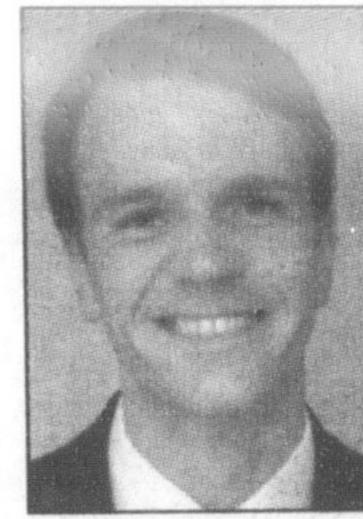
Meet Ward 2 candidate



Greg Nelson

Just Listed \$599,000

LARGE COUNTRY BUNGALOW ON 3 ACRES,

VERY PRIVATE WITH SURROUNDING TREES

on sidewalk to school & stores. SHOWS 10 +

Brick bungalow with surrounding trees, 2 car garage, 3 BRs, 2 WRs,

long private paved driveway, open concept kit/ family rm, W/O to front

yard, eat-in kit/dining with bay window, hardwood floors, unique front

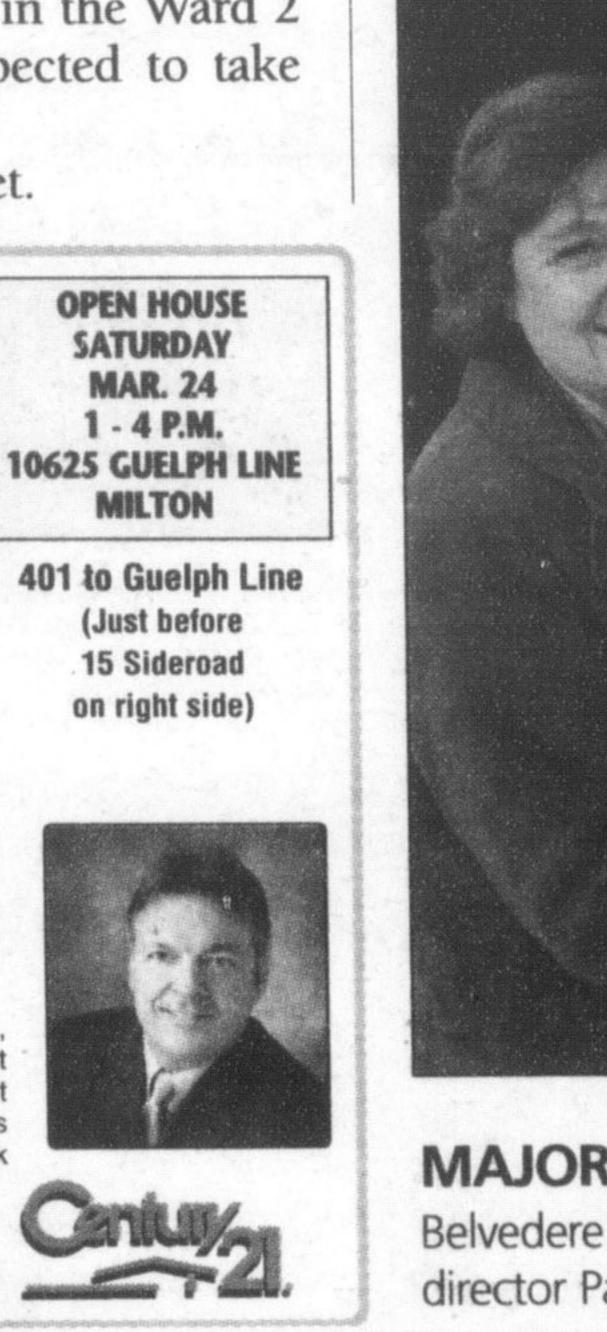
door atrium, sun room, modern California shutters, 5 yrs windows, 3 yrs

roof, rec rm, hot tub, pool, 5 yrs gas furnace, gas water heater, AC, walk

Ward 2 councillor candidate Greg Nelson is holding a meet and greet social Monday at Troy's Diner.

Residents are invited to stop by between 7:30 and 9 p.m. to say hello to Nelson and have some coffee and snacks. He'll be running in the Ward 2 byelection, which is expected to take place in June.

A date has yet to be set.



United Way sets fundraising record



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MAJOR DEPOSIT: United Way of Milton 2006 campaign chair and Town CAO Mario Belvedere gets a hand from United Way executive director Anne Eadie (left) and campaign



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Local chapter brings in \$548G for 2006

By Stephanie Thiessen CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

It was a record-breaking year for the United Way of Milton, with more money raised in its 2006 campaign than ever before — a good thing, since needs are also at an all-time high.

At the campaign's recent conclusion, \$548,000 had been raised, surpassing its goal by more than \$42,000.

"We set our highest goal ever and this is the highest ever achieved. I'm very delighted," said Anne Eadie, executive director of the United Way of Milton. "It's a lot of hard work by staff and volunteers."

With 2007 being the 25th anniversary of the United Way of Milton, it's nice to move into the year with good news, Eadie added.

There are several reasons Eadie said she thinks the campaign was so successful. First, they started a bit earlier last year, with the campaign kick-off in September with the Mayor's Golf Tournament. As usual, the campaign wound down by Christmas, although funds continued to trickle in into the new year.

Also, people employed outside Milton who give to the United Way through work are remembering to designate the funds to the Milton branch of the organization, Eadie said, which is a message that's been preached for many

Growth likely helped

But the main reason the campaign did so well is likely the town's burgeoning population.

"I think new residents — the ones who've been here two to three years feel this is their home now and they're supporting it through the United Way," Eadie said.

Donations were collected through a direct mail, payroll deductions and special events. The Mayor's Golf Tournament alone raised \$126,000.

But this doesn't mean the local United Way can rest on their laurels, since the organization has also received more requests for funding than ever before.

"The increase in requests for money is more than the increase (in funds) that's been raised," she explained, adding just ause an agency requests funding doesn't mean it'll get it.

A committee will decide how the money will be distributed, with a recommendation being made to the board of directors March 29.

"We expect that they'll recommend funding a couple of new agencies," Eadie said.

Town of Milton CAO Mario Belvedere served as the campaign chair for 2006, a title he's agreed to keep for the next campaign as well.

"I think this is a great community cause. We did some great work this year, and I wanted to continue with some of the initiatives we've done," he said.

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