

Tax lobbyists choose Kingsbury

Other candidates
not worried
about decision

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The Champion

Milton's three Ward 1/3 Halton Board of Education trustee candidates had a mixed reaction on learning the Halton Taxpayers' Coalition has publicly endorsed one of them.

The Burlington-based Coalition threw its weight behind Tim Kingsbury over Nancy Taylor and Sarita Purdy, in a recent news release.

"Our criteria have been interest in the public good, freedom from conflicts of interest, active belief in the possibility of maintaining or raising service quality while reducing taxes and debt, and personal suitability," said the Coalition statement. Its volunteers either interviewed, or attempted to interview, candidates before backing specific Halton Board of Education trustee and Burlington city council candidates.

"I have my own views about having special interest groups trying to put pressure on the candidates," said Ms Purdy.



Tim Kingsbury

"I have to ask the question, is Tim Kingsbury going to be representing the views of the Taxpayers' Coalition if elected or is he going to be representing taxpayers?" asked the 41-year-old business consultant, who has said her top educational concern is money and getting more education value for taxpayers' bucks.

Ms Purdy said the Coalition left her a message offering her a "service" and, based on the fact that she has her own campaign team, she didn't contact them.

"I've made it clear to a number of special interest groups that I will be out there representing the taxpayers, not special interest groups and if I do get elected, I plan on representing all

the taxpayers, not just the people who do vote for me," said Ms Purdy.

Ms Taylor observed, "I guess everyone is entitled to their opinion." She said the Coalition member who contacted her for an interview described the group as being based out of Burlington. Since she believed it removed from her area, Ms Taylor, a 38-year-old health care professional, wasn't interviewed.

"Teachers want to hear one thing, parents want to hear another, and the community and taxpayers want to hear another. I'm a very realistic person. I wouldn't say or do anything to give the impression to anybody that I could create miracles," said Ms Taylor.

"I feel, if I am elected, that I will do my best," she said. "With my background and with the things I've achieved in my home school and area in the community, people can look at that to see who I am and what I stand for."

Ms Taylor said she has worked from start to finish on achieving change on educational issues at various levels, ranging from the local school, the board and the province.

"The message was news to me," admitted Mr. Kingsbury, the Coalition's pick. He said he was interviewed by the Coalition.

"I see that (the endorsement) as a recognition of what they perceive,

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Corrections

The front page photo published in the Nov. 4 issue of *The Champion* in connection with the 50th anniversary of Paul Krohnert Manufacturing neglected to identify David Krohnert, president of the Steeles Avenue East company.

Also, in the Oct. 28 issue, we wrongly reported that the Winefest fundraiser presented by the Milton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was to be held Sunday, Nov. 12. The actual date is Saturday, Nov. 12. Other details about the event are published in today's *Dateline* section.

We regret the errors and apologize for any inconvenience they may have caused.

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