

# Cluett, Abubaqr also candidates for local, regional council seat

In 2011, Lambert also pleaded guilty to impaired driving and failing to provide a breath sample leading to a one-year driving suspension and a \$1,000 fine.

A lawyer advised the Town that Lambert was disqualified from holding office because he would have been unable to vote if an election were held during the time he was in jail. "I've put that behind me. That was last year," Lambert said, maintaining that he hasn't touched alcohol since October. "That's not going to happen again."

"It has not been easy not being on council,

but I'm making the best of it," Lambert told *the Champion*, noting that he's been "talking to staff" to keep up-to-date on issues.

"I know what's going on," he said. "The great thing about the meetings is that they're on-line so I can see them — which is what I did when I ran in 2010 too."

Lambert, who works as a contractor with his brother, beat out long-time councillor Brian Penman in the last municipal election by winning 53.82 per cent of the vote.

Council voted Penman back into the vacant seat in January after selecting him from a

list of 27 other candidates. Penman said he wouldn't be running in this fall's municipal election.

Lambert said that he's now looking to return to being a "vocal and strong advocate on council."

"The community is really going to face some challenging issues," Lambert said. "Mainly with the growth, and in terms of our partnership with the Province, and our other partners, developers and so forth."

Among the things Lambert said he would push for is a new GO Station for Milton.

"We need a new GO Station — we need that urgently," he said.

Milton, however, isn't currently part of The Big Move — Metrolinx' \$50-billion in improvements to the GO system across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area over the next 25 years.

While in office, Lambert opposed growth that would have added more cars to Britannia

Road — a cause he lists among his accomplishments after Town staff reported back in 2011 that construction to widen the transportation corridor could be accelerated by several years.

Since announcing his intention to run again, Lambert has been out knocking on doors and describes the response from local residents as "supportive."

"Most people realize that we're human and that humans make mistakes and that I've made my share of mistakes... and for that reason (they) are supportive," he said.

Asked whether he feels he has to regain the trust of residents after his dismissal, Lambert said he's "moved on."

Mike Cluett and Mian Abubaqr have also submitted their nominations for the local and regional councillor seat for Wards 1, 6, 7 and 8.

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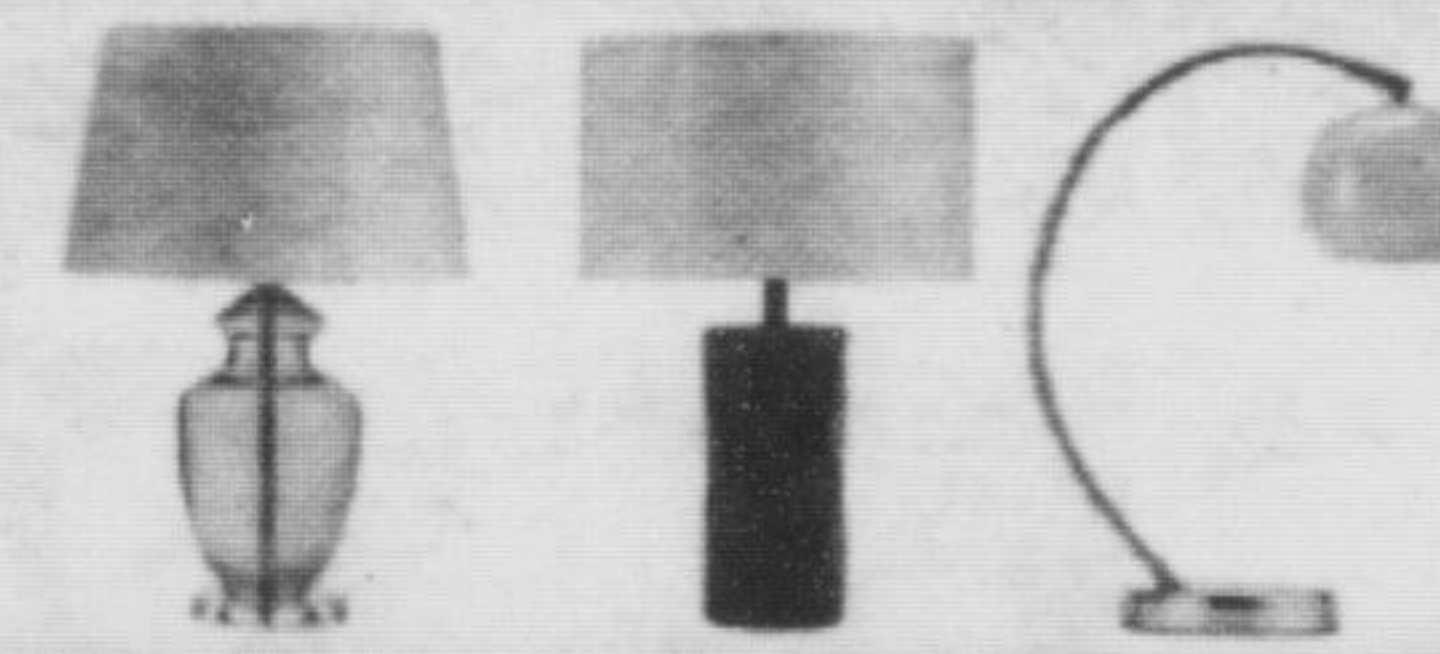


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