

Slow growth is candidates' most popular stand

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garbage and sewers to the region and they haven't fulfilled either one of them yet. I hope the province and the Ministry of the Environment are strong enough to tell Burlington that's where the site should be.

Councillor Colin Best had earlier referred to landfills as an "obsolete method of waste disposal" and spoken on behalf of both recycling and energy-from-waste plants.

While councillor Les Laughren said he had consistently "fought landfill" Mr. Clements, who has seen the complicated legal battle unfold over the years at regional council, said "we have to address it in a responsible manner."

Opening statements by the candidates were kept to two minutes by debate rules. Some, like councillor Clements, pushed out points rapid fire and crammed a good deal into a short speech. Others, like his opponent Mr. Goutouski, were cut short almost in mid-phrase.

It made for an unwieldy meeting as current and potential hydro commissioners, urban council candidates and hopefuls for both the separate and public school boards held forth.

Newcomers could offer little beyond good faith and willing flesh to combat the experience of the incumbents. But even the veterans were at a disadvantage in that time was short in the speeches to ar-



GUS GOUTOUSKI



BRIAN GREEN



BRAD CLEMENTS



PIERRE HOULE



MARY LONG



COLIN BEST

ticulate the background on complex issues.

Mr. Melanson said the top municipal priority has to be housing and that the shortage is "near crisis" proportions in Milton. He criticized the ongoing urban expansion plans as taking "far too long."

The current council "has done its homework," he said, listing some accomplishments as pushing through the initial stage of the urban review and hiring a bylaw-enforcement officer to begin cleaning up the various contraventions around town.

Upcoming municipal projects, such as construction of recreational facilities and a facelift for the Mill Pond "are all big ticket items and we have to have experience to deal with them."

Mr. Best said "Milton is going to

grow but it should be Milton's choice on how and when and where it will happen."

He advocated filling in the current urban core more substantially prior to any boundary expansion.

Mr. Green stressed his main campaign plank, affordable housing, or the present lack of it. If elected he will also focus on promotion of the arts and development of Milton's downtown business area, he added.

The only woman running for a council seat, Mary Long, said her past commitment to non-profit projects in Milton demonstrated that people can count on her for strong

representation.

She cited her work with the United Way agency, the highly successful Festival of Countries celebrations of the early 1980s, the annual Jamaica Night hospital fund-raiser and her contributions with cancer research drives.

Ms Long favours more funding for agencies which help seniors maintain their independence, such as Halton Helping Hands, and a bolstered police presence in Milton.

The real estate agent said she also will work to maintain the "small town spirit" of the community, applying "creative planning."

In his quick opening recap of accomplishments and future ambitions, Mr. Clements obviously had one eye on his speech and one on the ticking clock.

He hopes to act on the current culture and recreational needs study to build a new centre in the next term, and expects urban expansion "under our control. That's what the urban review is all about."

The regional councillor is vice-chairman of the Halton Non-Profit Housing Corporation and supports non-profit housing on the Halton Centennial Manor property.

His opponent believes any new-found sewage capacity which would allow for further development should be used for housing purposes, and that land should be expropriated for affordable housing. But Mr. Goutouski would rather see the town's proposed recreational centre on the Manor grounds.

Mr. Houle came out against the development of a "concrete jungle." Mr. Moreau spoke of a concern for affordable housing but also stressed strong supervision of the spending of taxpayers' dollars.

Mr. Laughren said the current council has been responsible in budget control.

Oakville-Milton federal candidates debates set

When Oakville-Milton federal riding candidates get together tomorrow night for a public forum, they'll be addressing the issue of free trade.

Sponsored by Milton Jaycees, the all-candidates meeting will be held at E.C. Drury School gymnasium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Each candidate will present a five-minute opening speech followed by a question period. Then from 8:30 to 8:45 each candidate will speak for two minutes about free trade and again the public will have a chance to ask questions.

The Oakville-Milton candidates include Minister of Supply and Services, MP Otto Jelinek, Liberal candidate Bonnie Brown, NDP candidate Richard Banigan, Christian Heritage Party candidate Paul Calloway and Libertarian hopeful Jim Stock.

The evening's events will be taped by Halton Cable 4 and will be aired at times shown on the television station's notice board.

At noon tomorrow, the five candidates will be at Howard Johnson Motel in Oakville. The Oakville-Milton federal candidates luncheon is sponsored by Oakville Chamber of Commerce and will run from noon to 2 p.m.

Candidates will give a three-minute opening speech and will then answer two questions from the Chamber of Commerce. After lunch they will answer questions from the audience which have been submitted in writing. The hotel is located near the intersection of Trafalgar Road and the Queen Elizabeth Way.

Tickets cost \$13.50 each at the door. Reserve by calling 845-6613 before 10 a.m. Thursday.

Jamaican hospital receives \$8,000 from Caribbean Night

A Jamaican hospital will get some much-needed repairs thanks to the efforts of Bruce Hood's Caribbean Night and Milton District Hospital.

The annual fall fund-raiser has traditionally been a source of funds for the Milton District Hospital Foundation. All told, \$23,000 was donated to the foundation over the first two years.

However, when Caribbean Night (formerly Jamaica Night) occurred just five days after Hurricane Gilbert left a trail of destruction across Jamaica, the MDH Founda-

tion decided to delay some of their much-needed equipment purchasing with the intention of repairing one of Jamaica's badly damaged hospitals.

The night produced \$8,781 in profit which will be donated shortly to the University of West Indies Hospital, in Mona, Jamaica, just outside the capital of Kingston.

Mr. Hood credited the hospital foundation which is still in pressing need of equipment.

The event was undertaken by a committee headed by Mary Long in conjunction with the staff at Bruce Hood's Milton Travel.

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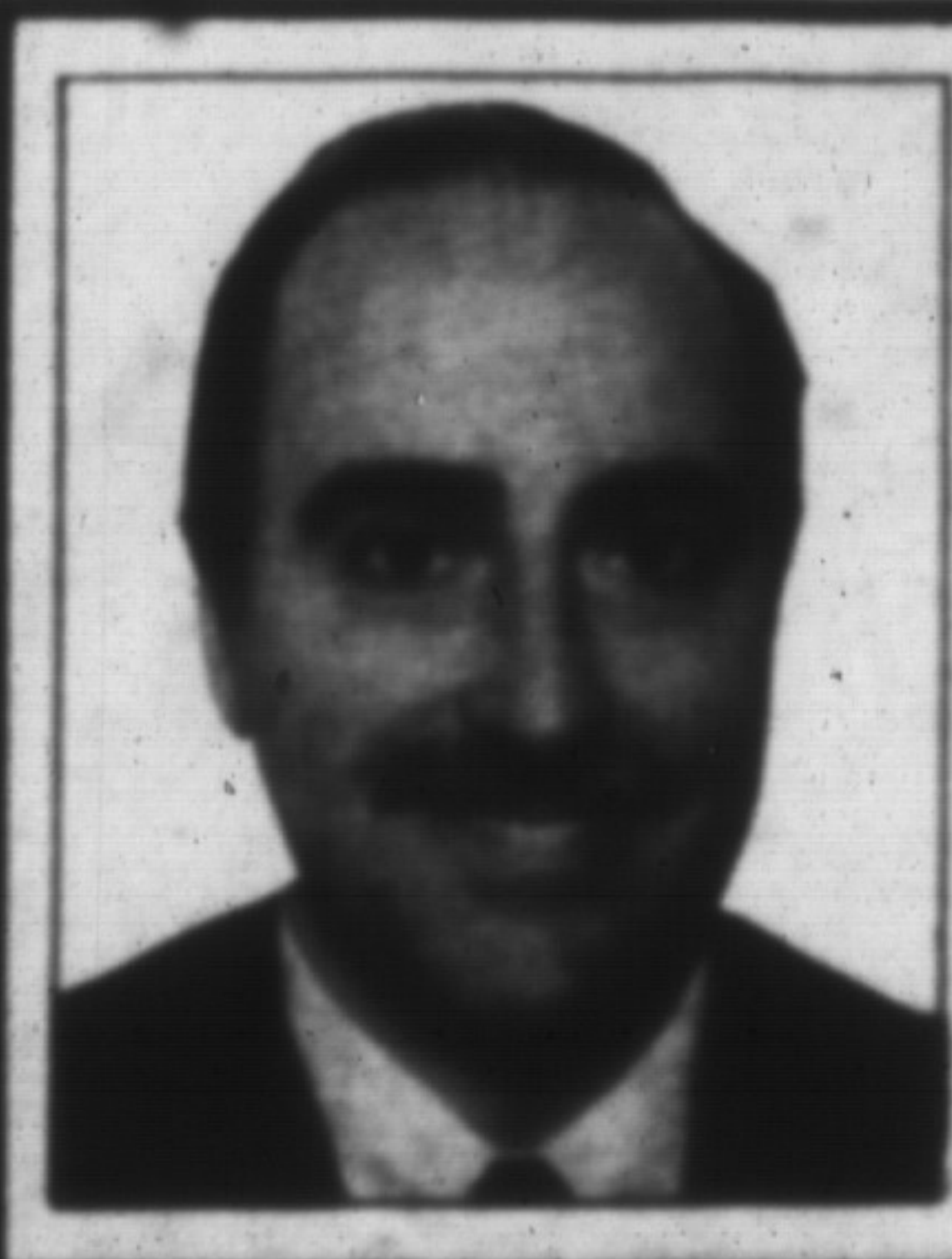
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