

MEET PATRICK CRYAN, THE YOUNGEST PERSON RUNNING FOR COUNCIL

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Patrick Cryan is the youngest person running for council in Halton Hills.

If he gets in, he'll be one of the youngest councillors in the history of Halton Hills government.

Patrick Cryan, a 23-year-old from Georgetown, is running to be Ward 3 councillor in Halton Hills.

He's running against incumbents like Moya Johnson and Dave Kentner, as well as new faces like Wendy Farrow-Reed and Randy Kerman.

"I want to be a younger voice," said Cryan, who grew up in Georgetown and graduated from Christ the King secondary.

"I've always been interested in politics," said the political candidate, who is a member of a Canadian committee of monetary and economic reform, which former deputy prime minister of Canada Paul Hel-

lyer is a part of.

Cryan is fiscally conservative and says that he would fight to keep tax increases lower than what council currently adheres to in Halton Hills.

"I feel like I have a lot of energy to put into my job and will treat it as my No. 1 priority," he said.

Cryan disagrees with spending on public art projects, as well as some of the bike lanes in his ward.

He says the money could be much better used in pub-

lic transportation initiatives, as well as community activities to engage residents.

"I feel like they're not connected enough," said Cryan. "I would like to see more people interactive with council."

He would want to focus on engaging the community in an effort to tackle mental health issues in youth.

"Depression is a big thing with people our age," he said, stating that it's important to foster a sense of community in town. "Something that energizes people is very important to be."

He says his first priority would always be speaking with residents and handling their issues.

"I want to be a better outreach for the community," he said, asking those interested to contact him at 905-867-6048.

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