

## Beffort seeking another term on council

By Bill Rea

"I enjoy the job," said Caledon Councillor Doug Beffort as he announced he will be seeking re-election.

Beffort is completing his second term as area representative for Ward 1, and he said there are some things still to be finished. He added he sees his main role as helping people deal with problems.

One of the issues on a lot of minds in the ward is the closing earlier this year of Caledon Central Pool. Beffort said the replacement of the facility needs to be discussed, adding they need something more than just a place for people to swim.

He also cited the need to develop housing for seniors who want to downsize their accommodations, but remain close to home.

Beffort said the current council has done a good job managing the Town's finances.

"I think it's really important to plan ahead," he said, adding one of the accomplishments of the current term of council has been establishing a vision for the Town.

"We're one of the lucky municipalities," he observed, pointing out the tax base is increasing. But he also stressed the need to manage it wisely. He also observed about 80 per cent of the municipality is included in planning documents like the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. That means the other areas have to be managed properly.

"I'm optimistic," Beffort said as he reflected on his chances of re-election. "I believe that I've done a good job for the people in my ward. I wouldn't be going in if I didn't have optimism."