

Bryan Lewis throws his hat into local politics

Longtime Halton Hills resident Bryan Lewis has decided to enter the political arena by announcing he'll run for the position of local councillor - Ward Two.

Lewis has lived in rural Halton for the past 27 years. Prior to that he lived with his family, growing up on Normandy Boulevard in Georgetown. His father, the late Erwin Lewis was a former Georgetown fire chief. His mother, the late Peg Lewis was active on the Georgetown Recreation Commission (GRC).

Bryan was educated at both Acton and

Georgetown District High Schools with primary grades at Chapel Street and Wrigglesworth Public Schools in Georgetown.

He has been active in Hornby Minor Softball and Pineview Soccer programs over the years, along with Minor Hockey within Georgetown. During the past year Lewis was recognized within the Hockey Community and received the Hockey Heritage Award. He is currently chairman of the Central Esqueping Ratepayers Association. He's also referee-in-chief of the National Hockey League (NHL).

Lewis says he's entering the political scene to ensure the concerns of the rural communities are being heard at Halton Hills Council. "The veil of secrecy must be removed when dealing with rural issues," Lewis stated. "Residents of rural Halton seem to suffer through intrusions generated from within the larger communities of Halton. A fair return for the tax dollar investment made by rural residents, is essential."

Lewis says he would like to address some of the most serious rural issues such as: the

safety of railway crossings within the rural areas; road conditions both during the winter and summer months; the impact of water extraction from rural areas to service new residential growth; the creeping of significant residential growth into the farming community; the ability of non-Halton residents to purchase farms and create a "dumping site" for waste materials.

Bryan, his wife Elaine and daughter Alyson reside at RR 3, Georgetown.

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Fourth Line gates by Christmas

Reed gets verbal promise

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The New Tanner

Federal Transport Minister David Collette has promised there will be safety gates at the Fourth Line railway crossing by Christmas.

Halton MP Julian Reed says he got a verbal commitment from the minister to fast track the application for gates at the crossing which claimed the lives of three young Acton men two weeks ago and of a trucker a year ago.

"They'll be in place by Christmas," Reed said. "If the gates had been in place the kids would have seen them. My heart goes out to the parents. I'm a parent myself and it's (the fatal accident) a devastating thing."

Reed said it's sad that most crossing, except divided, elevated ones, aren't safe. While the federal government has been doing a review of all the railway crossings in Canada action on improvements has not yet happened.

Reed noted safety arms were installed on a crossing near Campbellville not long ago when it was pointed out that the site was a disaster just waiting to happen.

Fourth Line residents have told him traffic levels have increased greatly over the

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