

Savoline registers to seek re-election as regional chair

By JASON MISNER
The Champion

Joyce Savoline will seek a fourth consecutive term as Halton's regional chair.

Ms Savoline, who has been the chair since 1994, said the love of the job – and the backing from her family – are big reasons why she paid her \$200 registration fee to seek another term in office.

"I still have a strong passion for what I do," she said.

"I still have the energy the job requires, and I love Halton and the differences of the (four) municipalities. I could never do a job like this without the support at home."

Municipal elections across Ontario will be held November 10. Ms Savoline is one of two regional chair candidates to register so far.



Joyce Savoline

The other is Burlington resident Anne Marsden.

Halton will face a number of pressing issues in the coming years that Ms Savoline said she wants to help steer.

"I feel there are a lot of things that are happening right now that I'm very interested in."

Those things include ensuring implementation of a revised Official Plan – a municipality's main blueprint for growth – as well as dealing with regional growth

issues and increasing financial pressures from the provincial government.

Ms Marsden, who vied for regional chair in 2000 and 1997, thinks families are being under-served in Halton.

"I want to see the families served in Halton and I want to bring back the heart to Halton," she said.

For example, she said the thousands of dollars in legal fees being paid by Halton to help fight the mid-peninsula highway could be better spent on families.

"The families are the ones paying for it (legal bills)," Ms Marsden said.

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Town hires engineering director

The Town of Milton has appointed Paul Cripps as the director of engineering services for its new Department of Engineering Services, effective August 18.

Mr. Cripps will be responsible for the management of the new department.

His hiring will streamline existing operational, engineering, traffic, construction and storm water management functions now being managed by the department heads of community services and planning and development. Deployment of existing operational, engineering and administrative staff will support the new department, which will operate from 555 Industrial Dr.

Mr. Cripps has worked in municipal government for 15 years, and with a private engineering company for seven years. He comes from the City of Hamilton, where he served as strategic planning manager.



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