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What a difference volunteers can make

The work of many volunteers including Rhonda Venner (left), Norma Wilson (middle left), Ann Ibbotson (middle right) and Jack Manchisi (right) helped make the Golfing 4 Cancer Tournament held on July 14 at the Hornby Glen Golf Course a great success. The proceeds from this annual event are used to transport north Halton cancer patients to their chemotherapy and radiation treatments in Toronto, Mississauga, Hamilton and London. Last year 572 trips were made, helping patients from Milton, Campbellville, Brookville, lower Acton, upper Oakville and upper Burlington. This year's Golfing 4 Cancer Tournament raised almost \$55,000, ensuring that this important service to local cancer patients will continue.

Milton's Bill MacKinnon wants seat as Regional councillor

BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT

Bill MacKinnon says, "Milton needs strong representation at the Regional level." A candidate for Milton's Regional councillor, Wards 2 and 4, he adds, "Considering the growth projections for Milton and Halton, we need to ensure that we have a strong voice at the Region to ensure an equal part in every aspect of development."

Mr. MacKinnon's political experience has been at the federal level. He has been the campaign manager for Richard Malboeuf and Tim Dobson, who were Halton candidates in the past three federal elections. From 1992 to 2000, Mr. MacKinnon served on the board of directors for the Reform Party/Canadian Alliance riding association in Halton. He is proud that in the last federal election, the CBC chose to track the Halton riding every week throughout the campaign.

Since 1992, he has been active in the local community by working with the Milton Concert presentations, bringing Kerry Stratton and the Toronto Philharmonia to

Milton for the Nocturne series.

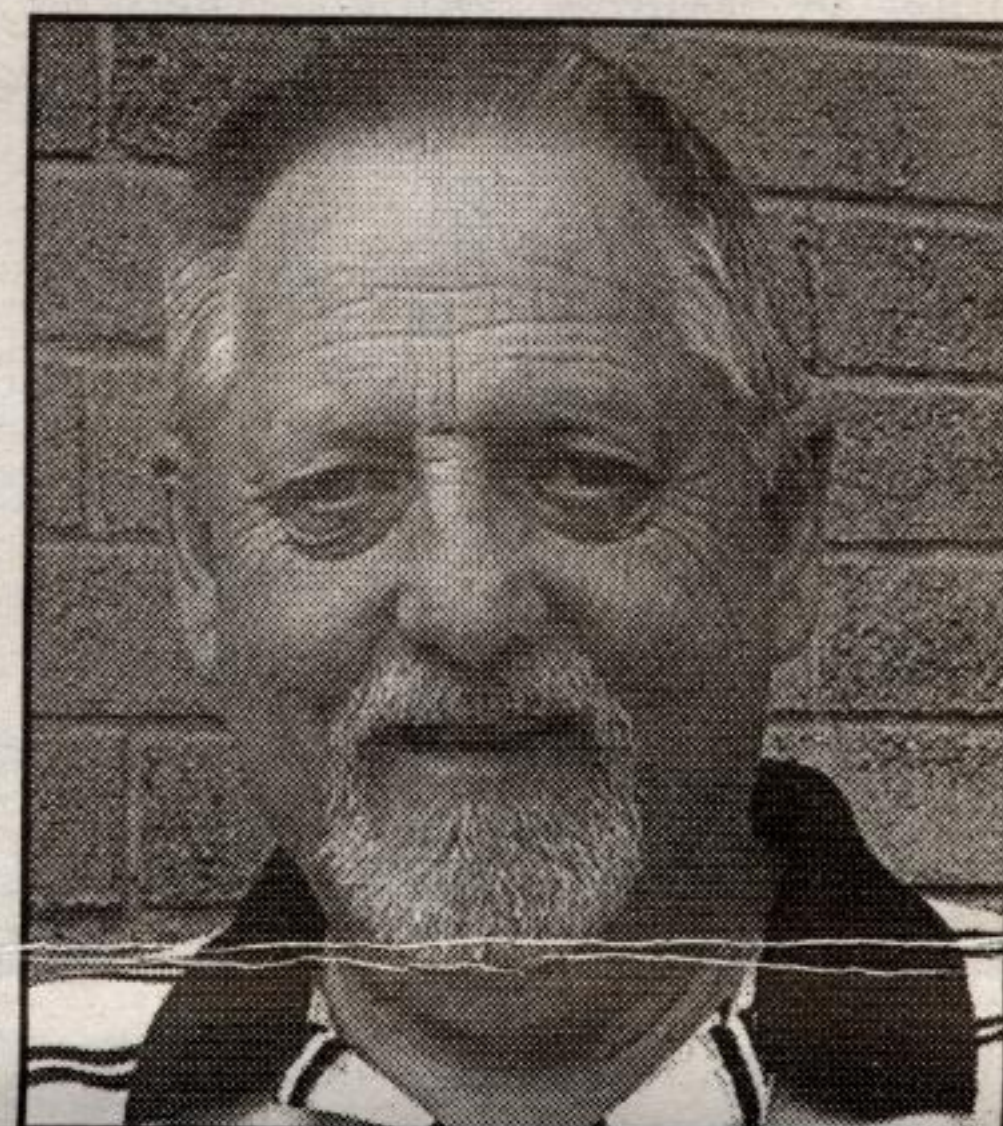
At the Regional and local level, Mr. MacKinnon says: "Spending is out of control. I intend to overturn this trend. Downloading and the proposed tax referendum will not make this easy. I'm up to it, however." He hopes to bring leadership to youth issues. He's concerned that programs and plans for the development of Milton are short-sighted. "Is Town staff being allowed, encouraged and directed to prepare for the onslaught of change?" he wonders. "How have we designed the future neighbourhoods? Is Milton sufficiently pedestrian in its design?" He also believes that parking remains an issue.

Mr. MacKinnon also has concerns about art centres, libraries, sports facilities and parks, especially as the population of Milton grows. He notes that the arts centre project needs to get moving, libraries and sports facilities are being paid for from development charges instead of the tax base, and ballparks have had user fees increased to the point where some

groups no longer use them.

"Is the integrity of Milton safe or has it been compromised?" he asks. "I want to ensure that our position of having the highest level of greenspace amongst neighbouring municipalities is sustained."

Mr. MacKinnon and his wife, Christine, have lived in Milton since 1981. They have a son, a daughter and grandchildren. Mr. MacKinnon is a partner in Bridge Traffic Services, an agent for J.S.Crawford & Son Transport. He and his wife were founding members of the Southside Community Church, but since 1999 have attended MGT Family Church in Streetsville.



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