

# NDP Jay Jackson runs in next provincial election

BY DONNA DANIELLI

Mr. Jackson is no stranger to campaigning. He ran as the NDP candidate in the 1999 provincial election and in the 1996 federal election. He has worked at Sheridan College for over 30 years as a photography technologist. Also, he is president of the local 245 at Sheridan College. He is a member of the Board of Directors and bargaining team of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union representing all 24 colleges in the province. Locally, Mr. Jackson is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Halton Hills Public Library Board and former Chairman of the Halton Information Network. He is on the Board of Directors of Halton Community Legal Services and co-Chairman of the Oakville United Way Campaign.

"I enjoy public service and being part of a community," explains Mr. Jackson. "People volunteering their time is what makes a community run."



Mr. Jackson is looking forward to campaigning on the platform released by Howard Hampton and the NDP, a platform that calls for inflation protection for pensions, raising the minimum wage, ending hydro privatization and more. "The issues that we will be talking about will be issues that people identify strongly with and ones which will touch them personally," he promises. "The average person has finally seen the true face of the Harris/Eves agenda. People have seen the damage that has been done to their community."

Once a date for an election has been set, Mr. Jackson anticipates opening a campaign office in Milton. "Milton is well placed," he says. "It is pretty much geographically in the middle of the riding."

"I've put my face forward in other campaigns, and people know me. They know that I'll put my best foot forward for my constituents."



## Girl Guides plant trees at Dufferin Aggregates Quarry

2nd Milton Guides Jennifer Krane (left), Jennifer Allore (middle) and Kerri Webb (right) were on hand along with Dufferin Aggregates Ken Zimmerman (left back) and Niagara Escarpment Commissioner Mark Frawley (right back) at the 12th annual tree planting ceremony at Dufferin Aggregates Quarry on April 26. Each year this annual event draws Scouts and Guides from all over Halton. This year marked the planting of the 50,000th tree.

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# TALK of the TOWN

A monthly feature from the Town of Milton

## Prepare Now - Learn How!

Emergencies can strike at anytime. Are you and your family prepared to deal with a situation or threat affecting your property, health and/or safety? During National Emergency Preparedness Week, take time to review the opportunities available to help you prevent or prepare for emergency situations.

Obtain a "Personal Emergency Preparedness Guide" - it's a valuable addition for every home or business providing information to help you care for yourself, your family, and your neighbours. This booklet provides common sense steps for you to take right now to ensure you're prepared. Find it by visiting the Fire Department, on the Town of Milton's website at [www.town.milton.on.ca](http://www.town.milton.on.ca).

### National Emergency Preparedness Week - May 5-9, 2003

Visit Town Hall Milton, 43 Brown Street between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and browse through the displays and materials that will be available throughout the week to help you prepare for an emergency. Information about Milton's Emergency Response Plan, which would be implemented in the event of a natural or man-made emergency, will also be available.

### Help Control West Nile Virus

There is no specific treatment and no vaccine available to combat West Nile Virus (WNV), a disease that affects birds and can be transmitted to humans through bites of infected mosquitoes. Therefore, the Halton Region Health Department is requesting that everyone in the community do their part to help control WNV. This includes protecting yourself while you enjoy evening's outdoors, as well as reporting dead bird sightings, and helping to reduce mosquito-breeding sites.

Dead bird surveillance is used to confirm the presence of WNV - if you find a dead bird, do not touch it until you have contacted the Health Department at 905-825-6187, toll free at 1-866-442-5866, or by TTY at 905-827-9833.

You can also help by getting rid of places where mosquitoes are likely to breed. For example,

- Remove or drain any containers where water may stand for more than 4 days
- Cover rain barrels with mesh or screen
- Remove water that collects on pool covers and make sure your pool's pump is circulating water properly
- Clear leaves and twigs from gutter, storm, and roof gutters throughout the summer
- Immediately throw away raked leaves, and other decaying items like apples or berries
- Turn over compost piles on a regular basis



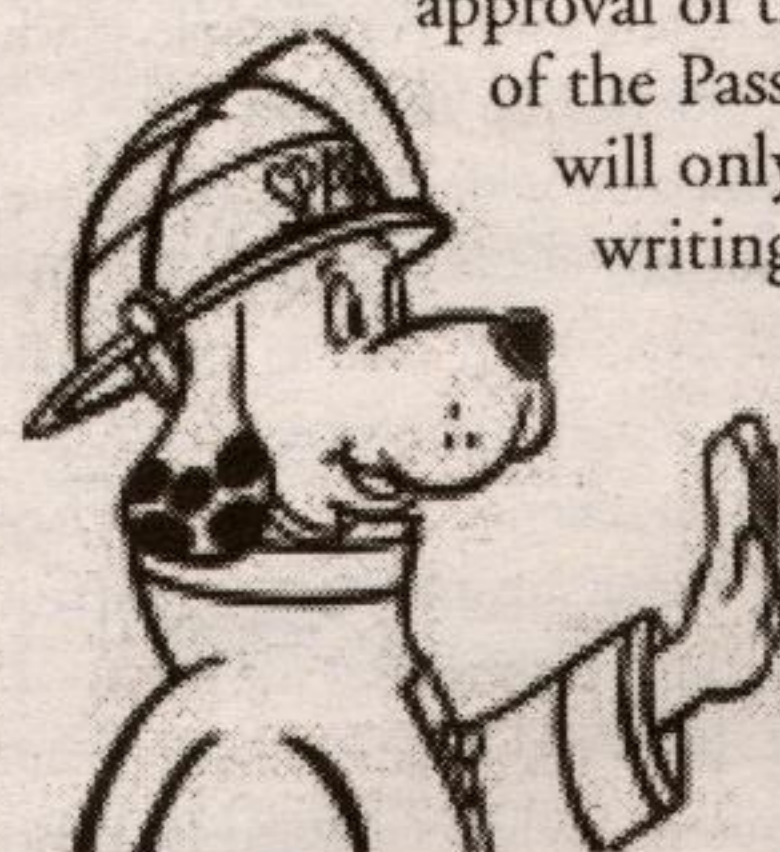
Protect yourself and members of your family by wearing clothing that will prevent mosquitoes from biting. More information about safe use of insect repellent and potential mosquito breeding sites is available on the Region's website at [www.region.halton.on.ca](http://www.region.halton.on.ca)

### "Learn Now" - By-law changes may affect your property

The Planning & Development Department is undertaking a Comprehensive Zoning By-law review to ensure that the provisions and standards related to building and development in Milton are in conformity with the Town's future directions.

All property owners and tenants are encouraged to learn more about the proposed changes to the Zoning By-law as it may affect your property. The new Draft Zoning By-law can be viewed at the Planning & Development Department, the Milton Public Library, or on the Town's website at [www.town.milton.on.ca](http://www.town.milton.on.ca) under "Zoning By-law". Comments regarding the draft By-law changes are welcome and must be received by the Planning & Development Department on or before June 6, 2003.

**Point of clarification:** The March edition of "Talk of the Town" indicated that every mailbox in Milton would receive notice of approval of the Zoning By-law. To clarify, the Notice of the Passing of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law will only be sent to those requesting the notice in writing, in addition to being placed in the local newspaper.



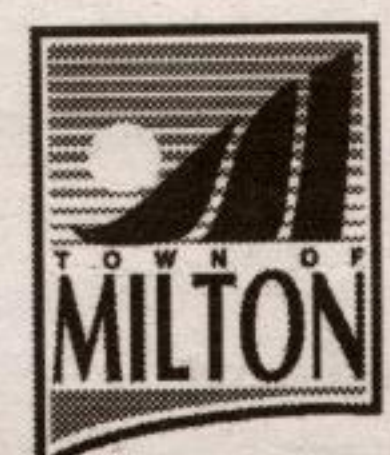
And a final tip from "Sparky" Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Protect your family and home by changing the batteries regularly.

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