

Few 'sparks' at Milton Candidate's meeting

BY DONNA DANIELI

There has been a great deal of media coverage of the increasingly antagonistic race for Mayor in Milton. Candidates Gord Krantz and Rick Malboeuf have fought a war of words on the pages of the local papers. Fellow candidates Las Polcz, Al Volpe, David Lloyd and Vito Agozzino have been bluntly critical in their assessments of

Mayor Krantz's leadership record.

However, the 170 people who came out on a Friday night heard a debate that never really happened. Anyone who hoped to see some fireworks as a result of the much ballyhoed political grandstanding, or even the presentation of some actual political platforms, walked away disappointed. One candidate

even laughingly joked afterwards that the debate was so civilized and lacking in substance that it was "almost like a love-in."

The debate, sponsored by the Milton Jaycees on October 24, featured candidates for mayor, regional chairman and school trustees. The order of the evening focussed on back-handed sniping and mild

accusations. Much ado was made about all the problems facing the Region and the Town of Milton, but few real and practical solutions were offered. Milton Mayor Gord Krantz referred to the Chicken Little story, inferring that his opponents were erroneously accusing that "the sky is falling. I can tell you now, that the sky is not falling," he said firmly. Candidate for Mayor Rick Malboeuf asserted that this is not the case, and that Milton faces drastic problems in transit, parking, health issues and rising taxes. "Mayor Krantz would have you believe everything is fine and there is no need for change," he argued. "We cannot solve these problems by denying they exist." Malboeuf also questioned Krantz's leadership over the last term saying, "Our town budget has more than doubled over the past four years...but is that any wonder when you look at the leadership shown by the Council?" Malboeuf illustrated his point with the example of the Council's recent decision to give itself a 32 per cent raise, something he opposed and Krantz supported. Krantz, who declared his campaign was about vision, credibility, experience and integrity, shot back that although Malboeuf opposed the pay raise, he has taken it. "Think about that credibility and integrity that I spoke of," he stated.

The evening heated up a bit during the candidate's debate for the position of Regional Chairman. Those opposing current Chairman Joyce Savoline seemed content to merely grumble that all is not well at the Region without offering any concrete solutions for the issues they raised. Candidates Anne Marsden, Brian Burton and Robert Heaton took issue with Savoline's statement that, "We're doing things right in Halton. We have a quality of life that's envied."

While Chairman Savoline pointed to examples such as Halton's AAA credit rating, current upgrades to water and sewage systems, and the defensibility of the

Halton Urban Structure Plan against the Ontario Municipal Board to illustrate her point, her opponents focussed on accusations of the Region's misdoings.

Marsden attacked the Region's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Nosal for not informing the public of a death by West Nile Virus last year. Burton accused the Region of "increasing its debt by \$90 million in the last two years" and commenting on "the way development issues are manoeuvred through Council."

Candidate Heaton blasted the idea that the Region is a place to be envied, saying, "It's becoming a great place for developers to do business. The fiction versus the reality needs to be sorted out."

No debate was available between the two candidates for Public School Trustee candidates Paul Tate and John McTavish.

Mr. McTavish was forced to cancel his appearance at the debate at the last minute due to a family emergency. However, the two candidates for Separate School Trustee did not shy away from a sometimes heated, but ever so civil debate.

Current Trustee Derrick Presse insisted that a trustee's first and main priority rests on parental participation. "My only goal is to represent the parents," he said. "Parents are the lost part of the process. Father Wilhelm does not understand what a parent and child go through."

His fellow candidate, Father Wilhelm, argued that a trustee does not need to fulfill a biological need of parenting a child to do an effective job. "As a shepherd of my people, I have an obligation to promote and develop Catholic policies and education," he pointed out. "Listening involves not just listening to the parents but to everyone involved in a child's education."

In the end, it was perhaps a good thing that nearly all of the candidates had brochures or pamphlets they could hand out to the audience to illustrate their platforms and campaign promises.

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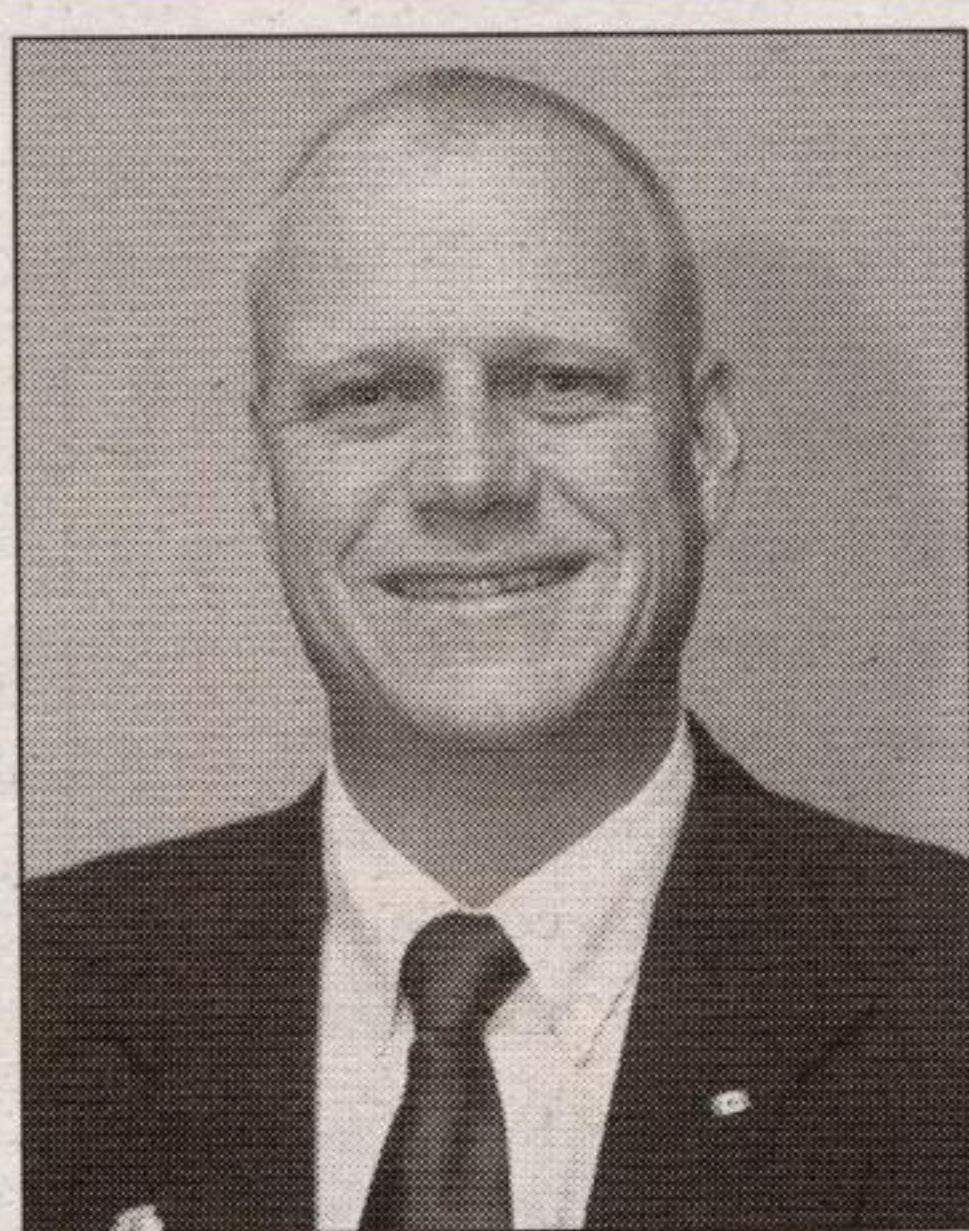
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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A NEW COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton passed By-law Number 144-2003 on October 20, 2003 in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. Any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect to this By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Milton not later than November 12, 2003 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection. The fee prescribed by the Ontario Municipal Board shall accompany the appeal.

LOCATION OF THE LANDS AFFECTED

This By-law affects all lands within the Town of Milton, with the exception of those lands that are within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, which are subject to development control administered by the Niagara Escarpment Commission pursuant to the Niagara Escarpment Planning & Development Act and the properties listed below:

- 1003 Derry Road East (Concession 8 NS, Part Lot 11)
- 3 Mill Street (Martin Survey Block 2, Part Lots 3 & 4)
- 11 Mill Street (Martin Survey Block 2, Part Lots 3, 4 & 5); and,
- 2 Victoria Street (Martin Survey Block A., Part Lots 6 & 7).

Comprehensive Zoning By-law 144-2003 affects all lands within the Town of Milton with the exception of those exceptions noted above. For this reason no key map has been provided.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF MILTON

this 24th day of October, 2003

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Prior to the passage of By-law 144-2003, zoning controls for all properties in the Town of Milton were contained within By-law 61-85. The purpose of By-law 144-2003 is to replace By-law 61-85 with a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law that is intended to:

- implement the 1997 Town of Milton Official Plan;
- improve and streamline the administration of zoning in the Town;
- ensure that new development is appropriately regulated; and,
- provide flexibility, where required and where appropriate, to encourage additional economic development.

The effect of the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law is to place zoning controls on the majority of the lands within the Town of Milton

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