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✓ Winner in the making

Halton Regional Chair candidate Joyce Savoline (left) hands in her vote while husband Ron and daughter Natasha look on yesterday at Pearson High School in Burlington. Unofficial results at press time last night showed that Ms Savoline (5,796 votes) easily won the first-time elected position over candidates Anne Marsden (1,230 votes) and Lisa Cooper (1,225 votes). See story in Friday's edition of The Champion.

✓ Keates ousts Gevaert, while Lunau voted back in Ward 3

By STEVE LeBLANC
The Champion

Cindy Lunau may not have been as surprised this time around, but her enthusiasm certainly hadn't diminished.

At least not when it became clear that she would top the Ward 3 race for a second straight election.

The always approachable and talkative town councillor said accessibility and a hard-working approach to her first term is what

made rural residents vote her back in.

"It's looking good," she said between phone calls when about half of the results were showing.

"I've worked hard, but then so have they (residents).

"I think I was born with that extra helping gene. People know that if there's a concern I'll see what I can do to find a solution."

Her constituents in turn, did what they could to keep her on council — giving her a whopping 1,035 votes compared to 607 for Ken

Keates, who unseated incumbent Lieven Gevaert by a slim 79 votes for the other council seat.

Mr. Gevaert's numerous absences from council meetings due to work commitments are likely what swung the deciding votes in Mr. Keates favour — said the only new member to the local municipal council.

Fellow challenger David O'Drowsky also felt Ward 3 was looking for a change.

He finished fourth with 371 votes.



Cindy Lunau



Lieven Gevaert

WARD 3	
	# votes
Cindy Lunau	1035
Ken Keates	607
Lieven Gevaert	528
David O'Drowsky	371

✓ Hunter and Melanson retain their council seats in Ward 2

The old gang is back in Ward 2. Council incumbents Wally Hunter and Art Melanson made a strong showing last night, all but annihilating competitors Jim Timbers and Frank Wilson.

The results didn't surprise Mr. Hunter, who viewed it as a vote of confidence in his work at council.

"I've tried to stick to the fiscal

issues," he said. "That's what I bring to the table."

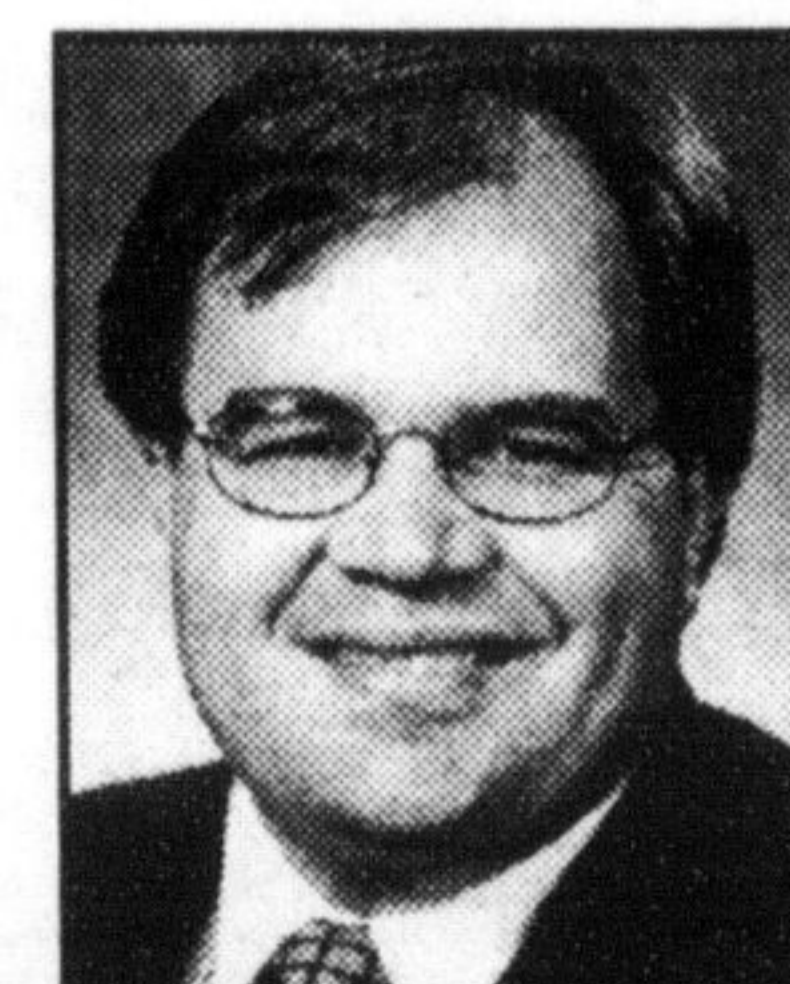
Though set to embark on his third term, he's eager to talk about setting term limits for councillors.

"You need fresh ideas," he said. But after 24 years at council, Mr. Melanson was thrilled to have another kick at the can: "I'm pleased I can still do it," he said.

ual challenger Frank Wilson said there wouldn't likely be a next time for him or anyone due to potential governance changes.

And fellow challenger Jim Timbers walked away defeated, but proud.

"I'm certainly not going to complain," he said. "I've convinced almost 700 people to vote for me."



Wally Hunter



Art Melanson

WARD 2	
	# votes
Wally Hunter	2499
Art Melanson	1721
Jim Timbers	800
Frank Wilson	540

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