

MPP Chudleigh will run in the new Halton riding

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Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh has announced he plans to once again seek the local Progressive Conservative nomination for next year's provincial election.

But this time around, the politician is looking to fill the member of provincial Parliament seat in the new riding of Halton, which will mirror the federal government riding boundary.

"Given that I currently represent the vast majority of residents of the new riding of Halton, it seems proper that I pursue that course in my re-election bid," he said.

Chudleigh told The Champion that he hadn't thought of not running again, explaining, "It's something I really enjoy doing."

As the October 2007 election approaches, one of the major issues topping Chudleigh's mind is healthcare.

"I think healthcare has declined," he noted. "The money isn't there, and it has to be dealt with."

Locally, he recognized that things like rapid growth, the Dufferin Aggregates Milton quarry expansion and proposed CN intermodal are hot topics for those in Halton.

Two local environmental groups have appealed the approval of the 83-hectare Dufferin expansion to Provincial cabinet.

Chudleigh said he's in favour of the expansion provided that it's done properly. "And Dufferin has a very good track record of doing things properly."

And when it comes to the intermodal, Chudleigh said he doesn't like the proposed rural Milton location. "It's not an

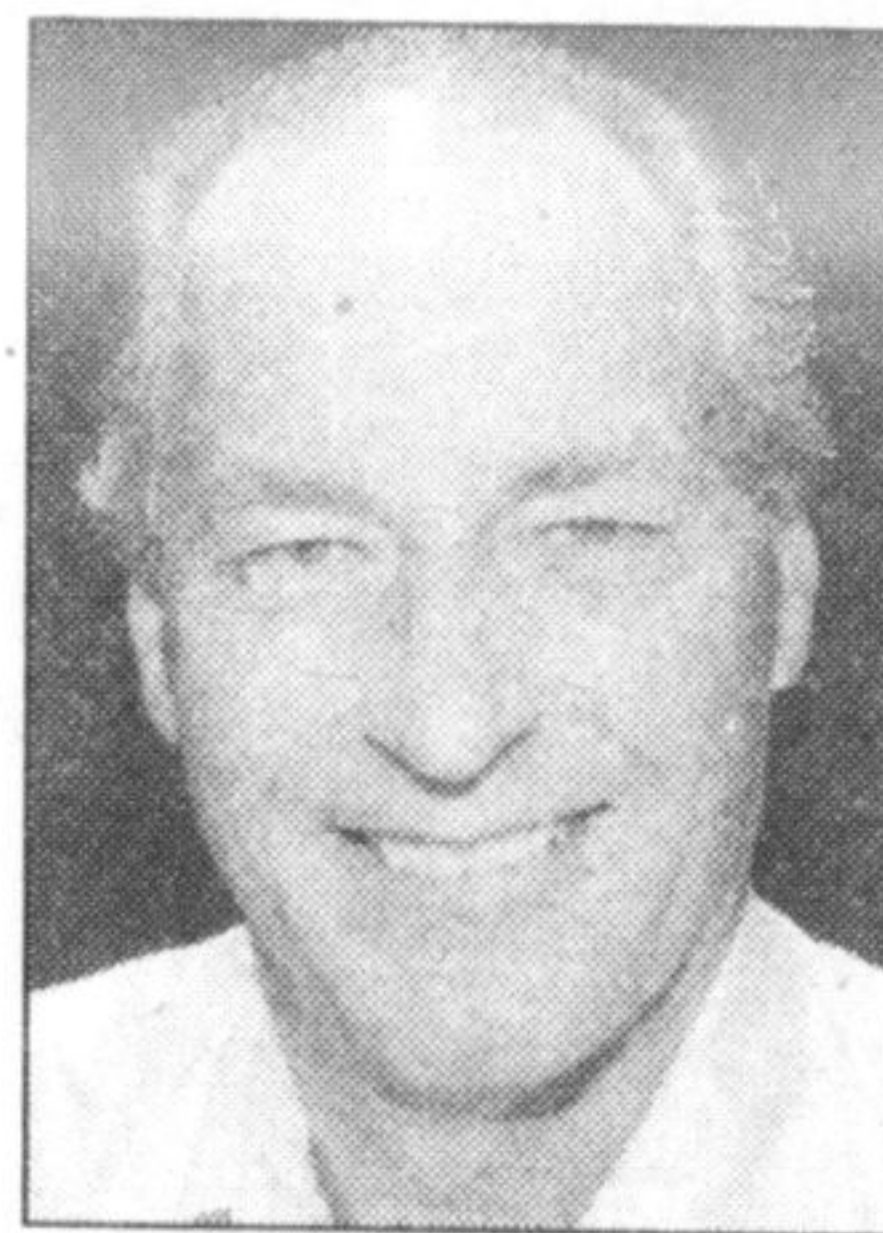
industrial area."

On the development front, he said he feels it's important that enough greenspace is maintained for people to enjoy. "It's all a matter of balance."

Chudleigh also has high hopes the Conservatives will be able to form the provincial government this time around. "I think Ontario is going to like John Tory, and that's going to make a huge difference."

Before the next election, the riding of Halton will be split. The Town of Halton Hills will join much of Wellington County in the new riding of Wellington-Halton Hills.

The new Halton riding will consist of the remainder of the current riding of Halton. Some Oakville residents currently in the provincial Halton riding will move into the Oakville



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riding. A small portion of Burlington residents who are now in the Halton riding will be switched to the Burlington riding and vice-versa.

Chudleigh said he feels a great kinship for Halton Hills and is particularly saddened by the break up of the current riding. He noted that he understands the need to reorganize the riding boundaries due to substantial population growth.

"I would like to acknowledge the support of the people of Halton Hills over the years. It is a community that will continue to remain near and dear to me," he said.

Chudleigh was first elected as a local MPP in 1995 and went on to claim the widest margin of victory in Ontario in 1999 when he was re-elected. He also won the Halton riding seat in 2003.

The father of three and grandfather of seven is the economic development and trade critic.

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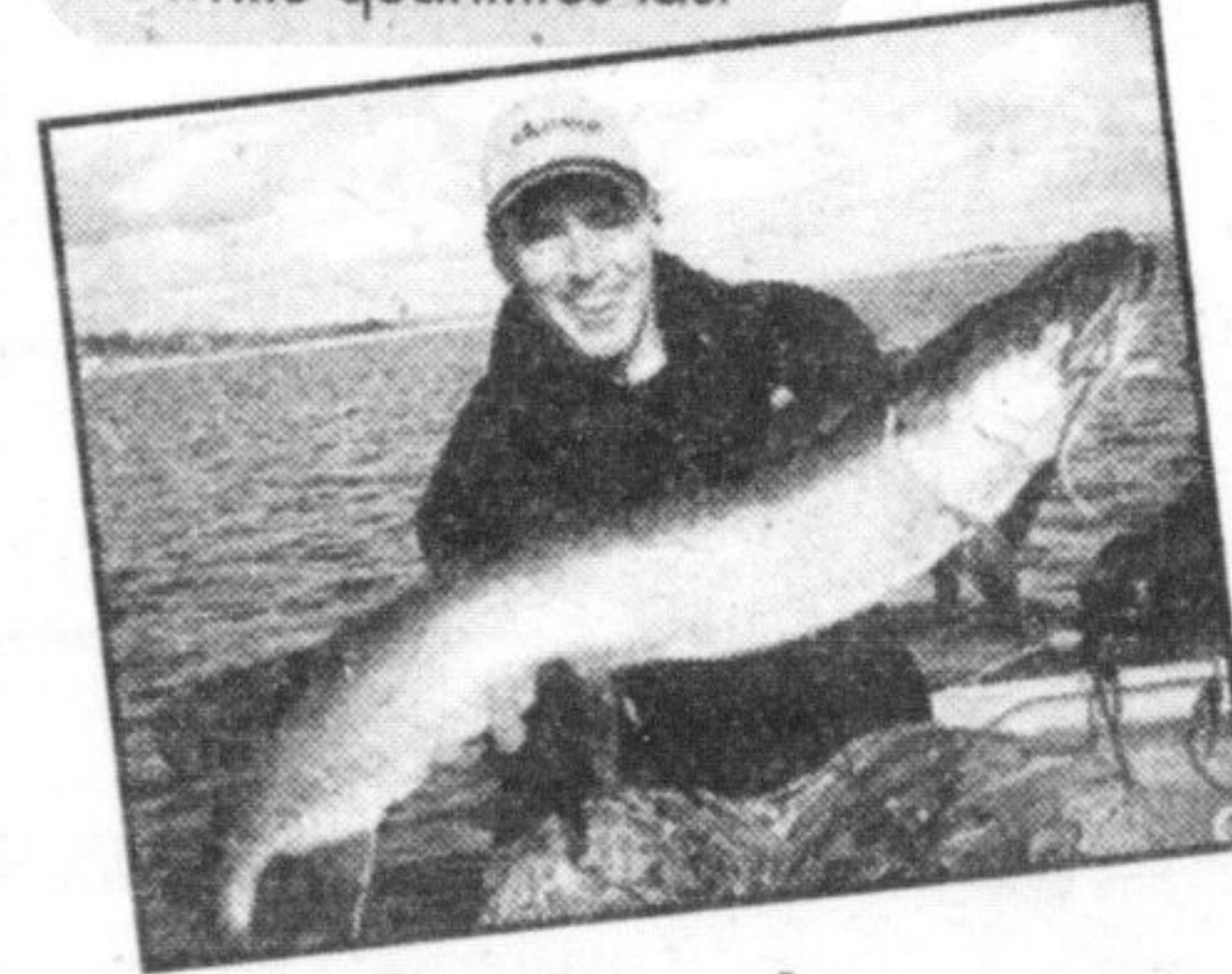
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