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## Former Oakville Chamber chief seeks PC nomination

By SAL BOMMARITO Special to The Champion

Cutmore figures Jackie "enthusiasm" will go a long way to helping the Progressive Conservative Party retain its stronghold on the Oakville-Milton riding in the next federal election.

Ms Cutmore is the second person to officially declare she intends to seek the PC nomination. Janet Mitchell was the first to announce she will run for the nomination. Oakville mayor Ann Mulvale is also rumored to be considering a run at the nomination and Oakville reg- calls," she said. ional councillor Steve Sparling is expected to announce his intentions today. The PC nomination meeting is slated for July 23 at Glen Abbey Recreational Centre in Oakville.

Ms Cutmore, who resigned in February as the executive director of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce to become executive director of Child Find Ontario, said "I'm excited and feel as refreshed as ever. I am as committed and dedicated a candidate as the Tories will find in this riding. I'm ready to move on the task of getting nominated."

race after discussing the matter with burdening taxpayers said Ms Cuther family and her employer.

"It's not easy to arrive at such a decision. I was beginning to feel comfortable at my new job. I spoke to the president (of Child Find). They understand and they're a little disappointed because they feel I had the strength to do the job. But they haven't lost me yet," she said.

Ms Cutmore, a former Oakville

school trustee and Oakville and regional councillor, said she's been thinking about running for the candidacy "very seriously" since rumours first surfaced several months ago concerning the retirement of long-time Oakville-Milton MP Otto Jelinek.

However, Ms Cutmore said she never gave the idea another thought until Jelinek announced his retirement. That's when the phone started ringing.

"I received a signifigant amount of calls (from prospective supporters) then I made a signifigant amount of

Ms Cutmore said the question she has been asked by most people is: " 'Why would you want to get involved (in federal politics)?' I always tell them: 'The reason I want to get involved is why you are asking the question.' I believe I can make a difference and that change can occur."

Ms Cutmore said "the deficit, unemployment and education are priorities" on her list of concerns.

Business and government must work together to create job opportunities, improve education, and She said she decided to enter the reduce the deficit without further more.

> She said that she is "excited" with the PC party leadership hopeful Kim Campbell and her belief that Canadians want to be more involved in government.

> "I believe that government should be the servant of the people. We have to include the people in the process," Ms Cutmore said.

## Third candidate expected to seek Otto Jelinek's job

By ROB KELLY The Champion

Today Oakville regional councillor Stephen Sparling is expected to announce his candidacy for the federal Progressive Conservative seat Otto Progressive Conservative," Mr. Jelinek is vacating.

Mr. Sparling has scheduled a press conference at Halton Region's administration centre for 12:45 p.m., just before the council meeting.

All indications point toward him joining what will then become a three-way race to defend the Tory dynasty Mr. Jelinek created in the Oakville-Milton riding.

As the third candidate to declare, Mr. Sparling will face off against fellow Oakville residents Jackie Cutmore and Janet Mitchell in a June 23 "issue." nomination meeting at the Glen Abbey Recreation Centre in Oakville.

Monday Mr. Sparling wouldn't openly admit he was throwing his hat into the ring, saying he wanted to reserve any announcements for his press conference. But he made it clear what his intentions were."

"I've got a machine. I've got more than 100 new (party) members. We have not been sitting around."

The potential candidate spoke like a man already in the race, addressing federal issues, chief of which to him is fiscal policy.

"To this point I have been well known in Oakville and Halton as being tough on budgets." Talks with people in Oakville-Milton have revealed "that is their primary concern, that they want something done. That is far and above the most important issue."

As a "fiscal conservative" such rumblings have "given me confidence," Mr. Sparling said.

In terms of the ongoing national

Tory leadership campaign, leaning toward Kim Campbell," Mr. Sparling added. He hopes to secure a spot as a delegate to the convention from Oakville-Milton.

Defining himself as "a lifelong" Sparling stressed that he is "quite proud of the Conservative record."

Although Canada has its highest debt level ever, "every cent of that increased debt is because of increased interest on the debt," not the failure of federal policy over the last decade, Mr. Sparling asserted.

Mr. Sparling supports plans enunciated in one form or another by the various leadership hopefuls to "gradually reduce the deficit. The time has come to really address that

At 35, Mr. Sparling is a first-term Oakville and regional councillor. He works as a partner in a promotional company.

## Lend a hand on Community Day

Community Day organizers are still looking for some more volunteers and recipients of their good deeds for the Saturday, May 1 event.

Volunteers are being organized to complete tasks for disabled and elderly residents who have household chores they can't do themselves. Those who want to lend a hand can sign up for either morning or afternoon duties or both.

Anyone who requires help is asked to register with Information Milton at 875-4636. Potential volunteers should also call that number before 5 p.m. Friday, Apr. 23.

At the end of the day a barbecue is planned at Victoria Park in front of Town Hall.