\$10). Taxes, licence, insurance and registration are extra ORepresentative weekly lease example: 2018 Civic LX Sedan 6MT (Model FCZESJE) // 2018 Accord LX-HS Sedan 6MT (Model CVIETJE) // 2018 CR-V LX ZWD CVT (Model RW1H3JES) on a 60-month term with 260 weekly payments at 1.99% // 1.99% // 2.99% lease APR. Weekly payment is \$55.57 // \$74.75 // \$76.61 with \$0 down or equivalent trade-in and \$15 // \$0 // \$600 total lease incentive included. Civic lease offer includes the \$750 Civic Bonus, Down payments, \$0 security deposit and first weekly payments due at lease inception. Total lease obligation is \$14,448.34 // \$19,434.82 // \$19,918.57. 100,000 kilometre allowance; charge of \$0.12/km for excess kilometres. PPSA lien registration fee of \$45.93 and lien registering agent's fee of \$5.65, due at time of delivery are not included. For all offers: licence, insurance, PPSA, other taxes (including HST) and excess wear and tear are extra. Taxes payable on full amount of purchase price. Offers only valid for Ontario residents at participating Ontario Honda Dealers. Dealer may lease For less. Dealer order/trade may be necessary. Colour availability may vary by dealer. Vehicles and accessors are for illustration purposes only. Offers, prices and features subject to change without notice. See your Ontario Honda Dealer or visit HondaOntario.com for full details. \*\*Based on Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada (AIAMC) data reflecting sales between 1997 and December 2017. All visitors 12 years of age and under are to be accompanied by an adult when entering and while on site.