

# Lunau hopes to reclaim her seat

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The Champion

Current Ward 3 councillor Cindy Lunau has spent the past three years not talking about the dizzying number of committees she sits on.

But with the November 13 election creeping nearer, she acknowledges that she's part of 14 council committees and 10 community committees.

And she's kept it quiet to allow the issues to speak for themselves.

"Too often the name can get in the way and that's not why I do it," said Ms Lunau. "I want the cause to shine. Too often, good causes get overshadowed by big egos."

Having a finger in many pies means Ms Lunau is able to bring disparate groups together to work for a common goal, such as attracting new physicians to Milton.

"I can become a catalyst for change, ideas and programs," she said. "I've come up with 40 initiatives I know I had a part in. A lot of them were because I knew what someone else was doing."

Ms Lunau arrived in Milton in 1982 armed with degrees in economics and political science and a background in journalism.

Politics was the furthest thing from her mind.

"I never dreamed I'd be in the political arena, never," she said.

But after ceasing to work as a journalist, Ms Lunau was still eager to contribute.

"I love it. It's my life," she said. "I love being part of it all."

In her first term, she considers herself fortunate to have worked with a council that she says, is without, exception well-intentioned and hard-working.

### Feels constituents content

And she's also thankful to live in a ward that's largely content.

"We live in such a benevolent area here," said Ms Lunau. "In some ways we're so blessed. I don't think we have any overwhelming single problem."

Keeping it that way means limiting the negative effects of Milton's impending growth boom.

"It's a great opportunity for us to look forward to what we're trying to protect," she said. "The very critical balance of maintaining a rural economy and a rural lifestyle. How do we ensure we don't just become the urban playground for the GTA?"

In her estimation, the way to do that is to



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ensure the health and viability of the horse business.

"If we can make our land viable for horse related industries then we can resist the numbered companies who come in and buy up the lots," she said.

In the coming election, Ms Lunau faces off against fellow incumbent Lieven Gevaert, and newcomers Ken Keates and David O'Drowsky.

Two of the four will be elected.

Though not one to back away from a challenge, Ms Lunau said she has mixed emotions on having to fight for her seat.

"It would be nice from an energy management standpoint and a monetary standpoint to be acclaimed," she said.

"But it's also vital that politicians remain in touch with their communities and there's nothing better than a campaign to do that."

On her side, she hopes, is a reputation for paying attention to constituent concerns.

"I think one of the strengths I bring is that I listen," said Ms Lunau. I hope that means I'm accessible."


## Wild owl at mall

A wild owl will be taking up residence at Smithbooks tomorrow to help sell Conservation Halton Foundation's (CHF) book 'Halton: Rising, Wild and Beckoning.'

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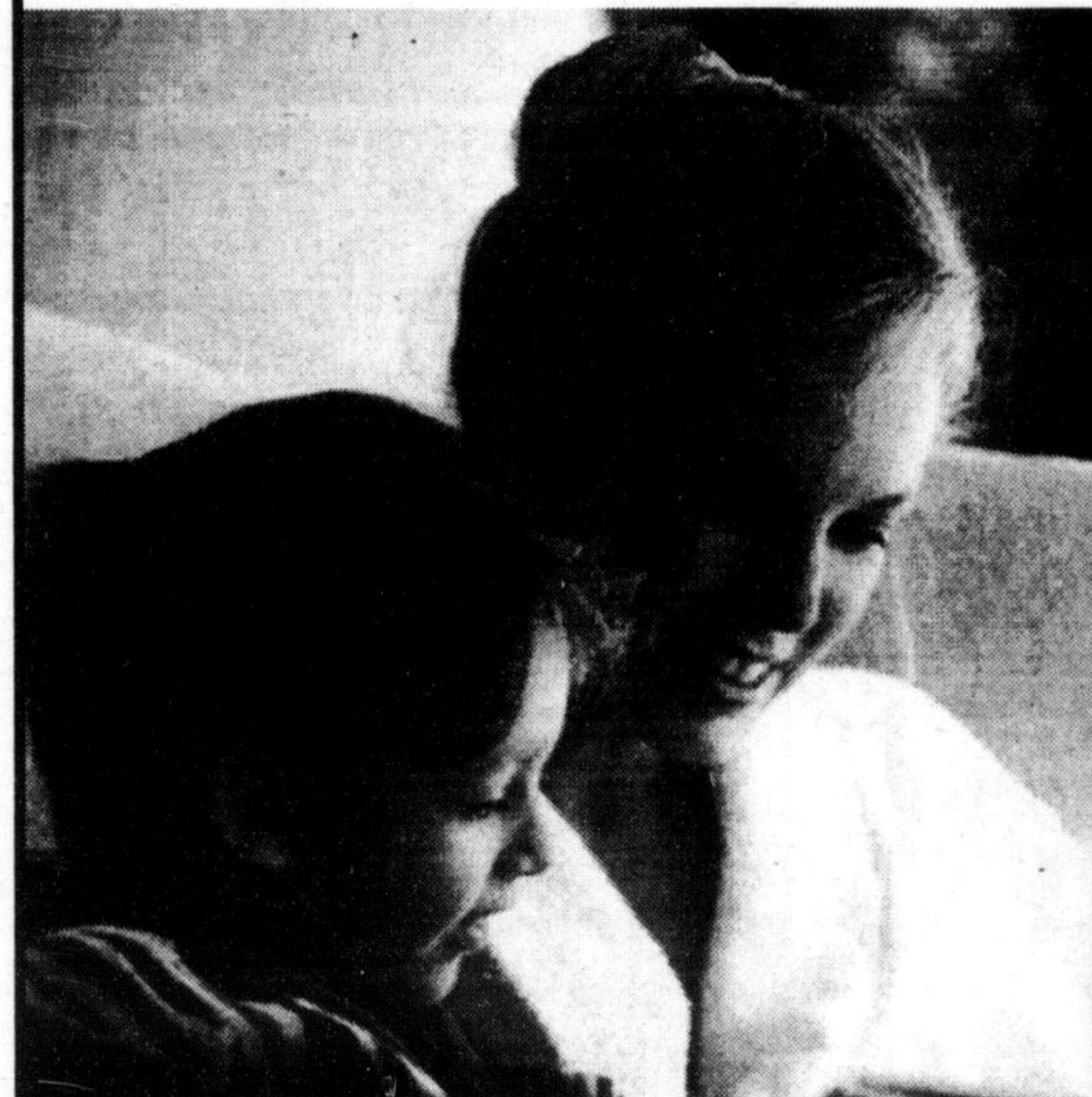
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