

Andrew Nowell running for Ontario Trillium Party in Dufferin-Caledon

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The Trillium Party of Ontario is going to be represented in Dufferin-Caledon in this year's provincial election.

Melancthon resident Andrew Nowell has announced he will be carrying the party's colours in the coming campaign.

He said this will be his first venture into the political arena, but he has become involved with his local landowners' association, and began working on issues dealing with the local farming community.

"It kind of started from there," he said.

Nowell, 54, and his wife have three grown children and one grandson. They currently live on a horse farm with their extended family of rescued horses, ponies and llamas.

He also commented that he likes the direction Trillium seems to be taking.

"I really, truly thought they were going to be the party of the people," he remarked, "rather than for the leaders, which at times seem to have their own agendas."

He also stated there is growing unrest with the Liberals and the Progressive Conservatives.

"People of Ontario are looking for something different," he said. "There is a chance the Trillium Party will grow during this election."

Nowell said he's been a member of the party for about a month. He commented that he heard about it through a neighbour, and was intrigued when he met Elizabeth Marshall, who is the Trillium candidate in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound. That prompted him to look into the party in more detail.

Nowell spent most of his teen years in the Lindsay area, and joined the local Army Cadet corps, eventually joining the Canadian Forces and spending time in the regular army before joining the reserve as an officer with the Cadet Instructors Cadre (CIC), working to mentor and coach youth. He retired from CIC as a Captain with 24 years total service in the military.

He has spent his career in workplace safety. In his various roles, his goal was to improve safety conditions for workers, being a voice for the rights of the worker, and building a strong safety culture.

