

## **Meet the candidates**

### **Alex Hilson - Liberal**

Serves as Town Councillor for Ward 1 in Halton Hills. Was the Acton BIA Coordinator, helping them navigate the pandemic by securing funding, promoting local shopping, and building a stronger downtown. Also was a Programmer for Youth with the Town, seeing firsthand the importance of social services for vulnerable community members.

A committed volunteer—Past President of the Halton Hills Optimist Club, a church leader, and Secretary of the Halton Hills Interfaith Community—Alex knows that building a strong community takes hard work and collaboration.

He believes leadership means working together to improve healthcare, housing, and economic opportunities for all.

### **Simone Kent- NDP**

Grew up in Etobicoke and has a degree in chemical engineering. Marrying her dairy farmer husband, she embraced rural life, joined Jersey Ontario, became president, and is active in community events, including the Fergus Fall Fair. Simone is an education worker in a local public school. Her political journey began when she ran for township councillor in 2006, which led her to become involved in the Township Environmental Committee and a local union representative.

"It's heartbreaking to see our schools in disrepair, our hospitals stretched thin, and families unable to afford their basic needs. "It's time for change now."

### **Stephen Kitras – New Blue**

Has been a resident of Centre Wellington for 34 years and served as a Councillor for 2 terms since 2014. He was on the Farm Safety, Social Housing, Economic Development and Safe Communities committees.

He is the founder and owner of his family-run international decorative glass manufacturing business and employs 35 people in Fergus. Has been a Hop Farmer for the craft microbrewing industry since 2014. He has been a member of St. Joseph Church for 34 years and currently a member of Knights of Columbus.

He feels strongly that there is a democratic crisis in government.

### **Jason Medland – Ontario Party**

Jason lived and returned to Acton in 2004 to raise his two boys in the rural environment he grew up in. With a 30 year career in software/systems architecture, he solved complex problems and developed solutions for everyone from start-ups to fortune 500 companies.

Jason chose to run for the Ontario Party because he feels it is the job of the elected to represent their riding and not ideological enclaves.

We need transparency and accountability at all levels of government. The Ontario Party offers a choice for people who are sick and tired of the nonsense.

## **Joseph Racinsky - Conservative**

Is a resident and current Councillor of Halton Hills. Joseph has volunteered in various capacities, serving his church and contributing to local organizations.

Joseph has worked for a Member of Provincial Parliament, gaining valuable experience in government operations. Joseph currently serves on the board of the Community Foundation of Halton North, is the secretary for the Georgetown Agricultural Society, and plays an active role in the Mayor's Watershed Planning Committee and Agricultural Roundtable. With a passion for hard work and community-building, Joseph is committed to delivering results and advocating for the needs of Wellington Halton Hills residents at Queen's Park.

## **Dr. Bronwynne Wilton – Green**

Grew up in Aboyne, and now calls Fergus home. She owns a small business, specializing in research, stakeholder engagement and facilitation in the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector. With a PhD in Rural Studies, focused on sustainable agriculture that supports local farmers.

Served as Ward 5 Councillor in the Township of Centre Wellington since 2022. Former volunteer with Fergus-Elora District Soccer, Fergus Skating Club, Centre Wellington Community Foundation and other local initiatives. Currently serves on the board of Life Sciences Ontario. Has a deep understanding of land use planning policies and processes. Dedicated to making all voices heard.

Also running, but no profile available: - Ron Patava, Independent.