

TIM DOBSON

(Canadian Alliance)



Age: 44

Fast facts: • Milton resident

- chemist, graduate of McMaster University, 1978
- manager of chemistry department at Ontario Power Generation

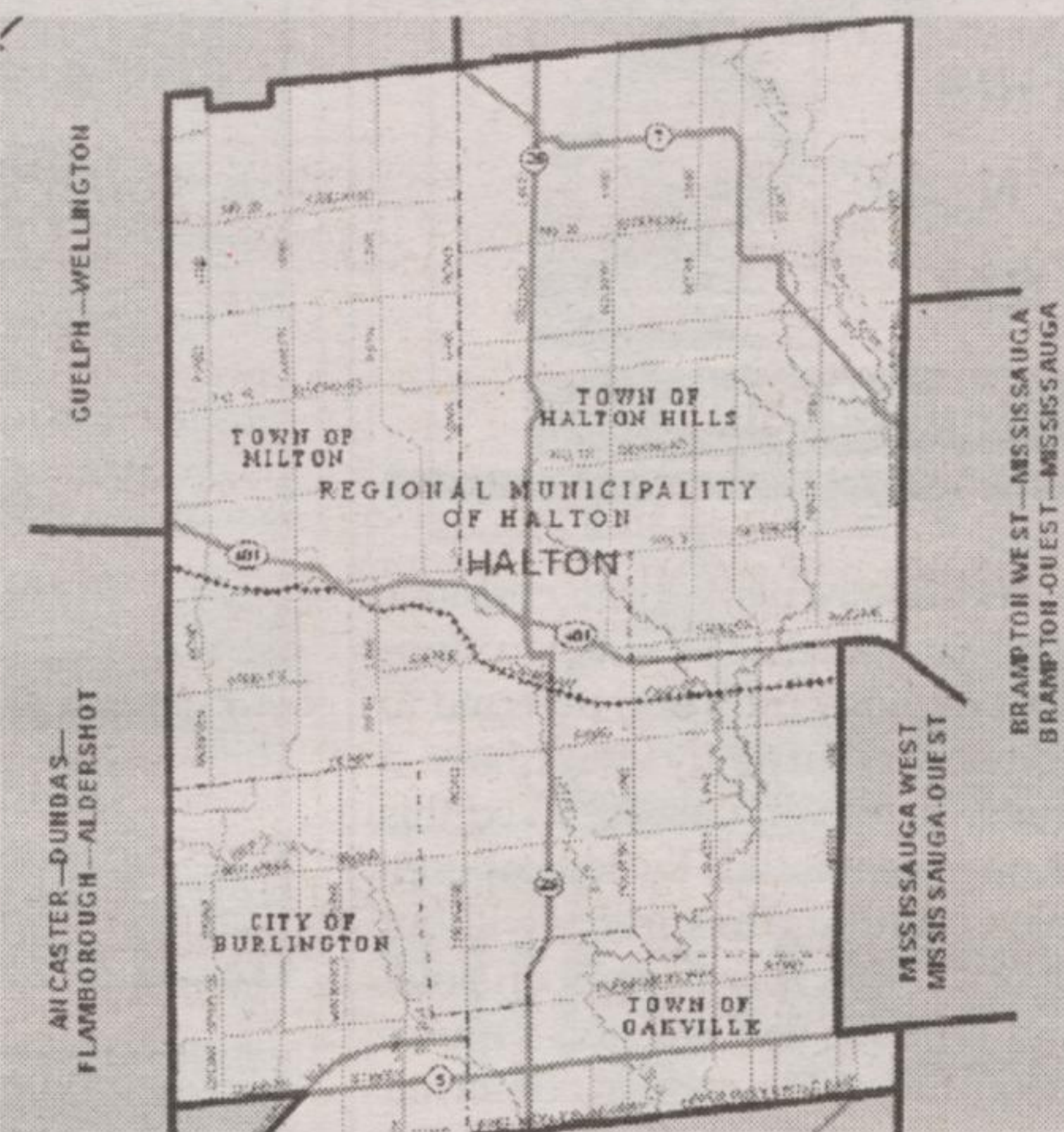
Power Generation

- divorced, two boys, Andrew and Jamie
- was a Reform party member in 1993-1994
- joined Alliance to support Tom Long
- won the party's nomination by 10 votes
- as a child spent five years in Ghana, West Africa

Quote-unquote

"I tend to be pretty polite myself and I'm trying to run a very civil campaign...It was the tax issue more than anything else that brought me to start working with the Alliance...I've never met anyone that enjoys paying the GST and we'd like to do away with it....The (PM) is facing some very, very serious corruption allegations in his own riding and he's not responding to them."

Election 2000



The Independent and Free Press editorial department sat down with the five federal election candidates for the riding of Halton and asked them six questions. On this page and page 9 we have reprinted their responses. As well, we provide for you on this page a brief personal snapshot of each candidate.

JULIAN REED

(Liberal)



Age: 64

Fast facts: • Norval resident

- married to Deanna for 40 years, three grown children, Chris, Rob and Melanie
- 7 years as MP for Halton-Peel then Halton
- 10 years as MPP for Halton Centre
- served on the House of Commons' environmental and natural resource committees and as parliamentary secretary to the foreign affairs and international trade ministers

• laughed off the fact that Jean Chrétien called him "Mr. Green" during recent visit to Halton. He said in Ottawa he's known as "Mr. Ethanol".

Quote-unquote

"I think there has got to be a debate about how we want to be taxed. Do we want to be taxed with a consumption tax, or do we not?...I thought the longer Stockwell Day was in the House asking questions the worse he looked."

TOM ADAMS

(Green Party)



Age: 26

Fast facts: • Oakville resident

- common-law wife Stephanie, no children
- chemical engineering degree and finance MBA
- is a risk management professional in the banking industry

• previously worked as a chemical engineer on alternative fuels and renewable energy

• used to be a Tory, switched because he didn't feel they were looking out for future generations

• joined the Green Party year and a half ago

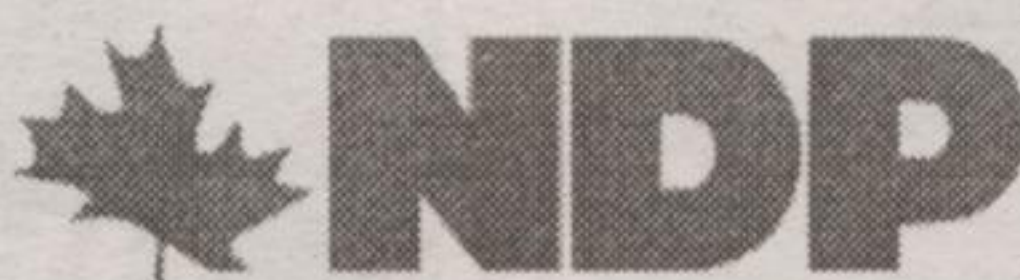
• always had an interest in environmental issues and when he was 15 worked on a solar car project at the University of Ottawa

Quote-unquote

"In comparison to other parties we're much smaller. Our electoral system doesn't allow us as a national party to effectively take seats in any riding....We take several percentage of the vote in any riding that we run in— and that's across Canada."

BRENDA DOLLING

(NDP)



Age: 56

Fast facts: • North Burlington resident

- single, no children
- retired elementary teacher
- past president of Halton Elementary Teachers' Association

• B.A. McMaster, M.Ed. Brock

• chair of Halton Coalition for Social Justice

• two years volunteer service in Africa

• started Halton chapter of the Raging Grannies

• NDP member for almost 30 years

• spent 26 hours in jail last year after being charged with mischief in a demonstration in Ottawa. Judge dismissed the charges.

Quote-unquote

"I retired two years early (1998) because I was so upset at what the provincial government was doing to the education system...I'm surprised the other candidates haven't come (to all-candidates' meetings) as prepared as I thought they would have."

TOM KILMER

(Progressive Conservative)



Age: 52

Fast facts: • Georgetown resident, previously lived in Milton, before moving to Halton Hills in 1980

• married to Pam, with three children, Claire, Glenn and Andy

• professional engineer, has MBA, owns Kilmer Environmental in Mississauga with his wife

• was the PC candidate in the riding during the 1994 election

Quote-unquote

"I feel the provincial Conservative party has put this province on the map...There is a huge undecided— at least 50 per cent...I'm a Tory by conviction, not by convenience. I absolutely have no use for any Western protest parties, what I consider the Alliance to be. It's nothing but the Reform in sheep's clothing."

Development and traffic congestion are key issues in Halton. How can the federal government control growth and ensure congested roads are not overburdened further?	In the course of this campaign what, in your opinion, have voters indicated is the most important issue to them and why?	Canada has a record multi-billion surplus. What do you believe should be done with this money?	What would you and your party do to ensure universal health care is preserved?	Ignoring party lines, what is your personal stand on the following three issues: (1) abortion (2) capital punishment (3) marijuana law reform?	Was this election necessary?
Julian Reed, Liberal					
<p>"Two things. One is...the infrastructure program which is a co-operative effort among the federal, provincial and municipal governments. The business of road improvements is one of the elements for infrastructure. But the choices that are made are made by the municipalities...The other thing has been...improving rail transportation, both passenger and freight. (Transportation Minister David Collenette's) thrust is into rail improvement and to get an expanded piggy back (intermodal) system."</p>	<p>"The major thing that seems to be overriding everything else is health care... There's the question of the vision various parties have concerning government involvement in investing in people. For instance the Alliance wants to do away with agencies like ACOA (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency) in eastern Canada...CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) would be gone...The Alliance would do away with all those HRDC programs, the ones that resulted in so much criticism in the House." "First of all there is a little</p>	<p>bit of misunderstanding of this "surplus." Any surplus in a coming year that comes after a budget goes to pay down debt, what you're dealing with is the next year's projected surplus...The full restoration of health care funding, that's a priority...The next priority is (having) the debt paid off... because it is the best hedge against a rainy day. Since we started some surplusing we've paid down \$28 billion off the debt...The third element is tax relief."</p>	<p>"The investment in health care and the decisions are a function of consultation with the provinces. The province raises its share of monies for health care and administers the system, the federal portion is not that large. But the feds have got to retain control of enough pursestrings to keep the standards in place... We will do as Paul Martin has said...as the economy can bear it we will do better."</p>	<p>"(1) Pro choice. (2) I'm an abolitionist. (3) I think there should be an open debate on marijuana — centred in the Health Committee in Ottawa — that should include people who are experts medically and people who are experts socially...There has been a lot of misinformation about marijuana...I don't know enough about marijuana to make a judgment call, but I do think it has to be discussed in a public forum...For medical purposes, of course...We've got to get over the hangups about it and treat it objectively."</p>	<p>"We found ourselves in an unprecedented position. We came from a near bankruptcy situation in 1993 to finally seeing the light of day in 1998 and all of a sudden it's mushroomed— the revenue stream has mushroomed, the economy has mushroomed— the question is what do we do with it? I think the prime minister for better or worse said here's our platform, here's what we represent, here's our vision of Canada. It's for the people to decide...I didn't think it would be called until the spring..."</p>