

Fairness lacking in Town decisions: council hopeful

Massara running for Wards 1 and 3 post

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Ensuring the transparency, fairness and integrity of council decisions is the main plank council candidate Frank Massara is building his platform on for this fall's election.

The Trafalgar Road property owner is running for the Wards 1 and 3 councillor position, which represents residents at the local and regional levels, and is competing with incumbent Barry Lee and political newcomer Tony Lambert for the job.

He said he decided to put his name forward because he feels some council decisions "were not dealt with fairly, clearly or democratically."

Massara noted that he'd like to see a methodology put in place that weighs the pros and cons of decisions council could make and determines what residents are looking for.

"I think surveying would be an effective way of finding out what constituents want," he said.

So what's the main purpose of his three-prong platform approach?

"So that decisions are made in the best interest of constituents and citizens of Milton and Halton," he said.

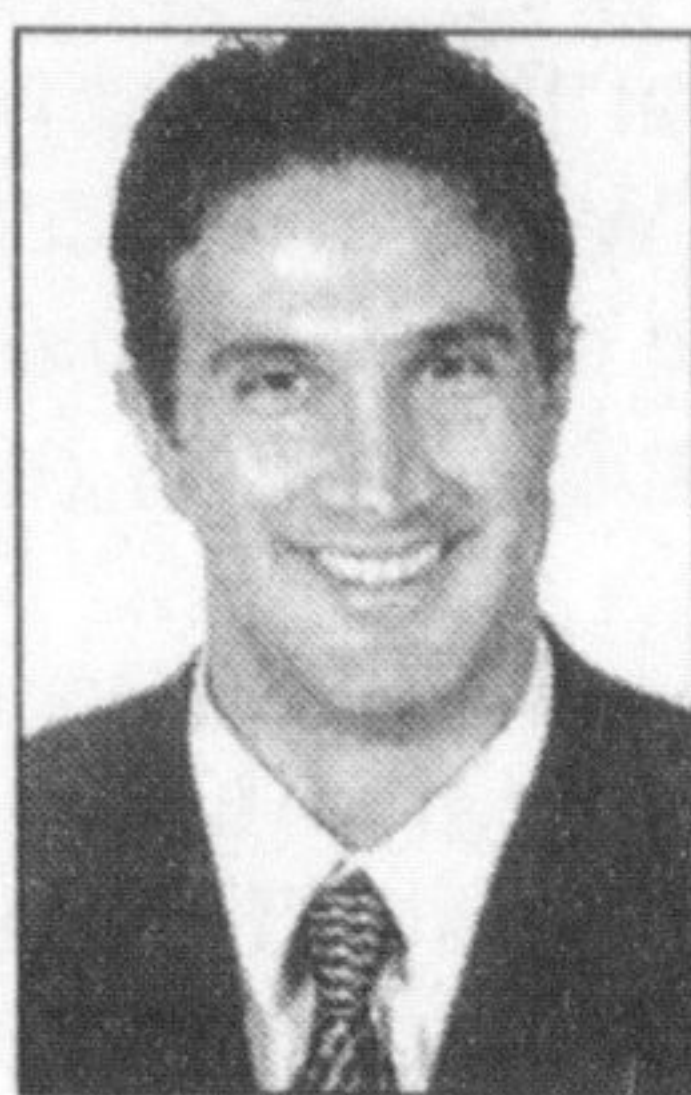
Measured and balanced urban, economic and infrastructure growth that benefits both urban and rural residents, along with business owners and farmers, is something else that Massara is calling for.

He pointed out that the wards he'd represent if elected are distinctly urban and rural, which he said highlights the importance of having future growth that's conducive to the "diverse characters" Milton contains.

"Preserving the best of town and country is very, very important," he noted.

Maintaining respect and support for property owners' rights is also something that tops Massara's agenda.

And while he actually lives in Vaughan, he said his family has owned local property since the



Frank Massara

1970s.

"I'm always in Milton," he said. "I work with a lot of Milton businesses and I know the area very well. I'm familiar with the issues."

Massara is an entrepreneur who runs his own consulting and financing business. He can be reached at (416) 706-8556 or fm.xl@rogers.com.

Other candidates who've registered to run in the November 13 election are: Regional Chairman, Gary Carr; Mayor, Gord Krantz and Gerry Marsh; Ward 1, Mike Cluett, Eugene Cummins and Greg Nelson; Ward 2, Jim Timbers, Mike Boughton and Peter Haight; Ward 3, Lieven Gevaert and Jan Mowbray; Ward 4, Wendy Schau; Wards 2 and 4, Rick Malboeuf, Ron Furik and Colin Best.

Nominations can be filed at the Town Clerk's office, located in Town Hall Victoria Park, 43 Brown St., until September 28 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and on September 29 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information visit www.milton.ca.

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