

# Grice gets nod to represent Green Party once again

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Dr. Kyle Grice will once again be the face of the Halton Green Party come the next federal election.

The Miltonian, who stood as the candidate for the local Green Party in last year's election, was uncontested at the Halton Federal Green Party Association's nomination meeting Tuesday.

Dr. Grice said he reluctantly put his name forward since he's so busy with his two small children and his own chiropractor business. But he said his supporters were pushing for him to run again.

"They were really happy with the job I did last time," he said.

He noted that last time around, he received financial support for his campaign from people who admitted they weren't going to vote for him because they'd rather do "strategic" voting for one of the other parties.

"I think that will change though," he said. "With all this floor crossing and lack of loyalty, I think people are realizing there's no advantage to strategic voting."

Looking ahead to whenever the next election is called — which Dr. Grice thinks will be in the summer — he said he

## Town considering building walkway

The Town is investigating how much it would cost to 'bridge the gap' between two east-end neighbourhoods.

At the request of Wards 2 and 4 Councillor Colin Best Monday night during the community services committee session, staff is now going to look into the feasibility and expense of constructing a walkway over the CPR rail line between Livingston Road and Tupper Drive.

The notion garnered support from Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau, who pointed out the Town's trails advisory committee has been talking about such a bridge for a long time.

She emphasized that the railway has been a real barrier between the communities.

Mayor Gord Krantz also endorsed the walkway concept. "It is a safety issue for sure," he remarked.

At the meeting, Best distributed a copy of a letter he sent to the Town on the topic before he was elected in November.

It indicates that through his conversations with contractors and area builders, he found the cost of the walkway could range from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

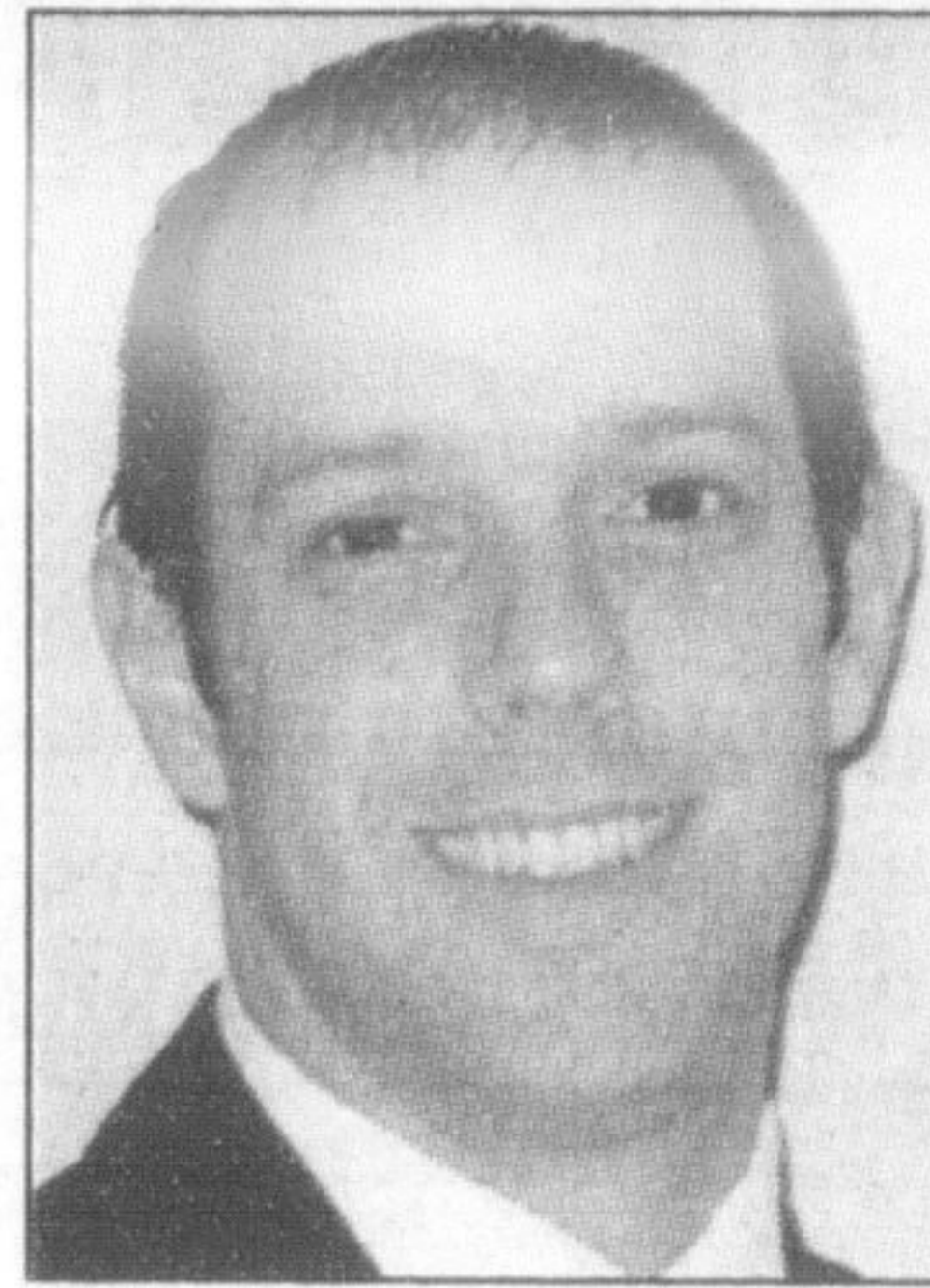
Staff will report back to committee and council on its findings in the future.

anticipates the environment being at the forefront of many debates.

"Canadians have put that as a number one priority for the government to deal with," he remarked.

Dr. Grice noted that taxes are always an issue as well. In his campaign, he said he'll support the Green Party's tax shifting plan, which calls for moving taxes away from income and instead putting them on environmentally harmful practices. The party believes this would encourage everyone to conserve energy and resources.

The local resident said he also thinks electoral reform is



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in order.

"I think several things need to change," he said. "For one, we need set election dates. We also need to have some form of proportional representation to step up with the rest of the world."

Last time around, Dr. Grice was contested by long-time area resident Kurtis Andrews for the Green Party candidacy, but emerged victorious with more than 60 per cent of the vote.

He then went on to the election race with the Liberals' Gary Carr (now the regional chairman), then-Conservative Garth Turner and the NDP's Anwar Naqvi.

Dr. Grice secured more than 4,000 votes, but Turner won out and now sits as the independent MP for Halton.

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