

10-year plan to strengthen health care

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Last Friday, September 17, at a First Minister's meeting, the Prime Minister announced \$41.2 billion over the next 10 years of new federal funding in support of the action plan on health. The new funding will be used to strengthen ongoing federal health support provided through the Canada Health Transfer (CHT), meeting the recommendations from the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada, to ensure Canadians have timely access to essential health care services.

"A long-term plan for sustainable health care has been reached," says M.P. Gary Carr, "this is great news for Halton".

Highlights of the new funding programme are:

A total of \$3 billion will be invested, providing \$1 billion in 2004-05 and \$2 billion in 2005-06 through a supplement to the provinces and territories, closing the short-term "Romanow gap".

The new CHT level will also reflect an additional \$500 million in 2005-06, which will help home care services and catastrophic drug coverage.

A new CHT base at \$19 billion will be established in 2005-06 exceeding that recommended in the Romanow Report.

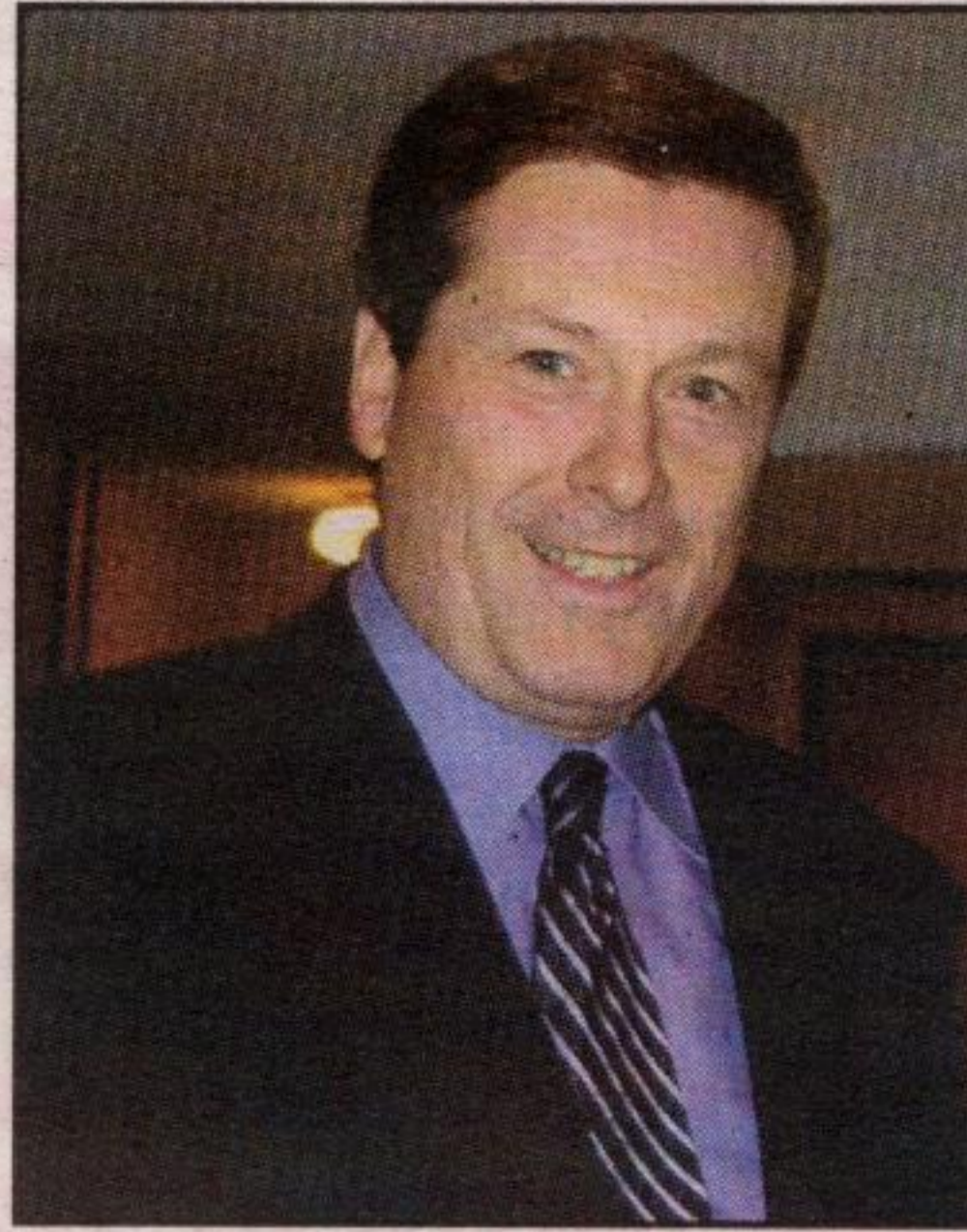
An escalator of 6% will be applied to the new CHT effective 2006-07.

An investment of \$4.5 billion over the next six years, beginning in 2004-05, in the Wait Times Reduction Fund. In 2010-11, \$250 million ongoing will be added to the CHT base primarily for health human resources.

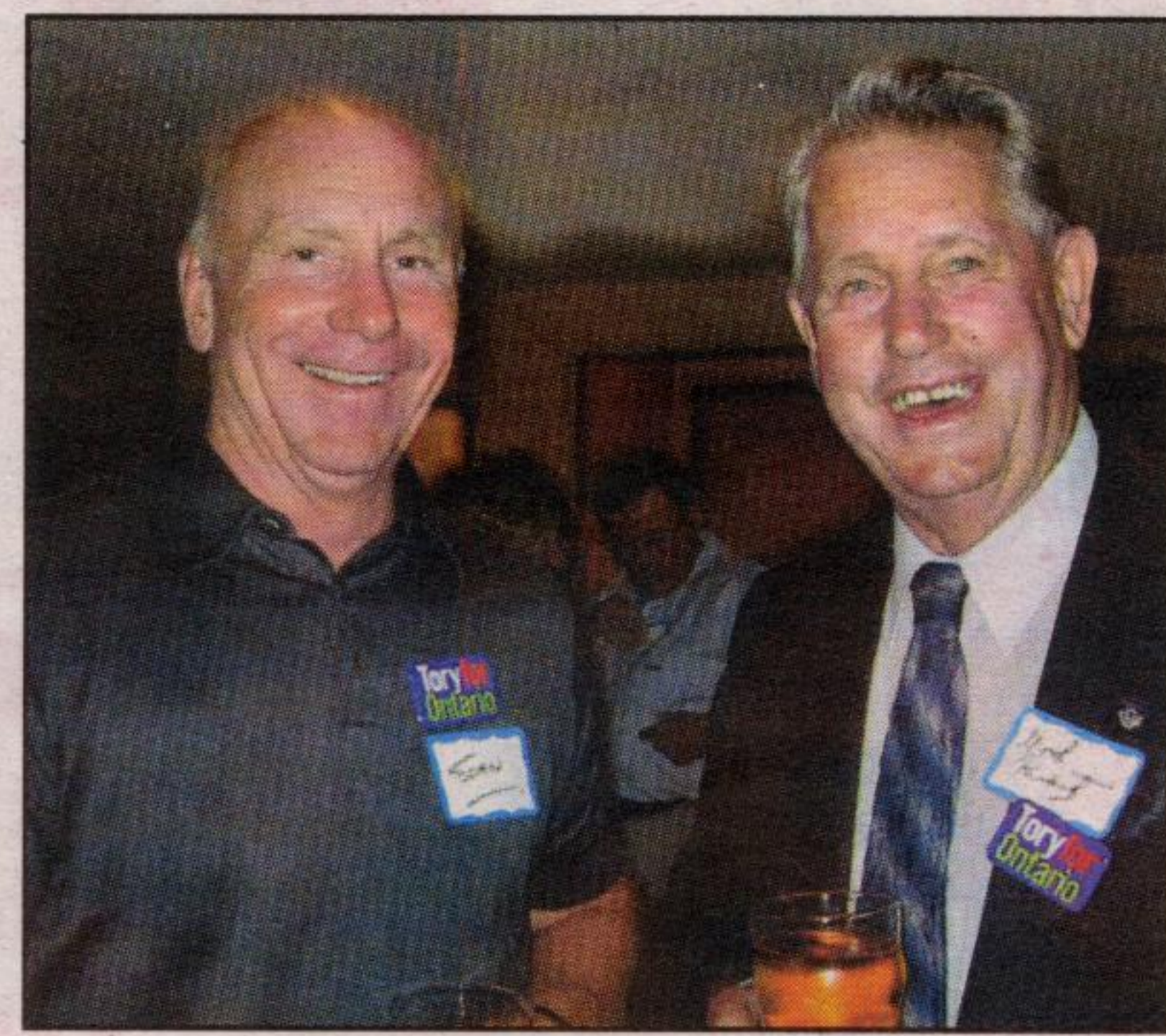
A further investment of \$500 million in Medical Equipment, and \$700 million over five years to improve the health of Aboriginal people through a series of new federal commitments.

"This deal is a testament to the commitment of all the First Ministers to putting the health care of Canadians first," says Gary Carr, M.P. for Halton. "I believe that the constituents of Halton will benefit from this deal, as it ensures a better-funded system and will produce better results for all Canadians."

Tory meets with Tories



John Tory speaking at the North Halton Golf and Country Club before his election to head the Conservative Party of Ontario.



Former cabinet minister John Snobelen and Milton Mayor Gord Krantz show their support.



Milton Town Councillor Brian Penman with his mother, wife Heather and Councillor John Challinor.

Milton Mall expansion

By ANN KORNUA

If you have been to Milton Mall recently you will have noticed the construction underway in the parking lot. Cranes and bulldozers have been marching to the tune of ground-up asphalt being spewed into piles. Parking frustrations have been created by the fact that the back entrance that opens onto Nippissing Road is blocked off completely. This is paving the way for a future road merger that will combine the parking lots of Loblaws and the Milton Mall into one large accessible unit.

Why do this? Anyone who has ever walked across Nippissing Road from the Mall to Loblaws understands that it's all about safety. The Mall entrance onto Nippissing through the parking lot and onto Childs Drive has always been a short cut used by many people. Students from the high school use it everyday as do seniors. The new changes will also benefit people who come to the mall for shopping since it means more available parking and safer access to Loblaws without dodging traffic.

Milton Mall has put the safety of its patrons first with this construction plan.

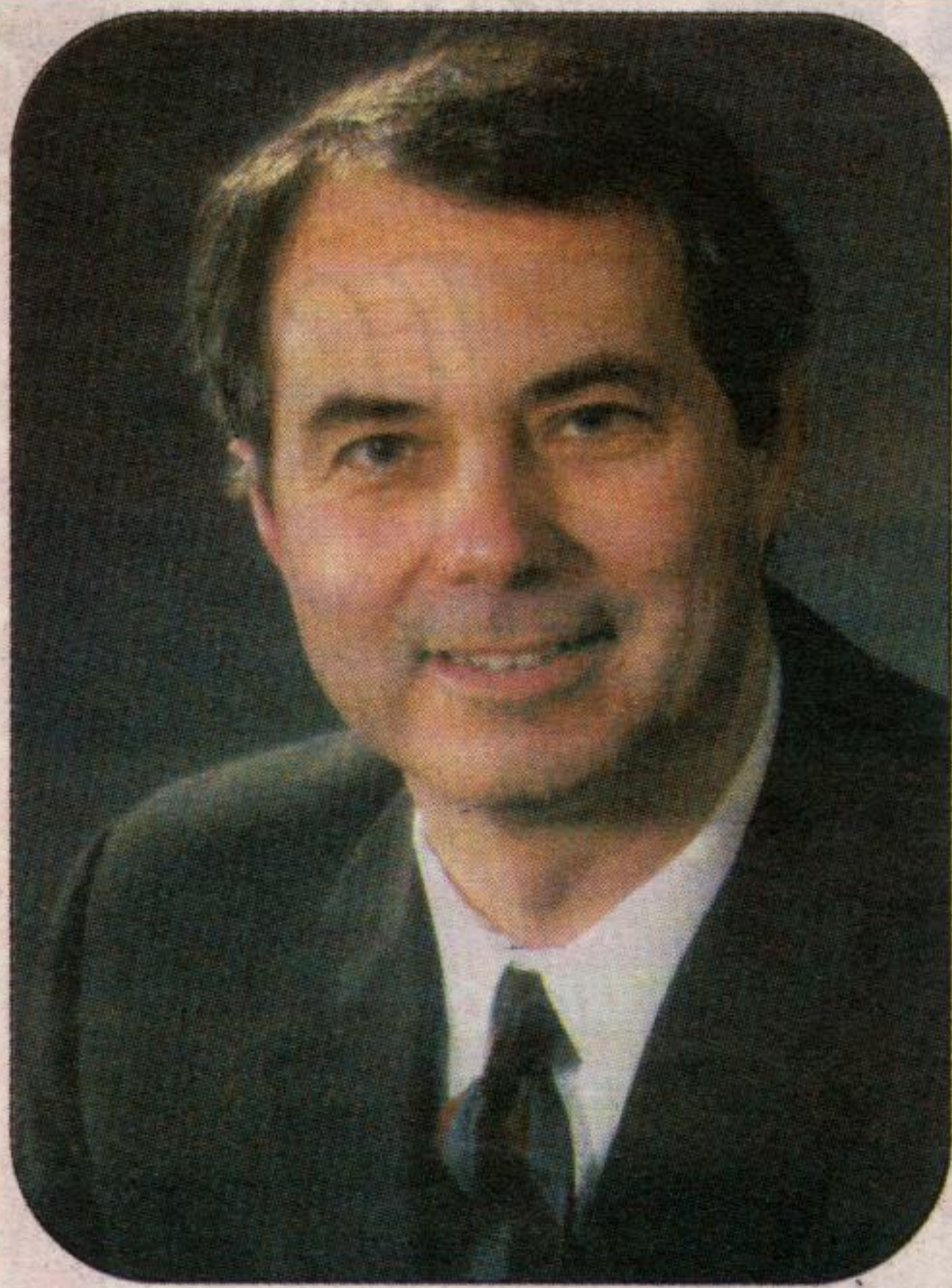
An evening to remember...

Come reminisce this fall on Saturday September 25 when Kory Livingstone will be the featured entertainer at the Hearthside Dinner & Music Series at the Halton Region Museum. As Juno Nominee in 2000 for "Best Jazz Performer", Kory is an accomplished artist, thrilling audiences with his music for over a generation. Accompanying Kory on sax will be Kevin Goss.

Now in its sixth year, the Hearthside Dinner & Music Series is one of a number of initiatives that the Halton Museum Foundation has established to assist with the building of a new Artifact Centre at the Halton Region Museum located in Kelso Conservation Area, Milton.

This fund-raising evening includes dinner at 7:00 pm. followed by the evening's entertainment until 11:00 pm. Tickets are only \$40 per person and are advanced ticket sales only. A cash bar will be available. Call 905-875-2200 ext. 21 to reserve.

More information on this and other special events can be found on the Museum's website: www.region.halton.on.ca/museum/newsevents.



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