

# VISION for CHANGE

## A Council Accountable to You

Council must be open and transparent and directly accountable to the people who elect them. We would end the repeated use of in-camera meetings which bar the public. The Ontario Ombudsman recently stated this is a serious problem across Ontario.

We believe there need to be quarterly Town Hall Meetings rotated throughout the county to ensure the public has direct access to Council members. These meetings should provide the public with details of current status of various projects and inform the public of upcoming issues.

The public should be encouraged to be more pro-active in their local government. Council should address key issues facing Haldimand County and seek public input.

## Council must BE a Public Voice

We believe Councillors are paid to be a public voice on issues directly affecting Haldimand County. Too many times council has not been united and various wards have not worked together for the common good.

In a modern world many local issues have National implications and National issues are playing a role in local politics. Such issues as Wind Turbines, Law and Order, Jobs and Economic development, Hydro rates and taxation cannot be ignored by Council. If elected, we would work to build bridges with other communities seeking to get the best deal for municipalities and for Haldimand.

We believe taxpayers expect their elected officials to be pro-active in researching the pros and cons of all issues that affect Haldimand County and should speak out, not just at election time but while they serve the public in office.

## Real Leadership

Real leadership isn't about finding excuses but finding ways to change the status quo, finding ways to make the future better and finding ways where one person can make a difference.

## Meet your Candidate

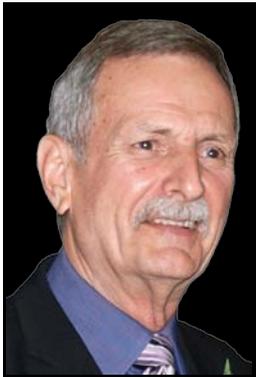
### Debates:

Ward 2: 7:30 pm, October 7 - Haldimand Agriculture Centre, 1084 Kohler Road Cayuga - Mayoral debate only

Ward 3: 7 pm, October 13 - Caledonia Lions Club Hall, 100 Haddington St.

Ward 4: 6:30 pm, October 20 - Hagersville Community Centre, 62 Main Street S.

Visit our booth at the Caledonia Fair and speak with your candidate.



## WARD 2 Merlyn Kinrade

Merlyn has lived most of his life in Caledonia and served in the Royal Canadian Navy. His service included a tour of duty in Port Said, Egypt on a UN peacekeeping Mission during the 1956

Suez crisis. Merlyn once owned the Riverview Dairy in Caledonia. Merlyn has been a steadfast contributor to the community through sponsorship of various sports teams and significant financial generosity that made construction of the original arena possible for the town. He also coached hockey and baseball teams, and made a special effort to include needy children from the nearby Six Nations Reserve by providing transportation to and from practices and games, purchasing skates and other equipment for them.

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## WARD 3 Gary McHale

Gary is the youngest of six boys, three of whom were born in Caledonia while his father worked in the town's gypsum mine. Gary grew up in a small farming community outside Napanee

and for years got up at 5:30 a.m. to milk the cows before school. In the summer time his work also included haying and bringing in the grain from the fields. Gary is 48 years old and has been married for 29 years to his wife Christine who he met in high school in St. Catharines. After graduation Gary started a computer programming business developing tax, payroll and accounting software. His clients included the largest corporations in Canada and also small accounting firms. He has been a small business owner for the past 30 years.

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## WARD 4 Doug Fleming

The Fleming family has lived in Haldimand for four generations. They have been active in community events and well known for fund raising for local causes. Doug is 48 years old and has

lived his whole life in Ward 4. He attended school at Oneida Central and Cayuga Secondary. He has worked in Haldimand most of his life. Doug feels a sense of loyalty to the community and learned from his late Mother that actions are more important than mere words. Doug is not a politician or part of the good-old-boys club. He believes people are more important than politics. In recent years Doug has become actively opposed to the illegal smoke shops and other lawlessness in Haldimand.

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