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Exiting politicians honoured at Region

By **JASON MISNER**
The Champion

At a place where political debates and discussion typically reign, praises, hugs and handshakes took centre stage at Halton Council Chambers this week.

Of the 21 politicians who cover all issues pertinent to the region, five of them bid adieu to colleagues and staff during their

last meeting Wednesday.

One goodbye — from former Oakville regional councillor Kevin Flynn — wasn't quite so melancholy, given that he won the Liberal MPP seat for Oakville by a comfy margin last month.

The remaining farewells were a little harder to swallow, as they all hoped to still be in political life.

Unsuccessfully, Kurt Franklin of Oakville sought Oakville's MPP seat; Kathy Gastle and John Day tried for Halton Hills mayor; and Rick Malboeuf vied for Milton mayor.

All five — accumulating 51 years of total experience on Halton council — were honoured for their successes as regional politicians.

Chair Joyce Savoline called each one up alphabetically and praised their contributions, presented them a gold ring with the Region symbol on it, and offered a warm hug.

Mr. Day was commended for his work on the health and social services and youth advisory committees; Mr. Flynn for his work on the Lake Ontario Shoreline Action Committee, which looks at algae problems in the lake; Mr. Franklin for helping bringing to fruition Oakville's first emergency

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20-year-old man missing

Halton Regional Police are looking for a 20-year-old Milton man who hasn't been seen since November 11.

Giuseppe 'Joseph' Manchisi was last seen leaving his family home in Milton, police said. He hasn't contacted anybody since then, and his family and police are concerned for his well-being.

Investigators believe he may be with Mississauga resident Robert Grewal, 22. Mr. Grewal is the subject of a missing person appeal in Peel Region. Mr. Manchisi is known to frequent the Mississauga area.

The two men may be operating a blue 1992 Honda Civic two-door sedan with licence APTL 644.

He's described as white, five-foot-nine, 144 pounds, with short dark hair, brown eyes and a slim build.



Joseph Manchisi

Santa visit

Six-month-old Katie Conrad wasn't sure what to make of Santa when she visited him at Milton Mall recently. But she seemed content sitting in his lap.

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