

# COUNCILLOR ANN LAWLOR JOINS MAYORAL RACE

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When it comes to finding somewhere to live, Ann Lawlor says you can't do much better than Halton Hills.

"It's like nirvana," says the Ward 4 councillor. "We have a fabulous location, we're surrounded by beautiful countryside, we've got the Niagara Escarpment. And within an hour, you can be at a major-league baseball game or a theatrical show. And then you come home to this beautiful, quiet hometown."

And Lawlor would like it to stay that way, which is why she has decided to run for mayor in October's municipal election. She joins Ward 2 councillor Bryan Lewis in the mayor's race.

"I want to stay on the path Halton Hills has been on for the last several years," Lawlor said. "We have a very forward-looking council in things like a healthy environment and how we've tackled climate change. I want to maintain a safe, prosperous town."

Lawlor was first elected to council in 2010, serving three terms as the councillor for Ward 4. Prior to joining council, she worked for 10 years as an account executive in her family's marketing company, followed by five years as the director of a non-profit social service agency and then managed her own consulting business.

Lawlor has also been very active in a number of community groups. She has served as a director on

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both the Halton Hills Community Energy Corporation and the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. She was president of the Canadian Federation of University Women, a founding member of Community Support Network of Halton Hills, the United Way of Halton Hills and the Friends of Old Seed House Garden, and charter chair of the Friends of Devereaux House and co-chair of the Halton Hills Syrian Refugee Settlement Committee.



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After three terms as Ward 4 Councillor, Ann Lawlor is running for Mayor of Halton Hills in the municipal election.

What Lawlor learned from her community work is "like-minded people can move mountains."

Lawlor says managing future growth will be key. While considering herself

"anti-sprawl," she said growth is coming and the town can maintain its heritage and character even as it grows. She believes doing it properly can help solve other problems fac-

ing the town.

"Our seniors can't, in many cases, retire in their own community because of the cost and availability of housing," she said. "And for first-time home buyers who grew up and want to stay here, there are no homes available to them in their price range. It's a significant issue we have to address and we need to work together with the region and the home builders."

With gas and grocery prices rising, Lawlor said it will be important for council to avoid adding to the burden with tax increases. "There's a great deal of uncertainty in the economy," she said. "We'll need to be very measured in our spending and make sure the funds are going to be there. Nobody wants a big tax increase."

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