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## Health doc would fight any change on chlorine

By STEVE LeBLANC  
 Special to The Champion

The only foolproof way to safeguard Milton's water supply is by disinfecting it with chlorine, says Dr. Bob Nosal.

Dr. Nosal also said that if Milton should somehow gain an exemption to provincial chlorination standards, he would attack that move legally.

At municipal council's general committee meeting Monday, Ward 1 Councillor Brian Penman asked if Dr. Nosal has the authority to appeal a chlorination exemption by the province — should one be forthcoming — and if he would choose to do so.

When given affirmative responses to both inquires, Mr. Penman described the chlorination issue as a contest of jurisdictions.

"I would be willing to assume liability (for potential contamination). We've been doing so for the past 100 years," said Mr. Penman.

Halton's medical officer of health did not deny that alternatives exist to fight water contamination.

He stressed, however, that most are used in addition to chlorine and that by themselves, methods such as ultraviolet radiation and ozone treatment are not 100 per cent effective.

"If the Milton water supply is not chlorinated, there is the real possibility of a significant incident in which people will get sick. Those most at risk of illness include the very young, the very old and those with underlying disease," said Dr. Nosal. "The benefits of chlorine far outweigh the risks."

His comments come on the heels of Milton's request to place a chlorination question on the November 10 municipal election ballot.

Town council had hoped to ask constituents; "Are you in favour of the continuous chlorination of urban Milton's water supply?"

That request was denied at the regional level last Wednesday, without debate, after having been initially

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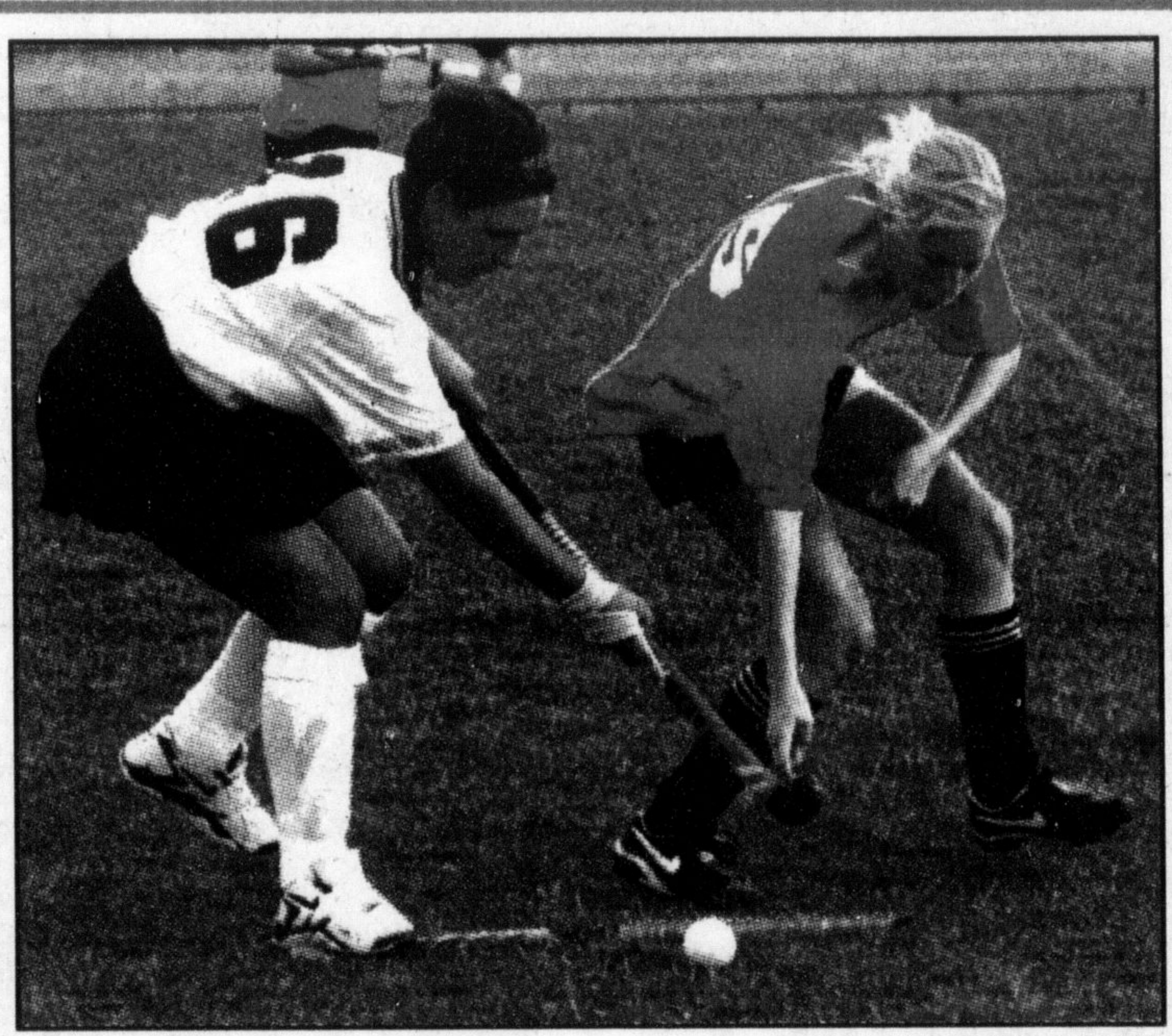


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## The thought was there

Bishop Reding Royal field hockey player Kim Durante (right) seems to continue to stick handle with a St. Thomas Aquinas Raider despite losing her equipment momentarily Wednesday. The Royals lost the home game 1-0.

## Krantz expecting a real tough fight

By KAREN SMITH  
 The Champion

Mayor Gord Krantz said he expects a hard-hitting battle will erupt with regional Councillor Colin Best in this fall's contest for the town's top job.

"It's going to be a race," said Milton's mayor since 1980. "I'm up to winning it. I don't go into anything without a winning attitude."

He said Tuesday he wasn't surprised when Mr. Best announced at Monday night's town council meeting that he is running for mayor in the November municipal election.

"I've been hearing rumours for a month," the mayor said.

He said Councillor Best, the son of late former mayor Brian Best, is the most serious contender he has faced since the late Gus Goutouski ran for mayor in 1982.

With ease, Mayor Krantz has won five straight elections, three times by being acclaimed.

The mayor said his strong leadership ability, experience and proven track record in running the town are his advantages in the race.

He said the next three-year term will represent "trying times" for town council with the expected impact on the property tax base of downloading, the Maplehurst jail expansion and the local growth issue.

He said in scope his campaign will be "whatever it takes to win." But, he added, he's the first to admit he campaigns in his everyday activities, whether or not it's an election year.

To date, no one else has shown interest in running for mayor, but potential candidates have until next Friday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. to file nominations at Town Hall.

## Best throws down gauntlet

### Veteran councillor to challenge Mayor Krantz for town's top job

By KAREN SMITH  
 The Champion

The November municipal election race is heating up after a veteran town councillor announced he is running for mayor.

Regional Councillor Colin Best stood up near the end of Monday night's town council meeting and stated that he would be challenging incumbent Gord Krantz, Milton's longest serving mayor, for the position.

#### Rumours turn out true

Widespread rumours of Mr. Best's mayoral interest were finally validated upon his declaration, which was followed by dead silence.

The 20-year veteran of town council, current regional councillor and son of late former mayor Brian Best tried to keep his mayoral candidacy private up until Monday night.

When confronted with the rumours Monday morning — hours before making his announcement — he told The Champion that he was undecided.

He then apologized to the newspaper Tuesday, saying he wanted to announce his candidacy first to Mr. Krantz and other members of council.

An alternative plan for Milton's future will be the basis of his campaign, Councillor Best said Wednesday.



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**COLIN BEST**

He said he explained to the mayor that his candidacy is "all about choice" but his campaign won't be negative toward the current leadership.

"Many people believe it's time for a change. I'm here to offer people a choice. I'm offering energy and enthusiasm to bring Milton into the next century."

He said he was encouraged by numerous supporters to seek the town's top job.

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#### Looking for fresh blood

Councillor Best said Miltonians have told him they want someone fresh to take initiative and use an innovative approach to tackling key issues, such as provincial downloading, Greater Toronto Area pooling of social services and restructuring of the hospital and municipality.

"The challenge for our community is to serve our customer, the taxpayer, better with no funding from the

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**NEWSLINES**

**Mysterious cable cut plagues phone service**

A fibre-optic cable break yesterday (Thursday) morning left Milton residents with limited telephone service.

At press time, Miltonians were unable to send or receive either long distance or out-of-town calls.

"The cable was reported to be cut at 9 this morning. So far we're not sure how it was cut," said Bell Canada representative Gustafaro Giancos.

Mr. Giancos said due to the size of the cable that was cut, phone service could be limited for up to 48 hours.

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