

# Best wants back on council

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Anger over what he called "lack of leadership, co-ordination and communication" from town council is what former longtime politician Colin Best says is motivating him to step back up to the plate as a candidate in this fall's election.

The 17-year council veteran is vying for the Wards 2 and 4 local and regional councillor seat, running against incumbent Ron Furik and Rick Malboeuf, who also held the position at one time.

Best said he has been asked to run by many supporters "who believe we need experienced, informed and involved candidates in this election."

"I hope I can bring some initiative to council," he noted.

Topping Best's list of priorities is making sure urban sprawl doesn't take over Milton.

"I want to keep Milton from becoming that mass of urban development to the east of us through co-ordinated planning and budgeting," he said. "We have to start right now to make sure all of Milton has adequate, accessible and timely roads and public transit, enough schools for all children and hospital space for all the people who will live here."

The Main Street West resident said he also wants to make

sure Milton is kept an affordable community for people of all ages.

He explained that if elected, he would endeavour to hold budgets and tax increases at the local and regional levels at the rate of inflation or lower if possible.

"We have to review all our town and regional services, from roads to recreation, and make sure that we are getting the highest value for our dollar," he said.

Other priorities for Best are to preserve the small-town neighbourliness of Milton and keep residents better informed about what's going on at Town Hall and the Halton Regional Centre.

"Town and regional meetings must be well advertised and conveniently scheduled so that all residents can participate," he said. "There must be a steady flow of information from the Town and every opportunity for citizens to participate in public decisions with clear, simple and open procedures."

Best served as a local councillor from 1980 to 1994 and regional councillor from 1994 to



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1997. He then ran for mayor in 1997 and councillor in 2003 but was unsuccessful in both bids.

Since then he's remained active on local committees and in political meetings and OMB hearings. His father, the late Brian Best, was mayor of Milton and councillor.

Best is a married father of three who has worked in the real estate appraisal field in the Milton and Halton area for 20 years.

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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 1 and 3, Frank Massara, Tony Lambert and Barry Lee.

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](http://www.milton.ca).

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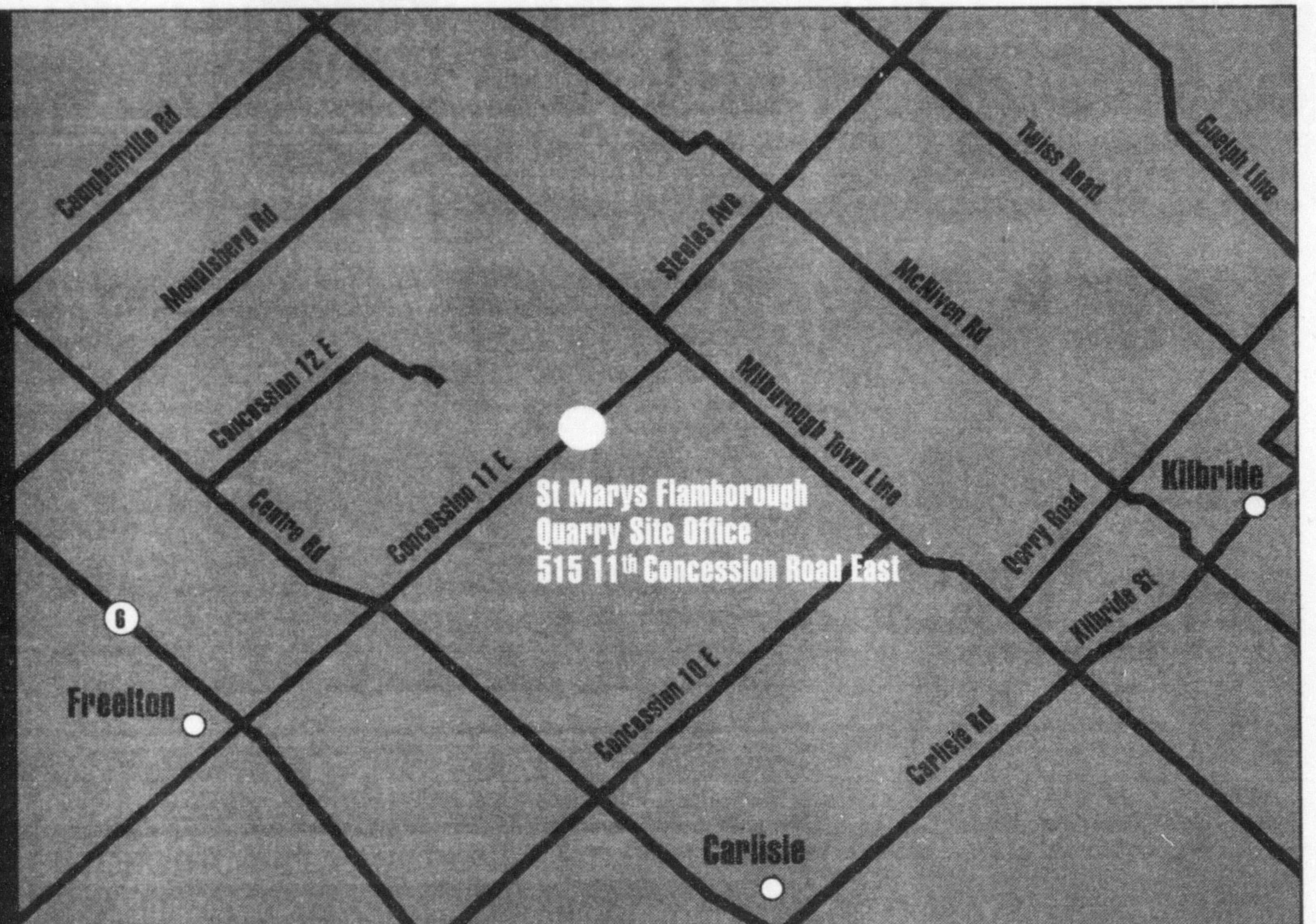
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