

## Celebrating the leadership of Mayor Krantz through two and a half decades



On behalf of the members and staff of the Milton Chamber of Commerce, we are delighted to extend warm greetings and congratulations to Gord on this most auspicious occasion.

Peter C. Newman wrote that "Politics in Canada has always been the art of making the necessary possible." Mayor Gord Krantz has perfected this art. Since elected to Milton Council in 1965, he has helped build the foundation and cornerstones of the Milton community through his involvement in services provided by the Region of Halton, Niagara Escarpment Commission, Conservation Halton and Milton Hydro. As Mayor, he has lead the growth of Milton's future with significant projects like the restoration of the Town Hall facility, Milton Leisure Centre, the 401 Industrial Park, Mill Pond restoration, and the redevelopment of Rotary Park to name only a few.

Mayor Krantz, you are truly an outstanding example of a person who has served his community with honesty and integrity. As Mayor for a quarter of a century, you have given the people of Milton the effective and responsive representation they deserve. We join in thanking you for your leadership, vision and unparalleled enthusiasm. We wish you continued success!



## Mayor cares: colleagues

With 25 years in office, Mayor Gord Krantz has had time to make friends in the corridors of municipal power. Some of the people who have worked with Mr. Krantz over the years reflect on his leadership, personality and policies during the 25th year of his term.

Two important members of Mr. Krantz's team, Chief Administrative Officer Mario Belvedere and Economic Development Officer Andrew Siltala, work closely with the mayor on a daily basis and know what kind of leader he is behind closed doors.

Mr. Belvedere, who's worked with the mayor for six years, said he admires Mr. Krantz's focus on priorities.

"He has a huge respect for the taxes people pay," he said. "He's a keen watcher of the public purse."

Mr. Belvedere also feels his leadership brings out the best work in the people around him. "I would characterize his leadership style in two ways. He leads by example, and he is very strategic in how he approaches management."

While he has a lot to say about the mayor's positive points, he said 25 years worth of re-elections speak for themselves.

"Voters seem to perceive he is doing an outstanding job," he said.

Mr. Siltala, who's worked with the mayor for five years, also sees Mr. Krantz's longevity as evidence of his commitment to the community.

"His largest contribution is his dedication," he said. "He's poured a huge amount of his life into the town. He really takes it seriously."

But according to Mr. Siltala, it's Mr. Krantz's ability to interact with Miltonians on any level that makes him an effective leader.

"I work in this office and I see it every-

day — seniors, kindergarten students, new citizens — how he deals with people is truly amazing," he said. "I think he's the perfect kind of leader."

Mike Ledwith is a close friend of Mr. Krantz, and is also in the unique position of evaluating his performance as mayor, having sat in the position himself.

Mr. Ledwith is the only other living person who has occupied the office of Milton mayor. He was mayor in 1957 when Milton celebrated its 100th anniversary, and has every intention of attending its 150th anniversary in 2007.

He described Mr. Krantz as a great organizer, and said everyone knows him around town. While he hears the odd complaint, Mr. Ledwith said that most of what is said is positive.

"He's 100 per cent in my eyes," said Mr. Ledwith. "He's very good on his feet."

### Effective negotiator

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline, another long-time colleague, said Mr. Krantz has championed positive change for Milton during his tenure.

"(He) was highly instrumental in negotiating much needed development to the area," said Ms Savoline. "Throughout his term, Gord has shown leadership and remained highly engaged in the community. He really is the people's mayor and truly cares about Milton residents."

Darlene Davidson, the mayor's executive assistant for the past 25 years, said it's an honour to work with Mr. Krantz.

"The mayor is a gentle leader closest to the people and is passionate about Milton. He shares his wisdom and experiences, shows sincerity and respect with every individual that interacts with him," she said.

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**We at Mueller Canada would  
like to congratulate  
Mayor Krantz  
on 25 years of service  
to our Town and Region.**

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