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# Seven more running for Milton council

By Donna Danielli

There are seven more new candidates who have now registered for the Milton municipal election, all of whom have long-standing ties to the community.

Ward 2 candidate, Colin Best, plans to reform council by calling for "councillors to live in the wards they represent" and by "changing the wards so there is only one councillor per ward so that they are both representative and accountable to the people of the ward."

For fellow Ward 2 candidate, Mike Boughton, one of the overwhelming issues is the revitalization of Milton's downtown. "Snow removal in the downtown core, garbage removal in the downtown core and recreational areas, and adequate washroom facilities in recreational areas are further concerns that I would like to address," says Mr. Boughton.

Another new candidate for Ward 2, Father Mark Curtis, hopes to use his reputation as Canada's singing priest to lure people to Milton. He explains, "I believe that the role of councillor involves some aspect of being an ambassador for the Town."

Candidate for Ward 4, Todd Corradetti, believes that Milton's "growth curve demands attention and the support of caring individu-

als who have experience in large municipalities and in corporate and international settings, and who are ready and able to meet the challenges that lie ahead."

Wayne Casson, also running in Ward 4, vows to "actively work toward the culture/arts/library facility that this town desperately needs" and to deal with issues surrounding the lack of available housing for seniors.

Del Oxford, another Ward 4 candidate, explains, "Growth cannot be deferred, but it can be controlled and directed so the impact is kept to a minimum for all residents and services, while providing comfortable living, recreation, and employment for young and old."

Wendy Schau, the fourth new candidate for Ward 4, promises to work towards "a healthy community with support services including reliable transit and good educational, recreational, cultural and health facilities."

As well as having previous council experience, Mr. Best has sat on a long list of committees including the Milton Jaycees, the United Way, the Library Board and Halton Children's Aid. Mr. Boughton is well known for his 1994 Business Person of the Year Award and his 2000 Citizen of the Year Award, as

well as for helping to raise over \$300,000 to assist cancer patients in his 10 years as Chairman of the Golfing 4 Cancer Tournament. Father Curtis is a well-known supporter of many local charities and events including Rose Cherry's Home for terminally ill children.

Mr. Corradetti was president of his university class, and now is involved with local school councils, and local sporting and charitable organizations. Mr. Casson states, "My 45 years of being in this community, along with my successful business ventures, has afforded me with a wealth of experience and information." Mr. Oxford is currently serving his third term on the Community Services Advisory Committee and is also a board member on the Milton Bingo Charities Association. Ms. Schau has served as Chairman of the Milton Affordable Housing Coalition and has held numerous church council positions.

All seven of these candidates have experience, commitment and drive. However, come election time, only four of these seven can possibly be elected, two per ward. At press time, none of the incumbents for these two wards have registered for the November 10 election.

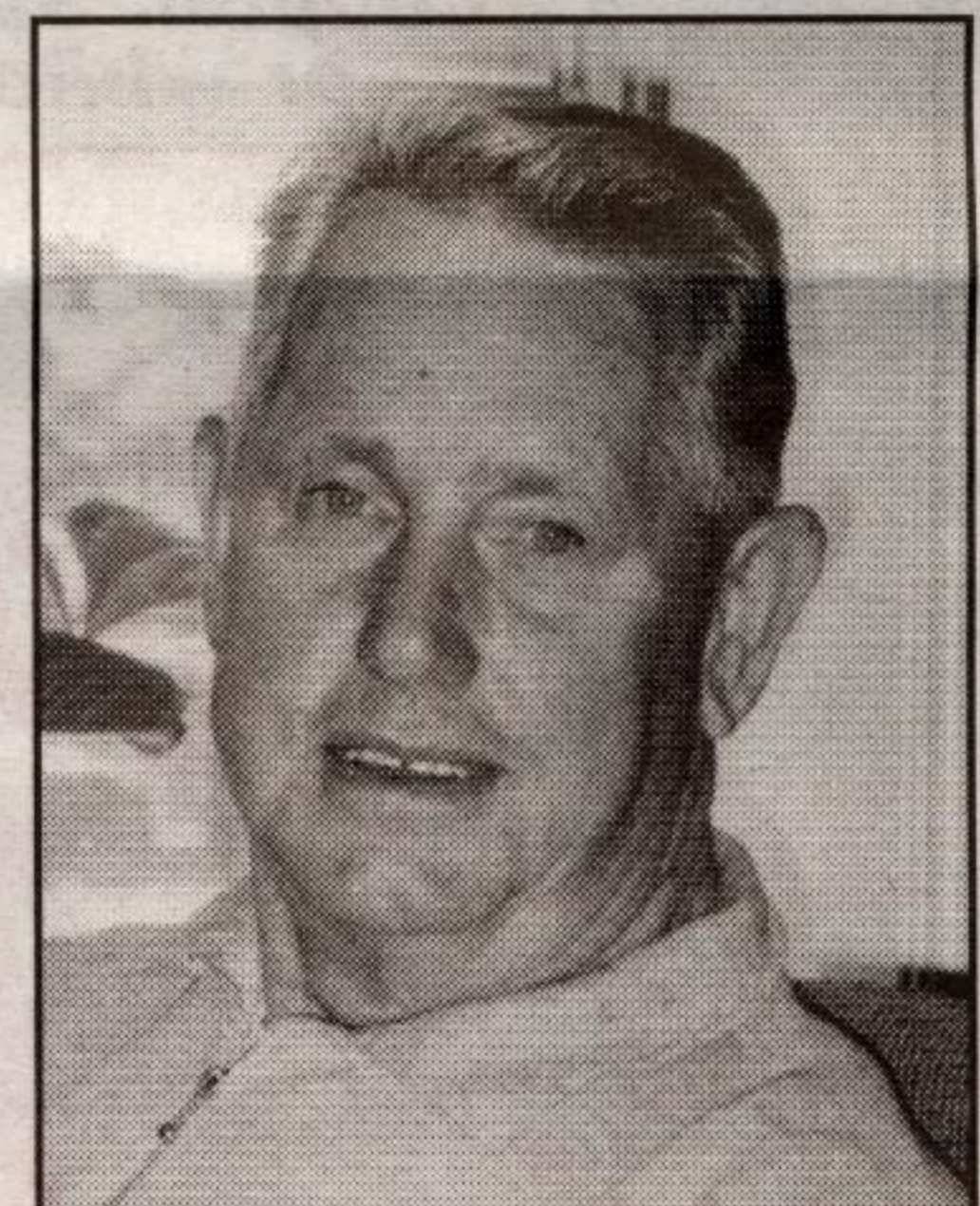
## Meet Milton Mayor Gord Krantz

By Donna Danielli

To adults, he's known as His Honour, the Mayor, but to the children of Milton, Gord Krantz might be better known as the jellybean man. Since his reign as Milton's mayor began 23 years ago, Mayor Krantz has kept a freshly stocked jar of jellybeans in his office that he regularly invites children to partake in. "I've always tried to have a good working relationship with young people," he explains. "I like to hope that this is something that will stick in their minds as to how well treated even our youngest citizens are by the mayor's office." Of course, Mayor Krantz also laughingly complains that he is the first one to be blamed when the women in the office gain any weight.

While the jellybean jar has been a constant, Mayor Krantz has seen many changes over his thirty-eight-year career in politics. In 1965, the County of Halton was made up of Trafalgar, Nelson, Nassagaweya and Esquesing; and it had a population of 4,000, all encompassed in the same ward. "Elections were held once a year, and all you needed was a mover and a seconder at the nomination meeting to be part of the election,"

explains Mayor Krantz. "I was no different from anyone else: I had some concerns. I voiced them one day in the barbershop, and someone said to me, 'If you think that you can do better, why don't you run?' So I did." Thus began a career that would see him serve 15 years as a councillor and 23 years as the mayor.



Mayor Krantz's family has been in the area since the 1800s. The oldest of seven children, Krantz says he was an entrepreneur from an early age. The 60-year-old began delivering the Toronto Star in 1946. "I'm a high school dropout," he admits. "I was more interested in the business world

than in the academic. You can't ever be afraid of getting out there and taking a chance." Currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Prosperity One Credit Union, Mayor Krantz has served on the Board for over 30 years. "I always thought it was good idea to have your own bank," he laughs.

As of press time, the only other candidate running for the position of mayor in Milton is current Ward 2 and 4 Regional councillor, Richard Malboeuf. While Mayor Krantz applauds a democratic process that encourages involved and concerned citizens to run for office, he is hopeful that voters will once again place their faith in him on election day. "You only make a change when things aren't going well," he asserts. "Change for the sake of change isn't a compelling enough reason, and I don't know of any area in this community where the wheels are falling off." Mayor Krantz also warns: "If you're going to change directions, you'd really better know what direction you are going in. There's no magic bullet to this job. The only magic is in hard work, common sense, being grounded and knowing the needs of your community."