

# OPINION

## Know who you're voting for Monday

Monday is Voting Day.

Voting locations will open at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

To find out where you should vote, visit the Town of Milton's website, [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca).

On Monday, residents will be asked to vote for a mayor.

And they will select a town councillor for the ward in which they live, as well as a local/regional councillor for the same ward. While both serve on town council, the local/regional councillor also sits on Halton regional council.

The Town deals with responsibilities like local planning, parks and recreation, libraries, fire services, snow removal and local roads.

The Region deals with responsibilities like garbage and blue box service, policing, water and wastewater, public health and social services.

Residents will also be asked to elect school board trustees for whichever school board they support with their property taxes — Catholic or public.

An exception to this includes public school voters in Wards 2, 3, 4 and 5, since the sole candidate has been acclaimed.

The only candidate for Halton regional chair has also been acclaimed.

To vote residents must live in the municipality, be a Canadian citizen and be at least 18 years old.

For information on candidates, visit the Town's website, the *Champion's* website ([www.insidehalton.com](http://www.insidehalton.com)) or candidate websites, which can be accessed usually by doing a web search under the candidate's name.

Please make sure to get out and vote.



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### *I expected a much better turnout, tougher questions*

If there was a 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire – Milton Election Edition,' I'd probably take the top prize.

These last two months have been a whirlwind of all-candidate meetings. I've heard most candidates' platforms, all 34 of them, about half a dozen times.

I can tell you who will fight to save St. Paul's church, and who thinks the costs associated with preserving the building are too steep for taxpayers.

I can tell you who believes this election is the time for change and who thinks leadership and experience is more imperative now than ever before.

I could tell you my thoughts on who would do a great job representing Miltonians, who has done their research and has demonstrated a passion for this town, and who's not quite ready just yet — but I'll

leave that for you to decide on Election Day.

What did surprise me during the campaigning spree, however, was a lack of interest from the community.

A meeting with the public and Catholic school board trustees, aside from a handful of council candidates, saw by my count six residents. A meeting for the urban wards didn't see much more of a turnout.

While I commend all the people who did attend the meetings, I was hoping for tougher questions to be posed to council hopefuls.

A prominent election issue is the Milton hospital expansion, yet some Miltonians have referred to this as a non-issue. Hospitals

are a Provincial matter. The Province will decide when the expansion will take place, and the Town has already given the thumbs up for a local contribution to help with the costs of the renovations.

Plus, I doubt any candidate, or resident for that matter, is anti-expansion.

I, personally, would like to have seen more questions focused on community building, safe neighbourhoods and job creation, with candidates offering real, practical solutions to problems, rather than just making promises.

As a reporter, at times I forget not everyone in the community cares about these issues as much as I do.

Albeit, I do get paid to write about municipalities — see **NEIGHBOURING** on page A7



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