



National media swayed voters to NDP, says Gori

By BRAD REAUME

Giuseppe Gori, Family Coalition Party candidate for Halton North said that the N.D.P. victory provincially led to the victory of the party locally.

"They didn't do anything particularly right locally, but the party had the attention of the national media which completely ignored

us," Mr. Gori said.

Mr. Gori was happy with the coverage of the local media calling it "equitable." He said that the major problem of the Family Coalition Party was reaching people and claimed that where they did get their message out they did well. The party stands behind traditional family values and notably supports the Pro-

Life movement on the abortion issue. They received 2,489 votes locally.

"About 2,500 people voted with a clear conscience and they saw us as the alternative to the three major parties," he said. "We took the abortion issue head on and we made significant gains, getting two or three times the votes we got in the last

election."

"Our campaign is based on family values," Mr. Gori said. "Our objective is not to be in power because we don't need to be in power to send our message."

Mr. Gori says the party has laid the groundwork for future campaigns both provincially and federally. He said that he would run

again if the party asked him to. But he kept going back to the national media as the important facet of the campaign.

"We received one minute of national media exposure in the last 40 days while the three major parties received hours and hours of free advertising," Mr. Gori said.

He said the national media should at least match the time they give to a party to the percentage of the vote they won. "We will continue to push for more media attention. It's the only way we can get our message out," he said.

"I'm optimistic in the long run," he said. "It would be nice if we could participate in a minority or coalition government." He said that the party was formed around some basic issues and the platform would not change but that they would continue to broaden it and take on other important issues.

"There was no way to do anything different," Mr. Gori said. "With a lack of money and resources we're always in the reaction mode. The campaign went by so fast."

"If Peterson hadn't called this stupid election we would have had more time to prepare, to work on our promotion, to get to know people," he said.

Libertarians 'gunning' for federal election

By BRAD REAUME

Libertarian candidate John Shadbolt accomplished what he wanted in the Ontario provincial election before the polls even closed Thursday night.

"We've got the Libertarian name out and managed to create an organization where only a few weeks ago one didn't exist," Mr. Shadbolt said. The Libertarians picked up 460 votes and finished last among the six candidates contesting Halton North.

The Libertarian platform calls for a drastic restructuring of the amount of influence government has on our lives.

They call for deregulation and an end to what they see as government interference in every segment of society.

"We're not against the liberals particularly," Mr. Shadbolt said. "We're against the established way of government. We believe in policies that are directed at promoting individuality."

I would like to have done better," he said of the result. "I don't think that an N.D.P. government will be a change for the better. The spending habits of the Liberals is what got the N.D.P. elected but I can't see them making any improvement. Their spending habits will put our taxes through the roof."

He admitted that his late start on the campaign and the similarity between his party's name and the name of the ruling Liberals hurt his chances.

"We've gotten our name out and what we believe," he said. "I've never seen an election like this before, such a hatred of the established order."

Mr. Shadbolt, a disenchanted Conservative and a Libertarian for the past seven years, said that the party will continue to work hard for the next two years towards contesting the next federal election.

"If I've learned anything I've learned to be prepared," Shadbolt said. "If I had worked from

the beginning and had an established organization we could have won. Our own polls show that we could have gotten between 25 and 30 per cent of the vote."

He says that the Libertarians have to continue to educate people about their views. They started with no workers and according to Mr. Shadbolt budgeted for 100 signs.

"We did that deliberately," he said. "The signs are trash once the election is over and we didn't want to produce garbage. We are trying to promote reduced taxes so spending huge amounts of money in an election is wrong. We spent about \$800 while the local Liberals probably spent about \$50,000."

Mr. Shadbolt said that in his estimation through talking to people door-to-door and at campaign functions was that "the voters are totally disenchanted with government."

He says, "There's a big problem out there. We'll be gunning for the federal election."

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Region divided over costs of Milton growth study

By NORMAN NELSON

The scheme to run a pipe from Lake Ontario to water-starved Milton was staunchly defended by Milton Mayor Gord Krantz at a Halton Region planning and public works meeting Wednesday.

In the end, the committee grudgingly agreed to a \$4.3 million expenditure to allow the next big step to be taken.

The decision must still be approved by full council, which meets next Wednesday (September 12).

The next move involves a mammoth study, expected to take up to two years, with the major focus being the expansion of Milton over the next two decades to more than 70,000 people from the current 33,000.



Gord Krantz

The study will also look into the feasibility of providing some short term growth for Milton by determining if the current well water system, now operating at capacity, can be expanded.

Committee members raised many concerns.

Halton Hills councillor Rick Bonnette urged the initiative be shelved until the economy rebounds.

Mayor Krantz responded that this was "the ostrich approach."

Growth, he said, is inevitable, adding that if local municipalities want control over it, they have to confront it. "You have to stage, phase and plan future growth."

Committee chairperson Marilyn Sergeantson of Halton Hills was concerned that the study will bear fruit only for Milton and Oakville while Burlington and Halton Hills are left in the cold.

While the study is targeted at Milton urban expansion it is also taking a somewhat more preliminary look at developing lands in north Oakville in view of the recent provincial approval for extending Highway 403 throughout Halton.

Expressing dismay at the

parochialism that seemed to be surfacing, Mayor Krantz said all four municipalities will benefit from planned and orderly regional growth.

He added that "it was Milton that took the initiative in putting up the money to get the process underway."

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale, tongue in cheek, said if other municipalities want her town to foot a larger share of the study costs, than Oakville will also keep a larger share of the increased regional assessment.

Burlington councillor Pat McLaughlin pitched in his support for the pipeline to allow for Milton's urban expansion. However, he called the short term well plan "folly", and passionately, but unsuccessfully, tried to have it scrapped.

"Common sense dictates that it's the big pipe that will be needed to service Milton," he said. "I don't think there's any doubt about that, one way or another."

"I can't see why we don't get on with that, rather than mess around with the interim solution, which might take as long to complete as running the pipe from down here."

While sympathizing with Mr. McLaughlin's concerns, Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy nevertheless argued there were two good reasons for going ahead with it: That the information would be needed when the time comes for the Region to defend the 'big pipe' proposal at environmental hearings; and that the study will, in fact, determine whether it is feasible to go ahead with the short term solution.

Mr. McLaughlin added that the environmental hearings are unnecessary when the obvious route for the pipe is along Highway 25.

The Region, he said, will have to pay an enormous amount of money to go through an (environmental hearing) to find out we can do it... it's bloody ridiculous."

Oakville councillor Fred Oliver indignantly said Halton should look after its present infrastructure before planning new facilities.

His point was driven home by a delegation from an Oakville neighbourhood, on hand to complain

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