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## Krantz turns back Best's challenge

By BRAD REAUME

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In a clash of confidence someone is going to be surprised.

Taking a slim, early lead, Gord Krantz simply built his win poll after poll. When early results in the urban area were tallied it was fairly obvious the mayor would keep the chain of office.

With 49 of 71 polls reporting Mr. Krantz had 3,329 votes to 2,688.

Challenger Colin Best was stunned.

Unable to quite grasp his defeat, Mr. Best consoled those who worked his campaign and in the same breath held out hope for a miracle.

His campaign workers seemed disheartened but appeared content that they had fought the good fight.

"I thought we were going to win," Mr. Best said as campaign workers filed out of his headquarters. "I'm really surprised at some of the urban wards. This is not the result I was expecting."

Mr. Best, his 17-year council career in tatters, said he would take some time to decide his political future.

"I thought this was the right time to run," he said, still reeling from the shock of defeat. Mr. Best was determined to get

official results before he would concede defeat.

Prior to the polls closing Mr. Krantz said he was confident, but had only had that feeling for perhaps a week.

The mood in the Krantz campaign headquarters slowly built as poll wins started mounting.

"It's definitely a mandate for my style of leadership and my emphasis on jobs, stability and lifestyle," he said. "I'm the best suited to fight these battles because I've been doing it for so long."

Mr. Krantz said he would work hard to avoid a property tax increase and continue exploring how best to provide municipal services.

He said he felt good that the majority of Miltonians think he's the man to manage their affairs and vowed he would not let

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## Strike ends, but the controversy lingers

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The largest teachers' strike in Canadian history is over.

However, opposition to the legislation which sparked the two-week strike is deep-rooted, with union leaders vowing to mount a court challenge.

Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh said he is "very pleased they are back in the classroom."

Mr. Chudleigh said the Ontario government will not ignore the fact that teachers

felt so strongly that they forfeited two weeks pay to make their point.

"Education Minister Dave Johnson reiterated the position that the government invites comment on the legislation," Mr. Chudleigh said.

The Halton North MPP added that the government wants more emphasis on the classroom and would like the cooperation of teachers to that end.

"Many teachers I talked to have been supportive," he said. "Several of the

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

A beaming Mayor Gord Krantz celebrates with granddaughter Nicole Churchill, 11, at the Muddy Duck Restaurant as built a decisive lead over challenger Colin Best. It was the most serious opposition Mr. Krantz has faced since becoming mayor.

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