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Garth Tanner's hat in Tory ring

Well-known broadcaster, author, speaker, and entrepreneur Garth Turner is back in federal politics, declaring his intention to seek the nomination for the new Conservative Party in Wellington-Halton Hills.

The new riding includes the communities of Acton, Georgetown, Erin, Hillsburgh, Rockwood, Fergus, Elora and Puslinch, and its MP will be an addition to the House of Commons following a federal election widely expected to be called within the next three months.

Turner served as Member of Parliament for the former riding of Halton-Peel until 1993, and was also the federal Minister of National Revenue. Since then he has written several best-selling books, become a popular television personality and launched successful companies in the media and hospitality industries. He is CEO of Toronto-based Millennium



GARTH TURNER

Media Television, producers of TV shows for several networks, and also CEO of Caledon-based Credit River Company, whose operations include the historic Belfountain Store and Cataract Inn.

A resident of rural Wellington County, Turner is also known as a strong advocate of fiscal responsibility, small business investment and environmental protection. He's a director of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund, spokesman for the

Alzheimer Society of Canada and much sought-after speaker on business and financial affairs.

"We have an exciting new day ahead of us," Turner says, "with a new riding and new federal Conservative Party. Those of us who believe in smaller government, lower taxes, more opportunity and an end to wasteful spending and misguided policies now have a united voice with which to speak. This great opportunity has convinced me the time is right to stand up again federally for those things I've always believed in, and fought for."

Turner, 54, has held senior positions with many media organizations, including CTV. He is the author of several best-selling books and an entrepreneur with a proven track record of success.

"With the right candi-

date, Wellington-Halton Hills is a most winnable riding for the Conservative Party," Turner says. "It's time people here were brought back into the political process."

A hallmark of Turner's time as Member of Parliament was the holding of more than 70 public Town Hall meetings, allowing residents constant access to their representative.

Town Hall Meetings schedule to date:

Erin Town Hall Meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 7pm at the Erin Community Centre, Dundas Street.

Georgetown Town Hall Meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 7pm at the Mold-Masters Sportsplex (formerly Gordon Alcott Arena), Guelph Street.

Rockwood Town Hall Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 7pm at the Rockwood Town Hall, 191 Main Street.

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Second dog bite victim worries about missing dog

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

The second of three Acton men bitten by a German Shepherd dog, deemed dangerous and now missing, has a scar to remind him of the dog's vicious attack.

Frederick Street resident Rheel Gosselin read with dread the account in last week's The New Tanner of

the Shepherd's attack on Acton's Kurt Bowman Gosselin.

Like Bowman, attacked on January 10 as he walked past the owner's home, Gosselin said the dog's attack on him on Thanksgiving was sudden and unexpected.

"I drive a truck for a living and I was sitting on that damn thing (the bite wound) until it healed," Gosselin said on Friday, adding the bite became infected, leaving him with a three-or-four-inch scar.

Gosselin reported the attack to police and the Town after getting no satisfaction from the Shepherd's owners, and questions why the dog was able to attack a third time.

"After the first or second bite, which was me, the dog should have been quarantined and investigated, instantly. Like, what if it had been a pit bull? He would have been gone, or shot, instantly," Gosselin said, adding, "one bite is bad enough," and the owners don't deserve to have a dog.

"I don't want to see the dog come after some little kid," Gosselin said, adding the Town investigation into the attacks moved too slowly.

The first attack occurred in late summer and involved a grandfather, was walking past the Shepherd with a small dog on a lead,

and a child on a bicycle. The man and child were knocked to the ground when the Shepherd came at the small dog that slipped its leash.

The grandfather required stitches for a bite, and the incident was reported to the Town.

On Tuesday, Halton Hills municipal bylaw enforcement officer Bob Ustrzycki said the German Shepherd was deemed dangerous last Thursday, and anyone who sees it should call Animal Control at 905-877-6235. The young dog has been missing since the last attack, thwarting Halton health department efforts to impose a mandatory 10-day quarantine because of the bite.

Ustrzycki said the police and the Humane Society are aware the dangerous dog is missing.

"We can't do anything else, than that," he said, adding The New Tanner story notified the public about the dog and the Town would not be making any notice "at this time."

Under the Town's Responsible Pet Owners bylaw, the dangerous dog designation includes a number of conditions for the dog, including a muzzle and secure pen, and obedience training and adequate public liability insurance for the owner.

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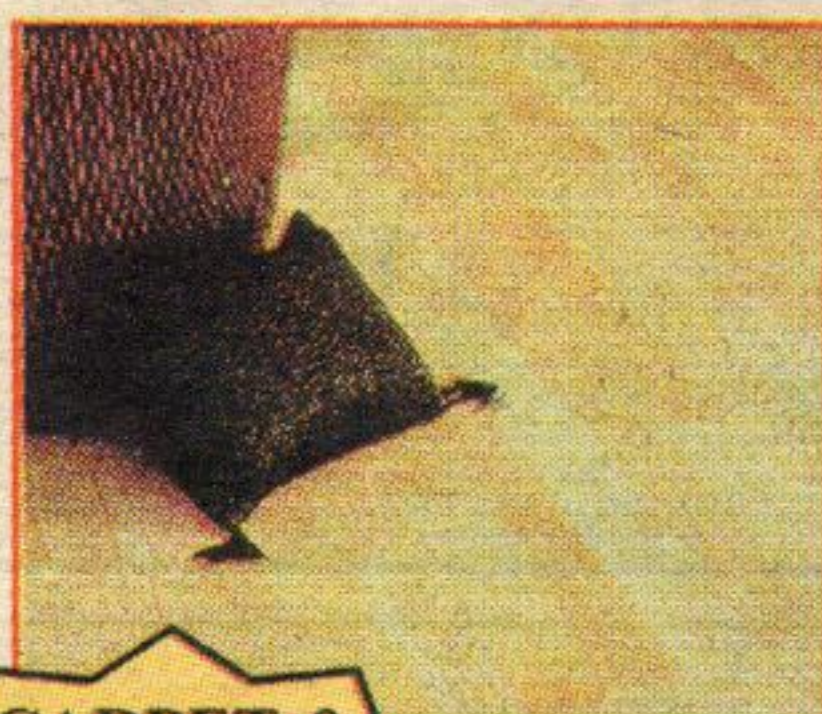
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