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Best thinks he's the one to lead as Milton grows

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

In challenging for the mayor's chair, Colin Best says the main campaign issues are leadership, speed of growth, and community safety.

Mr. Best, a 17-year veteran of council with three years as a regional councillor, said he favours slower growth projections than have been advanced.

He explained that by steadily moving the population to about 55,000 residents by 2011, rather than the 85,000 called for in the Halton Urban Structure Plan, there would be less disruption of services and schools and fewer growing pains.

He said Milton has substantial enough water in underground sources to supply a population of 55,000 if sewage treatment capacity can be increased.

"I've said all along that 85,000 people was unrealistic in so short a time," said Mr. Best. "That would be the equivalent of building more than 1,000 housing units a year, every year, until 2011."

It is better for everyone from residents to merchants, governments and school boards to have a slower, measured expansion. He called for filling in the existing urban area first, and for the message to get out that Milton has water and sewage capacity, and will soon have more.

"We have enough well water to add to the population without going to a lake-based (Lake Ontario) system. We can balance growth on our terms," he said.

He said that given the challenges of growth and a shift in responsibilities between the province and municipalities, this is the time to run for mayor. Mr. Best said his vision offers a choice for voters.

He called Halton Region's support for a local solution and its desire to investigate well based water a "vindication of what I've been saying for six years."

"We have to start focusing on solutions and not on more studies," he said.

Mr. Best also called for a reserve policy to help



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smooth Milton's financial picture.

"With reserves in place we can plan to replace equipment such as fire trucks at the end of their useful life, rather than scrambling for money when things break down."

He said he has been pushing for tax bills which the public can understand.

Also on finance, Mr. Best said the Town should vigorously pursue the contracting out of various services in order to save the municipality money.

He pointed to a current contract let by the City of Burlington to service traffic signals, as an example.

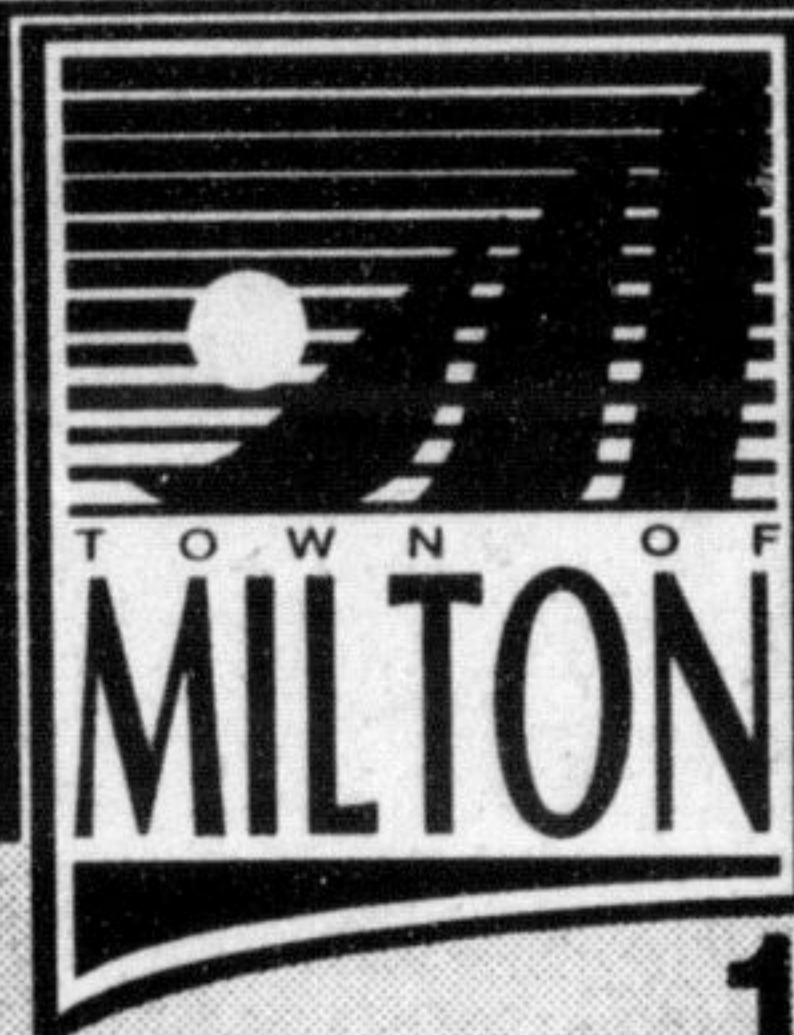
"My aim is not to have a tax increase," he said, "but to do that, we have to look at efficiencies and new ways of doing things."

Mr. Best said leadership is a big issue. Some people are happy with the status quo, he said, but enough people told him it was time for a change that he was convinced to run.

"We need new energy and enthusiasm to put to these issues," he said.

Mr. Best said the mayor should lead council and make recommendations. He questioned why council had to be informed of faulty fire trucks by an individual firefighter, when the mayor should have known there was a problem.

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1997 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOTICE TO ELECTORS - POLLING NOTICE

The regular polling day for the 1997 Municipal, School Boards and Hydro-Electric Commission Elections shall be Monday, **November 10th, 1997** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A Voter Notification Card will be mailed to each elector in the municipality advising of the Polling Place and the Advance Polling Place for the respective dwelling units.

ADVANCE POLLS

For the purpose of receiving votes of electors who expect to be unable to vote on November 10th, 1997, there will be **TWO** Advance Polls as follows:

Saturday, November 1st, 1997

Wednesday November 5th, 1997

between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at each of the following locations for electors of the respective wards:

Ward 1 (Trafalgar)	-	Boyne Community Centre Britannia Road, east of Hwy. 25
Wards 2 & 4 (Milton)	-	Hugh Foster Hall Victoria Park Square
Ward 3 (Nassagaweya)	-	Campbellville Fire Sub-Station Guelph Line, north of Hwy. 401

Are you Qualified to Vote in the 1997 Municipal Elections?

Electors are requested to examine the Preliminary List of Electors (available for inspection in the Clerk's Office) to ensure their names and relevant information are correctly shown thereon.

"Qualified Elector" means a person who, during the period of September 2nd to November 10th, 1997 was a Canadian Citizen, a resident of Milton or a non-resident owner or tenant or spouse thereof, and has attained the age of 18 years by November 10th, 1997.

Helen Lisi
Returning Officer and Acting Town Clerk
Town of Milton

NOTICE TO ELECTORS - QUESTIONS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, 1996 (S.8(6))

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton has passed By-laws No. 70-97 and 71-97 authorizing the following questions to be placed on the ballot in the Municipal Elections to be held on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1997**:

ON THE QUESTION OF: Do you agree that the cost of welfare, social services and social housing should be downloaded by the Province onto the property taxpayer?
YES
NO

ON THE QUESTION OF: Are you in favour of continuous chlorination of Milton's Water Supply?
YES
NO

Dated this 20th day of October, 1997

Helen Lisi
Acting Town Clerk & Returning Officer, Town of Milton

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