

Milton's Kyle Grice seeking Green Party nomination in Halton

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With the possibility of a federal election being called soon, Miltonian Kyle Grice has thrown his hat into the ring as a nomination seeker for the Green Party of Canada in Halton.

Mr. Grice — a 35-year-old chiropractor and married father of one — has been involved with the Green Party since the last federal election and is now part of the party's recently formed Halton Electoral District Association (EDA).

When he sat down to read the party's policy, he said he realized it would be "easy" for him to be a candidate.

"I thought it (the policy) fits right with my personal values," he explained.

He said his one-year-old son has also served as an inspiration for him to get involved, since he's concerned about what's going to be left behind for the next generation.

If Mr. Grice is selected as the local candidate, he said he and the Green Party are going to focus on different issues than the other parties.

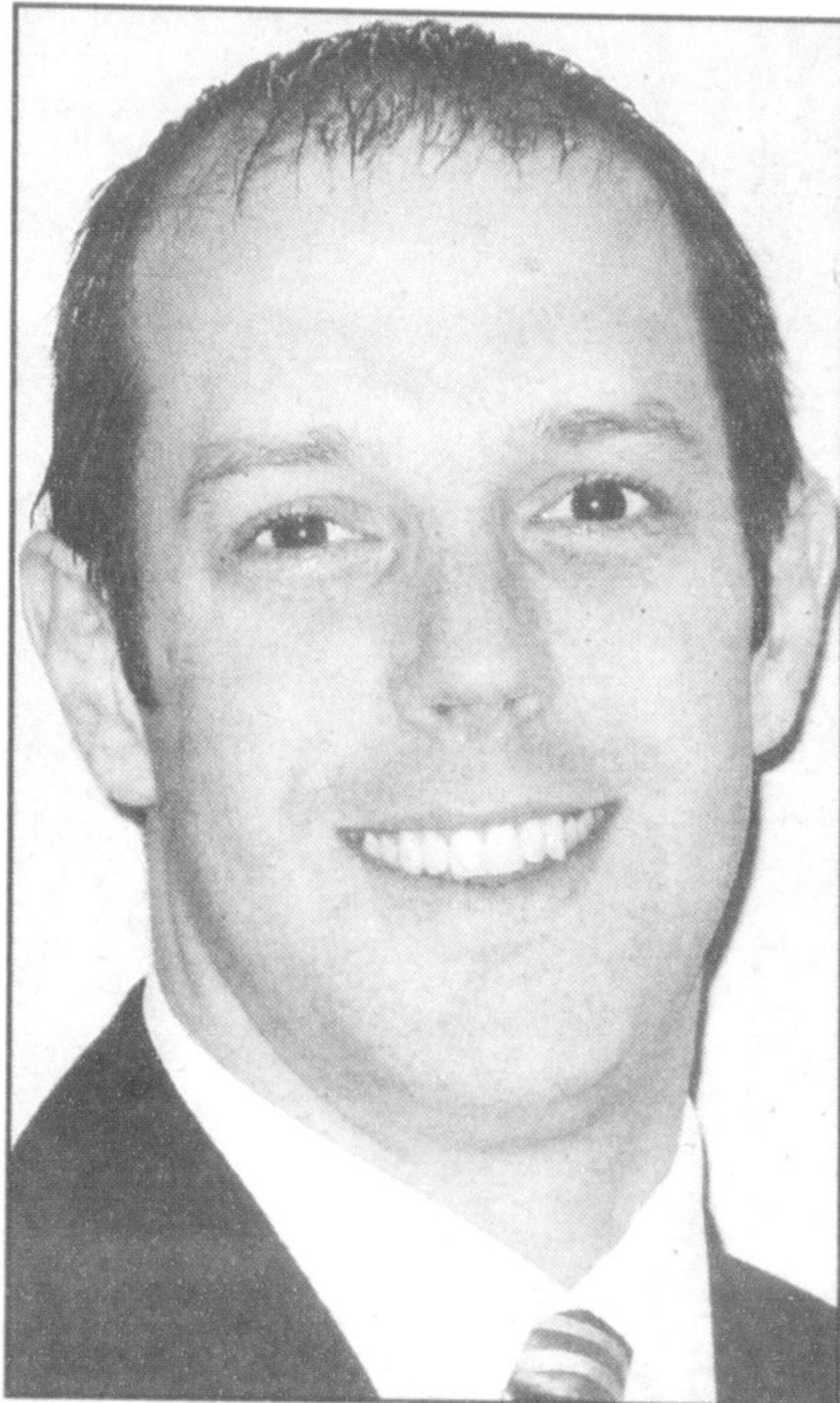
"We want to think more long term," he said. "In 100 years, we don't think anybody will know about the Gomery inquiry. They'll care about clean air and water, proper food and a sustainable economy."

Locally, he said he sees agriculture and the proposed CN intermodal facility being big issues in the next election.

On the agricultural front, he said urban development in Halton has left behind small "pockets" of farms, which he feels in turn have driven away services that helped farmers be economical like nearby businesses that fixed their equipment.

He said he's not sure what can be done to help farmers, but noted he thinks the first step could be talking to them and simply asking the question, "What are we doing for our farmers?"

When it comes to the potential intermodal, Mr. Grice said he doesn't think the proposed rural Milton location is appropri-



Kyle Grice of Milton, a 35-year-old chiropractor, says he's seeking the Green Party nomination in Halton because he's concerned about what the future holds for generations to come.

ate, since it's so close to an urban centre. He said it should instead go somewhere north of Steeles Avenue or by the intersection of highways 401 and 407, since trucks going to and from the facility would probably use those major roads.

He pointed out that he's in favour of intermodals, though.

"They're actually good — they reduce the truck traffic," he said.

Mr. Grice grew up in Caledon East and has been living in Milton for the past two years.

The Halton EDA will hold its nomination contest November 8.

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