

Q-and-A: Milton

As part of its comprehensive coverage of the provincial election, the Champion invited each of the Milton riding candidates to weigh in on a particular issue. This is the first in a three-part question-and-answer with your local candidates.

TRANSIT: Due to limited park and frequency of service, commuters in Milton are often forced to drive outside of the community to access GO Transit. If elected, what would you and your party do to fast track increased daily train service and access to this important public service?

**Parm Gill
PC**

Over the past 15 years, Milton has seen many announcements but no action at our GO station.

There have been announcements made to expand the parking lot and bring more service here. Yet, we haven't seen any re-

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sults.

We will take action and continually invest in all-day GO train service.

Milton is growing and we need to ensure there is a representative at Queen's Park who will not just make announcements but get results.

**Eleanor Hayward
Green**

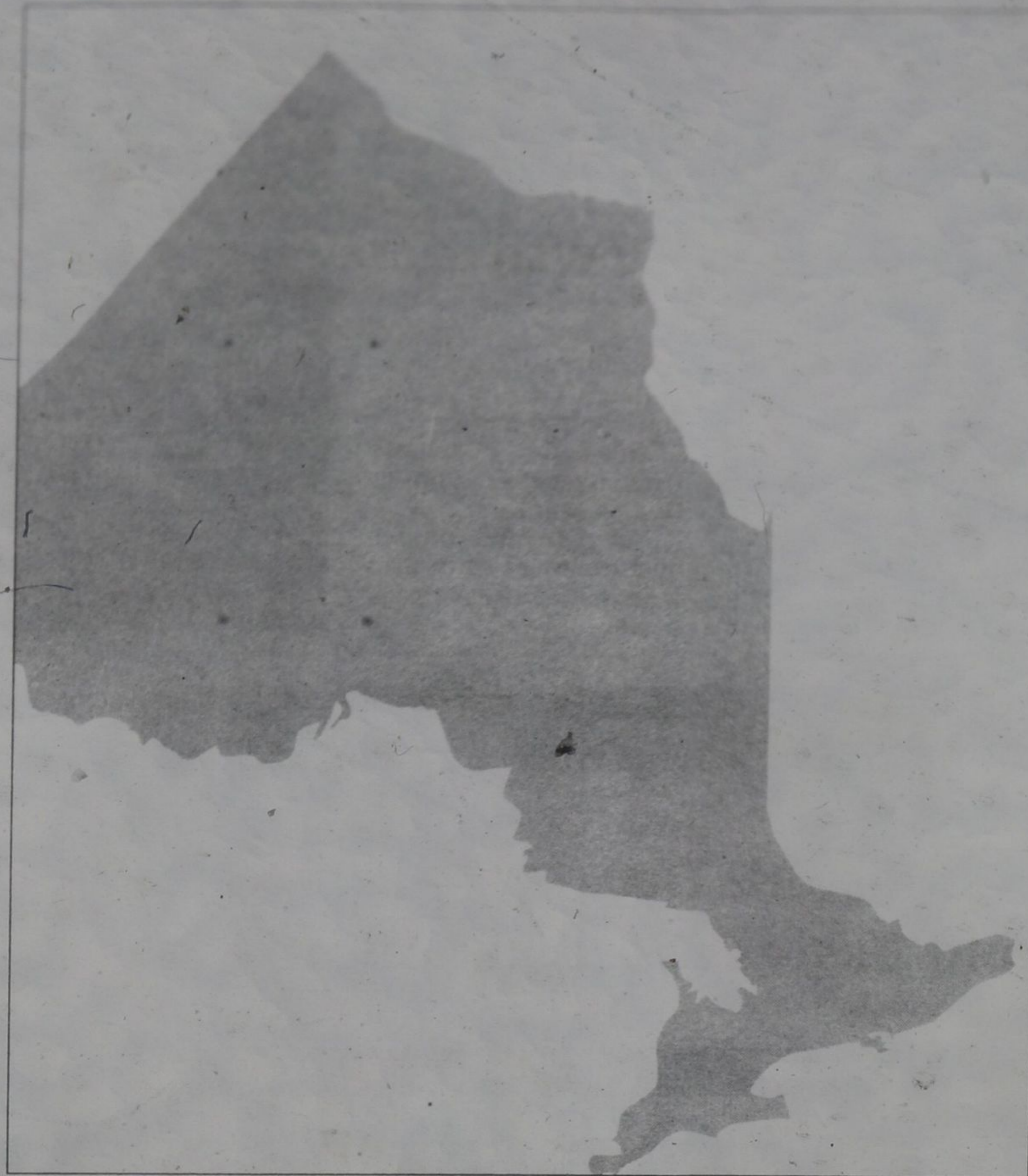
Thank you for the opportunity to address an issue that is front of mind for many Milton residents this election.

We know that our current transit system is not working efficiently. It is essential that Ontario's transit system is affordable, reliable, and convenient.

I support the rapid electrification of passenger rail service and expansion of all-day two-way GO service. We support prioritizing low-cost high-performance rail in the short-term as the province plans long term for higher cost, high-speed rail projects.

I intend to ensure urban rapid transit projects feature effective integration with local transit services, especially with a new Laurier university campus slated on the other side of town from the Milton GO Station - it's hard to imagine the current 25-year time frame will meet those extra needs effectively.

Sometimes I hear discussed a new GO station at



Tremaine Road, but this is not likely as it would be so close to the Escarpment. However, a station on Trafalgar at Highway 401 is proposed and I would pursue this as a potential solution with Metrolinx.

For new transit pro-

jects, I support the establishment of transparent, expert-recognized methods for making investment decisions and will commit to sharing the analysis and data used therein with the public. A properly funded and thoughtfully planned

transit system is good for communities and local economies.

**Indira Naidoo-Harris
Liberal**

I have been a commuter from Milton for close to 20 years and I know how challenging the commute can

be. That's why I have been working tirelessly to transform public transit for Milton families.

I am committed to bringing two-way, all-day GO train service to Milton residents but it's challenging since Metrolinx does not own the entire Milton corridor rail line. We are working with our partners to improve service on the Milton line and have added more than 40 trips a week.

Currently, commuters requiring two-way all-day service are able to access it 15 minutes away at the Oakville GO station. Within the next five years, we are moving forward with 15-minute peak-time rail service in Milton.

Recently, the Liberal government announced a massive expansion of the Milton GO Station. This includes 850 additional parking spaces, a new station building and passenger pickup zones.

In addition, we are expanding Highway 401 between Mississauga and Milton from six lanes to 12. And, we have added more GO bus service between Milton and the GTA.

We are transforming the way people travel across the province by investing \$21.3 billion to GO Transit, including more GO bus trips from Milton to Cambridge and increasing trips on the Milton line to 30 per cent.

As your MPP, I will continue to fight for more transit for Milton families.

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