The hydro reps keep their power

Milton voters decided to stay the course when it came to Hydro Commission representation.

Monday's vote went in favour of incumbents Bill Rowney (Ward 2) and Jack Robertson (Ward 4), who were admirably challenged by ex-Milton Hydro employees Sherry Mehlenbacher and Loretta Mulligan respectively.

"I feel pretty good," said Mr. Rowney. "Now that the election is over and the government has released its restructuring plan for Ontario Hydro, we can focus on amalgamation."

Mr. Rowney led Ms Mehlenbacher 1693-1040 after 66 of 71 polls were tabulated.

Holding a 1779-1275 advantage over Ms Mulligan at press time, Mr. Robertson said he made many successful campaign stops around town this past weekend.

"I think this shows people are fairly happy with their hydro service," he said.

Ms Mehlenbacher expressed gratitude to her supporters, adding that she was somewhat surprised at how many votes she garnered.

With no "big issue" to take a stand on, Ms Mulligan wasn't surprised with the outcome, stating that the incumbent always has an advantage.

She remarked, "I did think however, that it was time for a change. But at least I was able to get across the need for better communication."

Krantz, wins it big

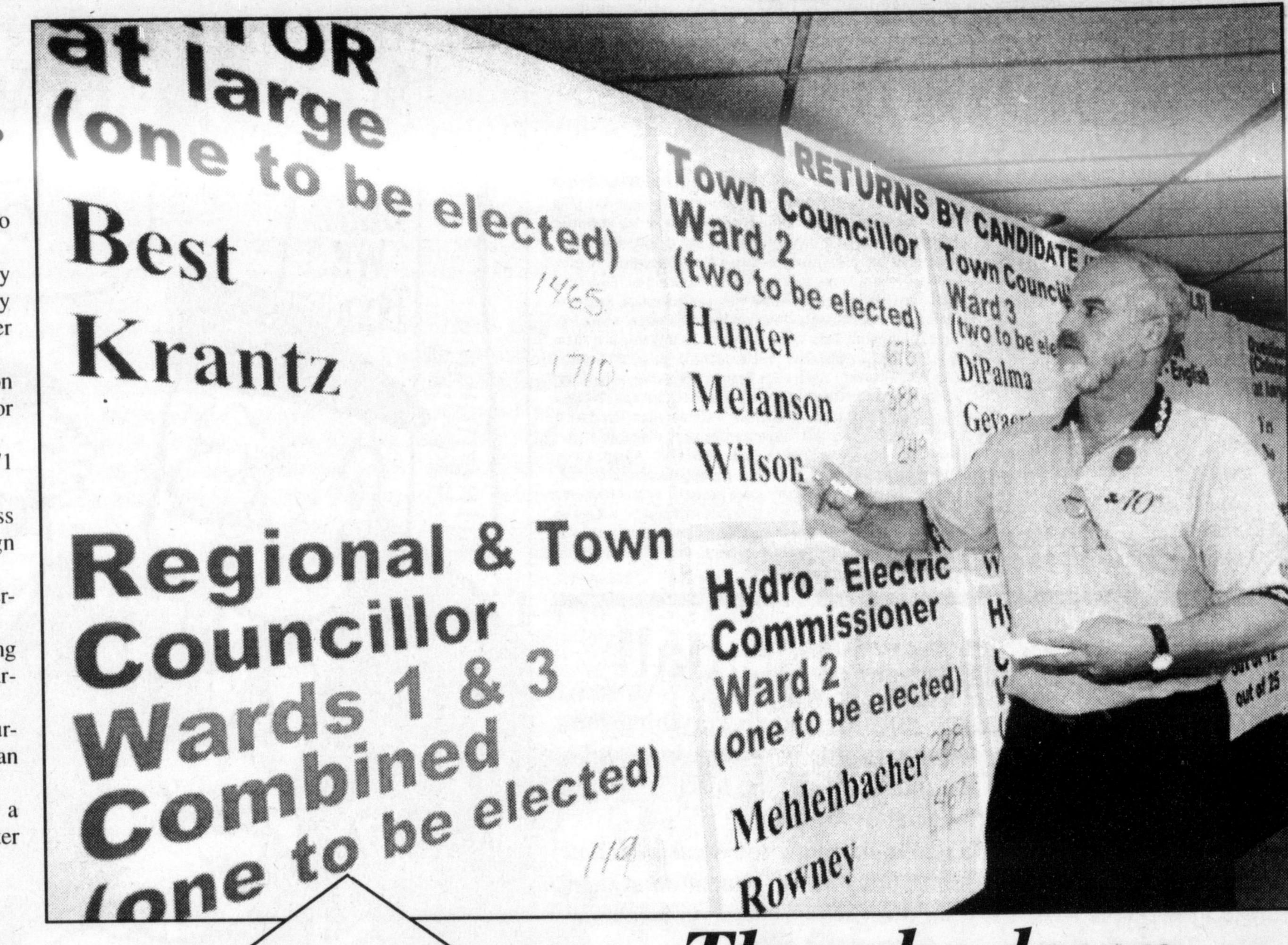
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people down.

"We've lost a contributor, make no mistake," said Mr. Krantz.
"I've known for a long time he (Mr. Best) wanted the mayor's job. Timing is everything in politics."

The mayor said he worked hard bringing business to Milton.

Despite the tough campaign, Mr. Krantz found time to poke a little fun at himself. "I talk about shaking hands and kissing babies during an election. However, to encourage industrial and commercial growth you sometimes have to kiss more than that," he joked.



Town of Milton posts the election results at the Milton Lions Club Hall last night. Results for Ward 3 in Nassagaweya were still coming in at midnight.

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Thumbs down

Miltonians turned their thumbs down to chlorination and provincial downloading during Monday's municipal election.

A total of 6,117 residents voted against chlorination of Milton's water supply while 2,501 favoured the recent switch.

Even more opposition was shown for provincial downloading, which would see social service costs pooled across the Greater Toronto Area.

Only 896 votes came in for downloading, compared to a whopping 7,903 against it..

