

# Candidate Nelson looking to give back to community

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A positive approach and teamwork is what local resident Greg Nelson says town council needs.

Now he plans to bring that ideal to the table if elected as a Ward 1 councillor in this fall's municipal election.

He's going up against political newcomers Mike Cluett and Eugene Cummins and long-time incumbents Brian Penman and Rick Day for the job.

Nelson, who also ran in the 2003 municipal election, offered a simple explanation as to why he has decided to put his name forward again.

"I moved to Milton five years ago and I've enjoyed how the town has taken me in," he said. "I just really want to give back to the town."

He acknowledged that some people may focus on the fact he ran unsuccessfully last time, but deemed that way of thinking as one that overlooks the big picture.

"I was able to meet so many people," he pointed out. "I was really encouraged by the amount of positive feedback I received."

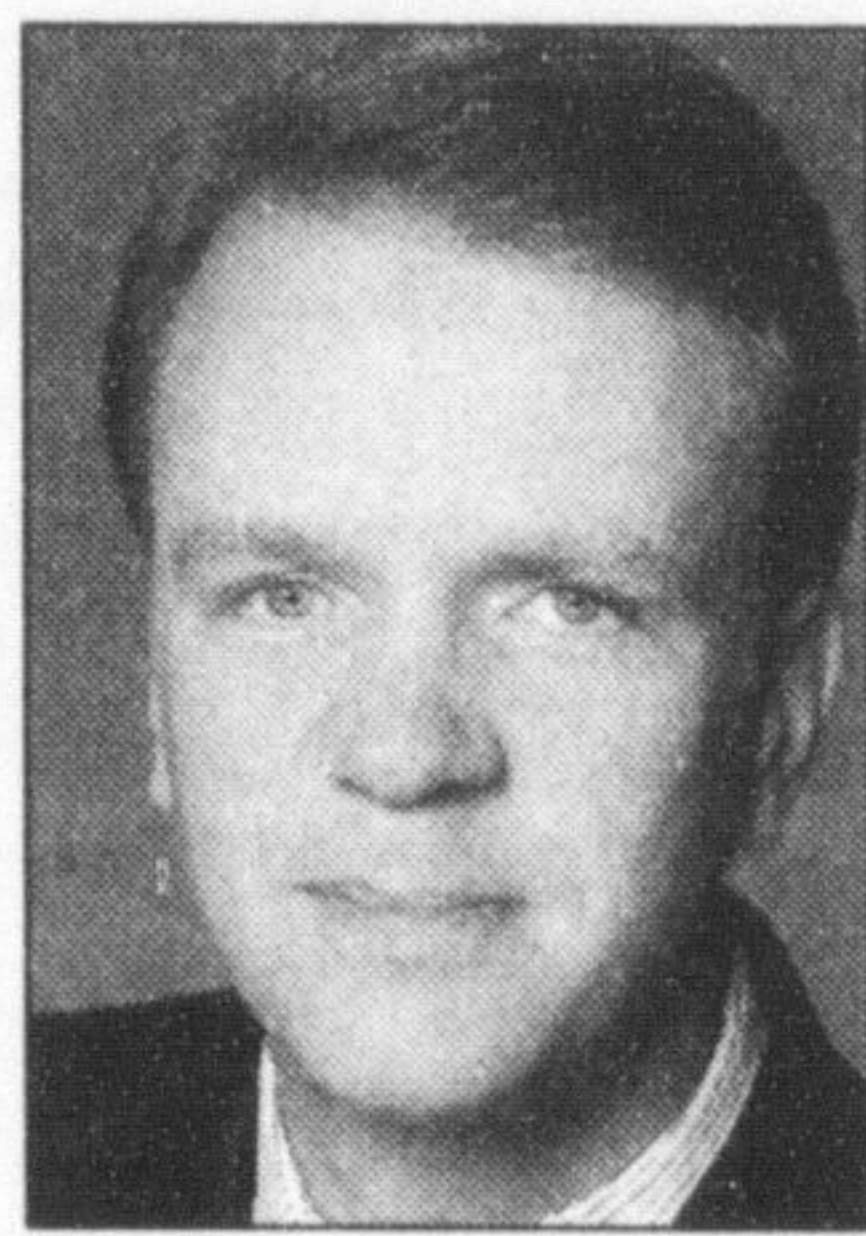
Nelson has already laid out a long list of things he would like to accomplish if elected, such as encouraging the development of infrastructure at a more realistic pace to keep up with planned growth.

"We have experienced unprecedented growth during the last few years," he noted. "This concerns me and many of our residents."

He emphasized that infrastructure isn't just limited to roads, but rather includes "everything that makes up society." Making sure new residents feel welcome in town is also one of Nelson's priorities, along with promoting what the town has to offer.

"I want to encourage people to find everything they need in Milton," he said. "You don't need to leave town to shop."

Protecting and developing the arts community is some-



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thing else Nelson deemed crucial.

"The arts community has so much to offer. We need to make sure it's thriving," he said.

On the budget front, Nelson said it's important for taxes to properly reflect the growing population base.

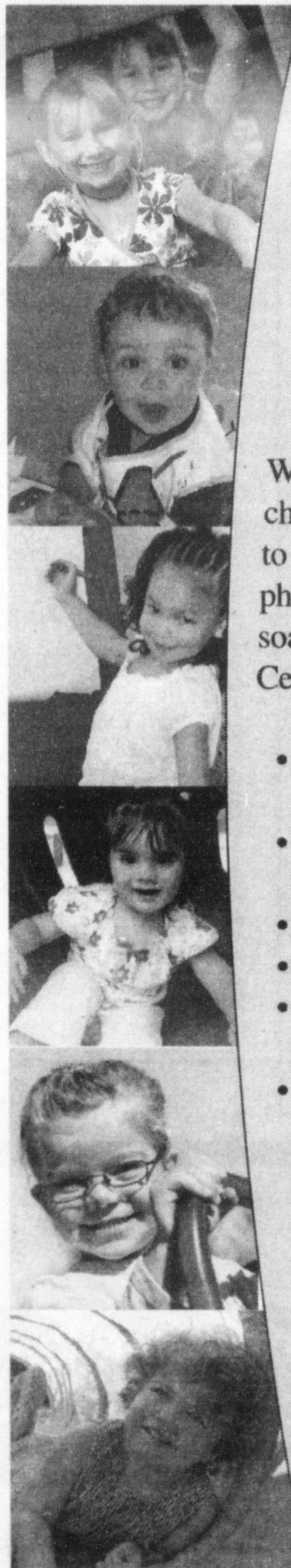
Other key initiatives in Nelson's platform are to have a bullying and harassment in public places bylaw implemented, youth services established and increased and roadway development improved through things like proper timing of traffic lights.

Nelson is the manager of a service department at a car dealership in Mississauga. He recently got married to his wife, Sonia.

Over the past five years he has volunteered on many local committees and groups, including the Milton Community Policing Committee, The Deck Youth Centre steering committee and Arts Milton.

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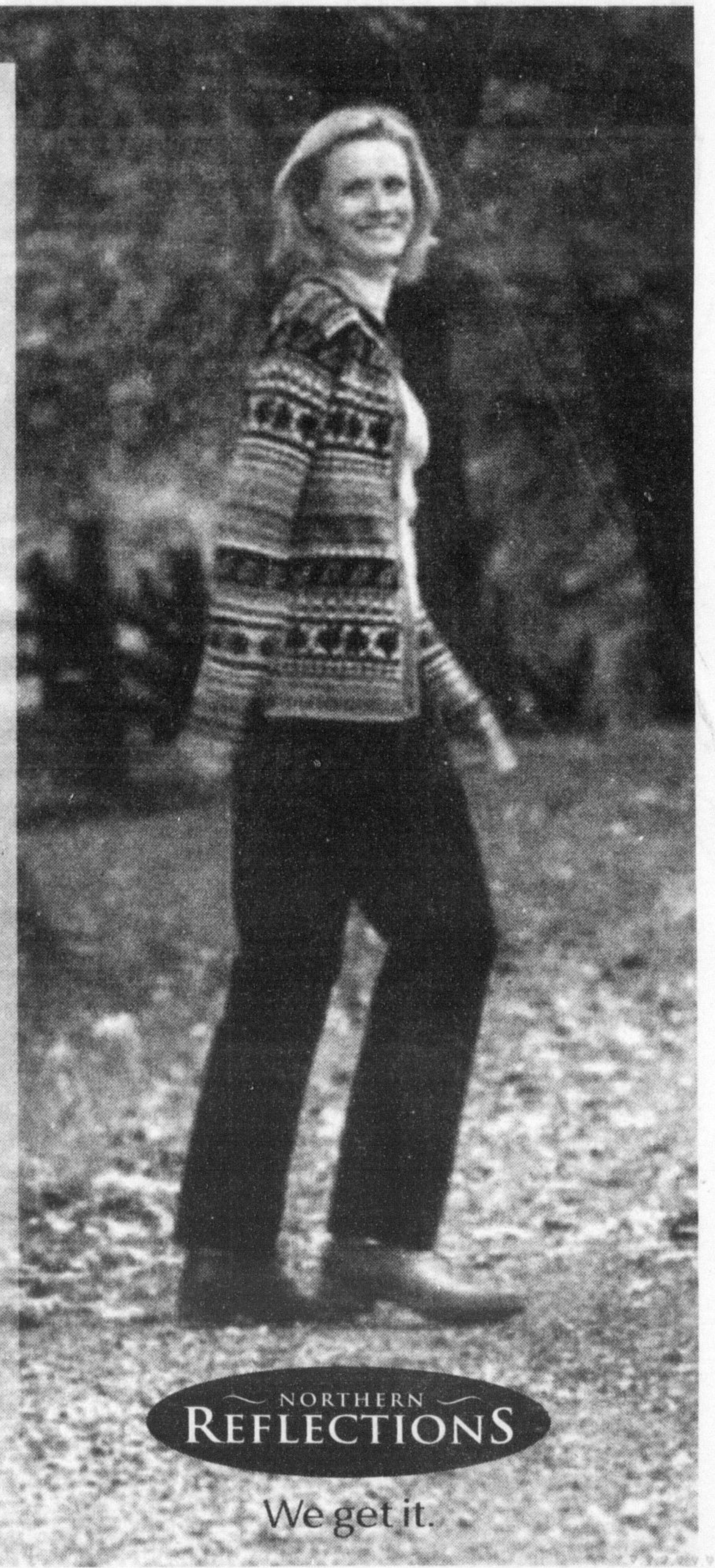
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