

One challenger so far in Ward 2

Political blogger announces plan to run against Boughton

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Incumbent Ward 2 Councillor Mike Boughton already has some competition for his seat on council in this fall's municipal election.

The local barber, who's currently serving his second term on council, will go up against newcomer Jennifer Smith for the spot on October 25.

Smith, a known political blogger and woman of many trades, said she put her name forward because she's tired of simply talking about local issues and decided it's time to do something about them.

The mother of one is also motivated by her concern over the lack of affordable housing in Milton.

"I have a 17-year-old son, and I don't know where he's going to live in Milton," she said. "We need to do something."

In addition to writing a movie review column for the *Champion*, Smith is also a semi-professional singer and entrepreneur who runs her own on-line crafts business.

Boughton said he's running again because he thoroughly enjoys his job as a councillor

and wants to continue looking after old Milton in Ward 2.

"I like serving the people and trying to accomplish something for them," he said.

While new growth isn't an issue that faces Ward 2, Boughton noted it will see some intensification (infill development), and he wants to be on council to make sure "it's done the right way."

Boughton has operated Mike's Barber Shop on Main Street for more than four decades and has been a major fundraiser for cancer research and the Milton District Hospital.

With the fall election comes changes to the town's ward boundaries. Under the new system, Ward 2 will largely be framed by Tremaine Road, No. 5 Sideroad, Esquesing Line and Derry Road.

While there are currently two local councillors who serve each of the town's four wards, that will change as well, with one individual being elected to represent each of the eight new wards.

One regional councillor will be elected to serve the four northern wards and another will serve the four southern wards.

Check out upcoming issues of the *Champion* to see who else is running for council in the October 25 election.

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Jennifer Smith



Mike Boughton

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