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**Knocking on doors to save lives**  
**The Rural Smoke Alarm Program**

By ANN KORNUA

Milton Fire Department is gearing up for their rural fire alarm program to help promote fire safety in homes across North Halton. It is all a part of their program to reduce fire casualties.

"It's exciting," Fire Chief Larry Brassard commented. "For years, this has been a solid program in the urban areas and now we are going to bring it to the rural parts of the region." The North Halton rural areas are difficult to reach due to the size of the area. Under the new plan, part time fire fighters are knocking on every door to ask if the fire alarm is working. "We have not had a rural smoke alarm program in the past since most of our full time fire fighters work in the urban areas and we just could not reach the entire area. We want to get in touch with our rural community," Larry explained.

In Ontario 70% of all fatal fires in dwellings had no smoke detectors or the batteries were dead. Smoke alarms are required in all homes today as a result. A person has less than sixty seconds to react and get out of the home when a fire alarm goes off. It is important to plan for a fire and have an action plan ready. The fire department recommends that you should be aware and be ready. Some of the largest causes of fatal fires in homes today come from smoking in bed, unattended cooking and the growing popularity of candles.

Chief Prevention Officer Doug Shortt will be one of the people visiting rural homes this summer. "This program is for the safety of the resident. It is in the best interests of your family to say hello and let us in to check your smoke alarm," Doug explained. "We will then test the alarm to see if the batteries are working and replace them free of charge if they are dead. If we find out you do not have a smoke alarm, we will give you one free of charge." Milton's Home Hardware donated the fire alarms used to distribute to the homes across the North Halton Area.

The program runs from July 9 to Thanksgiving, starting in Eden Mills and working back towards the station. For more information about the rural fire alarm program, call Doug Shortt at 905-878-9251.

**Garth Turner returns to Campbellville**  
**Conservative candidate in Halton makes good on his campaign promise**

Garth Turner is coming home. The former Nassagaweya resident, and owner of several landmark properties in the picturesque hamlet of Campbellville, is moving back into the community, fulfilling a promise he made during the recent Conservative Party candidate selection process for the federal riding of Halton.

Turner and his wife Dorothy have purchased a home in the heart of the hamlet, and are scheduled to take up residence there in early August.

The Member of Parliament for the former riding of Halton-Peel found himself living in another district after electoral boundaries were redrawn, and made the commitment when he ran in the nomination to relocate, if selected. Turner served as area MP for five years, during which he also ran for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party, and served as the federal Minister of National Revenue.

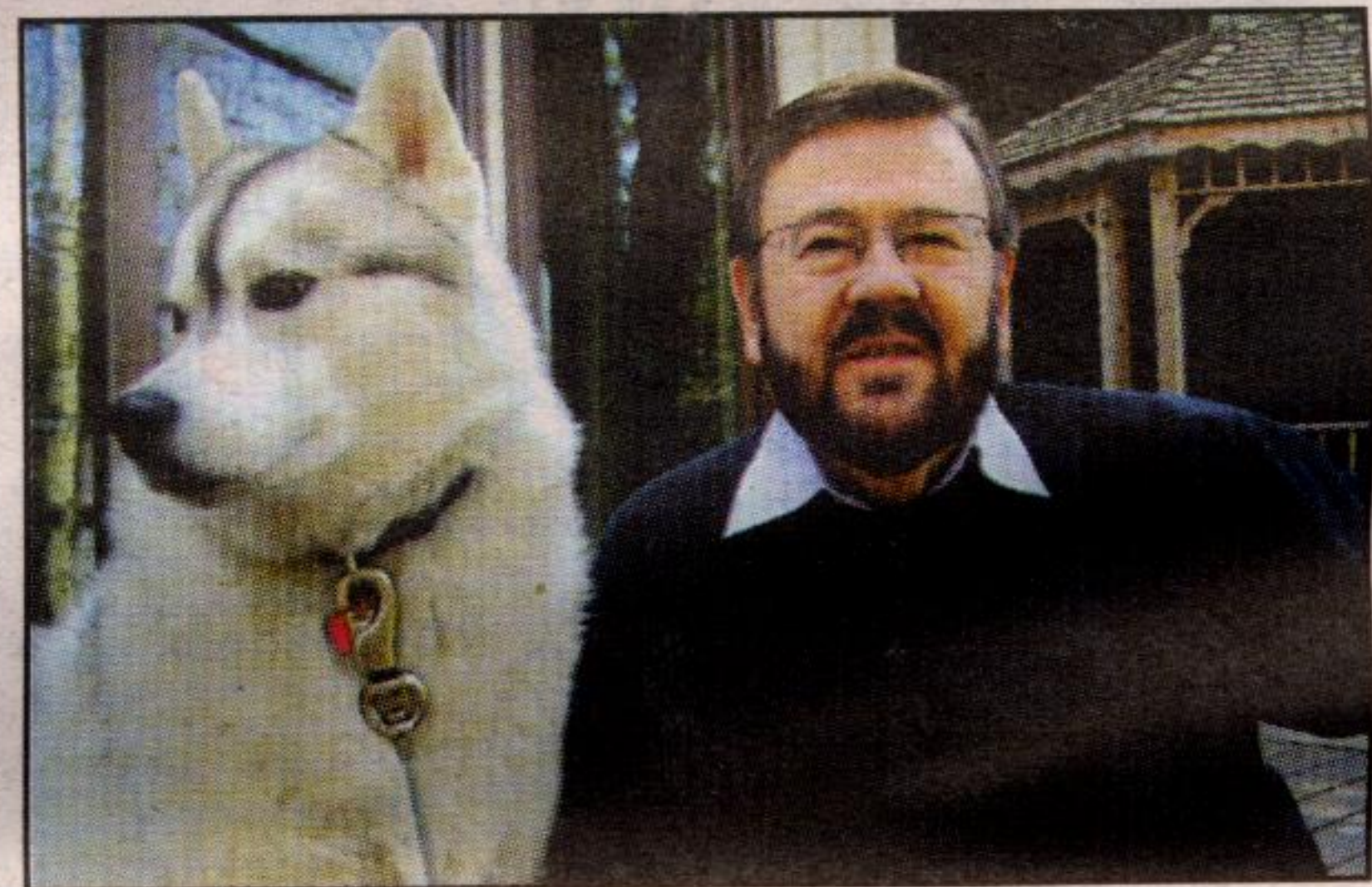
"Dorothy and I are leaving our country home of the past number of years with some reluctance," Turner says. "There is certainly an attachment when you build your own place, and in a setting such as we had, on the banks of the Credit River. But we really look forward to being with our friends in the Campbellville area again. Many of our best memories are of working, and doing business, in that thriving community, and the escarpment lands of Nassagaweya."

Turner also says as the timing of the next federal election is uncertain, he feels Campbellville and rural Milton are the ideal spots to be located in to properly serve a riding as large and diverse as Halton.

"I have represented this area before in the House of

Commons," Turner says, "and I well understand the nature of the communities here, in Milton, and in the bustling portions of Oakville and Burlington which make up this riding. The MP for Halton has to be accessible 24/7, ready to deal with all manner of issues. This move will put me in exactly the right spot. I hope it also underscores my total and undivided commitment to the coming election campaign and, especially, my role afterwards."

Since last serving as Halton-Peel's Member of Parliament, Garth Turner has become familiar to most Canadians as a television broadcaster, best-selling author, financial lecturer and syndicated newspaper columnist. He also an experienced entrepreneur, as founder and CEO of a busy television production company with studios in Toronto, and founder and CEO of a hospitality and tourism company with four heritage locations in Caledon.



Garth Turner with his dog Cheka

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