

Jackson wins NDP nomination

Unwilling to sit back and grumble about the government, Jay Jackson decided to do something about it.

"I've watched what has been going on in our society and I have come to the conclusion that you have to take control and be part of the process if you want anything to change," he said.

The Norval resident will get that opportunity as he was chosen as the Halton NDP candidate for the next federal election. Jackson, who has worked in the photography department of Sheridan College for 20 years, defeated Jo Anne Hearne of Georgetown at Thursday's nomination meeting in Glen Williams.



JAY JACKSON

This is not Jackson's first venture into politics. He ran for Halton Hills council in Ward 2 in the last municipal election. Jackson is also chair of the Halton Hills Public Library Board and is the former chair of the Halton Information Network (HALINET).

"Sitting on a public board you get a lot of experience in finding out what people want," Jackson said. "With the boards I've been involved with we've been successful in doing that."

Jackson also brings extensive trade union experience to his campaign. He holds several officer positions with the Ontario Public Service Union (OPSEU), including president of his local. He is also on committees for Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) and National Union of Government Employees (NUPGE) that work toward improving the working conditions for education workers at the provincial and national levels.

Although the NDP finished a distant fourth in the Halton-Peel riding in the last election, Jackson said the NDP is in a good position to return to prominence on the Canadian political scene.

"There's an uneasiness among the electorate. The Tories and the Liberals are more or less the same. What people are seeking is choice. The New Democrats represent the people—your general taxpayer."

Jackson said while he is still planning his campaign, he does know how he wants it to begin.

"What I would like to do is speak to the people in the riding and hear their views," he said. "They need to be listened to. They need representation in the highest office that makes social policy."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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MARCH WINNERS:

March 4	\$100.	Tyler Winter, Milton
March 6	\$25.	Bill Stokes, Campville
March 8	\$50.	Ralda Walters, Georgetown
March 10	\$25.	Larry Rutledge, Clinton
March 12	\$25.	Beverley Rogers, Acton
March 14	\$50.	Susan Sinclair, Acton
March 17	\$100.	Bill Thompson, Acton
March 18	\$25.	Betty June Danylchuk, Collingwood
March 20	\$25.	Carl Taylor, Milton
March 21	\$100.	Peter Walker, Milton
March 22	\$50.	Terratec Environmental Ltd., Oakville
March 24	\$25.	Al McFadden, Guelph
March 26	\$25.	Patti Rockey & Lisa Schnick, St. Catharines

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