

MacKinnon seeking Ward 4 council seat

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It's time for a change.

That's the reason Milton resident Bill MacKinnon gives for opting to run for Ward 4 councillor, going head to head with incumbents John Challinor and Ron Furik.

But only two of the three nominees will head to council chambers following the November 13 municipal election.

Mr. MacKinnon arrived in Milton almost 20 years ago, and has a background in federal politics through his campaign work with the Canadian Alliance party.

Temporarily felled by pneumonia after the first

all-candidates meeting in Milton last week, Mr. MacKinnon promised to be out on the campaign trail as soon as possible.

If elected, he vows to take another look at the issues that affect people, such as parking, slots revenue, traffic flow and growth management.

'Parking a concern'

"I think we need to revisit a whole series of issues," said Mr. MacKinnon.

"Town parking is something that has been a bugaboo with me for some time. It isn't very friendly for people who live in townhouses or other high-density areas."

"People-friendly" is the way Mr. MacKinnon

believes town policies should be.

He vowed to be accessible to constituents, who can contact him at his website, whmackinnon.com.

"It has to be what's best for the people," he said. That means ensuring the new residents set to enter Milton be made to feel at home.

For current residents, Mr. MacKinnon wonders why the millions of dollars in slot machine revenue received by the Town from Mohawk Raceway hasn't ended up decreasing the local tax bill.

"It all needs to be looked at again with a different approach, a people friendly approach," he said. "Everyone should get some little piece of it."

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