

Political Action Profile: Ian Thompson for Milton town council

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CUPE National Representative, Ian Thompson is running for town council in Ward 2 on election day, October 25, 2010, in Milton, Ontario.

A resident of Milton for almost 30 years, Ian Thompson has been actively involved in the development of the community and has contributed greatly to several charities and public service agencies.

A former child welfare worker at Halton's Children's Aid, Thompson holds a Master of Arts in Political Science and a Masters' degree in Social Welfare Policy.

"One of the things I'm very concerned about in this municipality is that infrastructure and services keep pace with on-going development," said Thompson.

"We must also protect the environment and the existing communities. For example, we should not allow high density developments – those with over 15 units per hectare – on lands adjacent to the Niagara Escarpment protected lands."

Living in a growing community, Thompson is not against development. He is insistent that however, that new development will respect the needs of existing communities and neighbourhoods, and preserve natural habitats, wetlands and bio-diversity.

"Milton citizens must be allowed to be more involved with what happens in their communities. To that end I want town staff to create neighbourhood advisory groups and consult with them in all phases of development," Thompson explained. "Those consultations must be held in simple language with easily understood concepts so that the process is open to all and completely transparent."

Thompson's community involvement is wide ranging. He is a former chair of Milton Public Library Board, and former board member and Treasurer of Halton Children's Aid. He is active in Milton Heights, where he lives, working with the community to prevent further development of the local brick plant and working with the community to limit future development.

Thompson has been a member of the Greater Toronto United Way Allocations Committee. As well, he is Chair of the Multi-Sector Pension Plan and the Multi-Sector Pension Plan Administration Coordinator.

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