

# Jay Jackson believes in public service

By GLORIA HILDEBRANDT

"Public power" is the slogan of the NDP, but "public service" are words that Halton candidate Jay Jackson frequently uses when explaining why he entered politics. "I knew that I wanted to do something within the community in public service," he says. "I'm a big believer in supporting public services. Speaking out on behalf of public service. Making the community a better place." It's even the reason he joined the party. "The NDP has always been highly supportive of keeping public services public, and not to be sold off to private corporations for profit."

When asked to elaborate on his choice of the NDP, he adds, "The NDP is the only party that really is meaningful to the average working family. In my mind, an average working family is two incomes, a couple of kids, a dog, probably making less than \$100,000 a year total family income. Probably more like \$60- or \$70,000."

Mr. Jackson has been married to Lynn for 24 years, and has a 17-year-old daughter, Candon, and a 14-year-old son, Matt. Until the summer, they even had a dog named Jenny, who lived until she was 10 or 11 years old. They have resided in Halton Hills for 17 years. Lynn works as a medical clerk at Maplehurst Correctional Complex, while Jay works at Sheridan College in the photography program. He points out that he's not an instructor, but part of the technical staff.

The first provincial issue that he mentions is hydro. "Our campaign is based on public power and that can be read in a couple of different ways," he says. "One is the immediate thing that's happened with the hydro crisis. Howard Hampton, who is recognized as an expert on hydro, feels that the road this government is taking us down is a road to more darkness.

Every other jurisdiction on the planet that has dabbled with privatization of hydro has wound up with blackouts and spiralling costs to the consumer. It doesn't work. The NDP wants to keep hydro public."

Increased generation is to be created not from nuclear stations, but from new, sustainable, non-polluting hydro-electric stations. Mr. Jackson believes in more smaller stations rather than huge stations, and is optimistic about wind generation.

Health is the second issue. "People are still not getting into hospitals in a timely fashion," he says. "It worries us to see private hospitals being created for profit. When it's public, it's for the people. When it's private, the shareholder comes first and profit is the bottom line."

Education is another issue. "The

people who are going to be keeping you and me in our pensions are going to have to have a good education and a good job so they can pay into a pension too," he says. "Education is key. The decision-making authority has to go back to the school boards. At the post-secondary level, the NDP will effect an immediate 10 per cent cut on tuition."

Mr. Jackson goes on to discuss public safety concerns like water, health and meat. "All of those can be traced back to Mike Harris cutting public service jobs, cutting huge chunks of money out of government agencies and ministries and by firing people. We have to reinvest in that valuable public work."

As for auto insurance, the NDP advocates a public system to lower premiums. "There's no profit built into a publicly-run system," he says.

According to Mr. Jackson, the money for these reinvestments will come from "an adjustment of taxation for corporations and from those extremely wealthy, one per cent, Peter Munks of the world who can contribute more."

The first local issue that Mr. Jackson mentions is the Niagara Escarpment. "Here in Halton there are development and mining pressures on the escarpment. People are worried about the destruction of this natural feature. The NDP and I would want to review the

Niagara Escarpment Commission's mandate to give the tools back to them to protect it. Because once it's gone, it's gone."

His next issue is transportation. "We need to look at ways we can provide effective and efficient road transportation but also look at other ways to move people into the large centres: GO Transit and rail systems. There probably needs to be newer highways. For our mid-peninsula highway, we need to sit down with all the interest groups and have a better look at how that can happen."

He has a strong opinion about the

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