

# Hunter blasts regional doctor

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**WALLY HUNTER**



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shot down at the committee level the previous week.

While Dr. Nosal stood his ground on the side of chlorination — initially recommended four years ago — councillors were equally adamant about letting Milton residents have their say.

Barked Ward 2 Councillor Wally Hunter, "Let's put this (chlorination question) on the ballot and have the Region come down here and sue us."

Miltonians, Mayor Gord Krantz added,

have the right to a say and the only proper way to deal with the issue is by getting widespread opinion.

Dr. Nosal questioned why, given existing information, "the Town would put a question regarding chlorination on the ballot if one of the options, namely not disinfecting, if implemented, would put the citizens of Milton at risk of illness."

Milton Ratepayers Association spokesman Pat Kelly said residents haven't actually heard all the options available to safeguard their water.

"We're not arguing against chlorination, we're just looking at the alternatives. All we want to know are the facts, but so far we're still trying to get the information."

Assisting with this argument, Mr. Hunter said, "This is a very valid point. We haven't explored other avenues. This is an issue we've had no answer to."

Dr. Nosal pointed out that some centres in western Europe, including Berlin and Amsterdam, use alternatives to chlorination, but that does not offer a guarantee against contamination.

"It's important to note that water rates (water billing fees) in these areas are four to five times as high as they are here," he

explained. "To my knowledge, there is no area of Ontario that's not being chlorinated."

Speaking to the dangers of contamination, Dr. Nosal referred to a 1993 outbreak of Salmonella in a Missouri town, during which he said 650 people became ill, 15 were hospitalized and seven died.

He cited nitrate and fecal chloroform contamination incidents in Milton during 1989 and 1990. "In these instances, stand-by chlorination is not enough because it can take days for the problem to be fixed."

"How many more episodes do we need to occur before we realize water needs to be chlorinated? Albeit unpopular, I chose to act to protect the people of this community."

Mr. Penman suggested local contamination incidents could be traced back to sub-standard pipes — which the Region has since replaced after "years of neglect."

Mr. Krantz said he would continue to oppose chlorination.

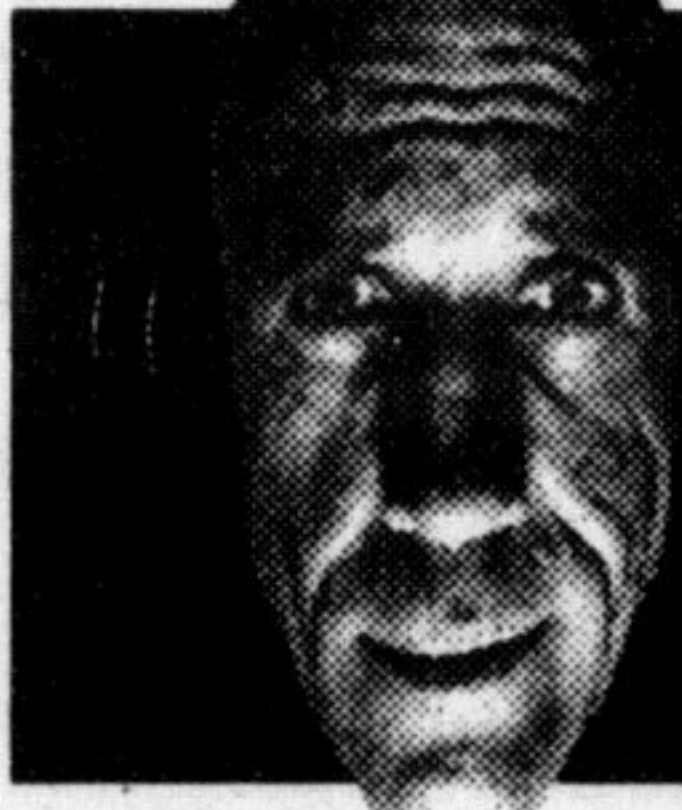
Similar comments have been made by Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh, who maintains that as long as there's chlorine in Milton's water supply the battle will continue.

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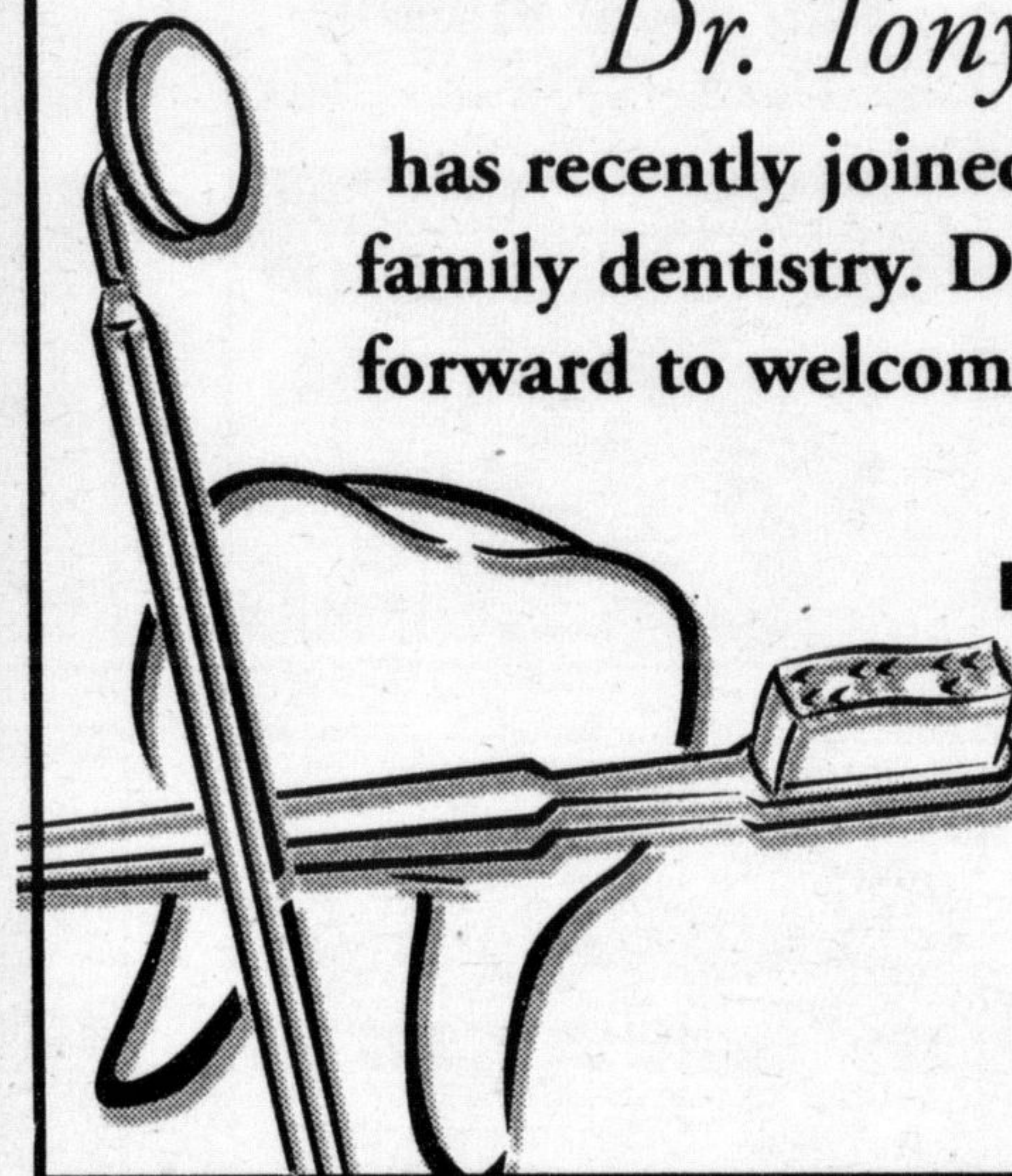


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