

New faces on town council

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Three new councillors have been elected during the municipal election on Oct. 22.

Lynn Kiernan will represent Ward 1 as the area councillor. She received 945 votes at 34.09 per cent.

It's very exciting. I think exciting is a great word but I also feel very honoured and humbled, truthfully, said Kiernan.

We're told in life hard work is the key to success and I believe that every day that I got up and door knocked and I guess it provide right.

Kiernan has lived in Ward 1 since 1963 and in Inglewood since 2002. She said she wasn't nervous watching the results come in as she as always in the lead every single time.

It was out of my hands. It was up to the people, up to the voters. I ran a one woman show. I had no team behind me, just myself, my husband and my son and I believed in the power of that, said Kiernan.

She said will continue to door knock and talk with residents. Her top priority will be to get up to speed so she is ready to tackle the town budget.

I want to make sure that Ward 1 is properly represented in that budget for the things that I do want to achieve, said Kiernan.

As we know, and I came from a financial background from Scotia McLeod, I have to make sure I have my facts and figures straight going into that budget meeting. That's a priority for me.

Christina Early has been elected as the area councillor for Ward 2. She obtained 1796 votes at 44.70 per cent. She felt humbled to have won.

We had a great team working with me and we knocked on so many doors and met so many residents. Certainly, the evening of the win was a like a rollercoaster for me for sure, said Early.

My fellow candidates also ran a really good race. You didn't know where the results were going to go. We had a pretty good feeling coming into it but certainly, I was very pleased with the outcome and very humbled by the support by the residents in Ward 2.

She said her team knew they had a good chance to place first or second in their ward because of all the door knocking they did.

I really am appreciative of the margin we won, by 600 votes and that was bit stronger than we thought we would win by, said Early.

Issues she has identified in her area include high speed internet, transit needs, road safety and ensuring council is more collaborative among other problems.

In Southfields for sure they're noticing that they need a stronger OPP presence, they need a little bit of stronger policing, they're noticing that there's some additional thefts that are starting to occur, said Early.

They're wanting some public transit at least to get down Kennedy Road for some of the seniors going from Kennedy to Mayfield where they can hook up with the Region of Peel's transportation.

She said it's important people research every issue council tables whether or not it stems from Bolton, Caledon East, Mayfield, Southfields or Valleywood.

She has been attended every council meeting since putting her name in the running in May and listens to past council audio clips.

Everything is listed right through I think 2015. I pulled up a lot of council meetings, went through and listened to the dynamics. I also printed off the 2018 Budget and the entire Official Plan which I have been going through and skimming through to again get a sense of where the dollars are allocated, what we're going to be looking at doing and certainly which direction were moving from the past so I can get myself up to speed as quickly as possible, said Early.

Tony Rosa has been elected as the area councillor for Ward 5 with 2066 votes at 40.77 per cent.

I feel very grateful for the support the community has shown me and to the over 60 volunteers that were on my team. It wouldn't have been possible without their hard work and their dedication to their campaign, said Rosa.

He said he didn't expect to win but rather knew he had to work hard to get his message out with two other candidates running for the wide-open seat.

My only thing is that I work very hard to make sure that my message was heard by the people and I make myself available and I congratulate the other two candidates as well for running a great campaign, said Rosa.

I respect the democratic process. What that the community had decided, I would have been fine with.

He said he will prioritize stopping warehousing and trucking in Bolton and looking to beautify the downtown core among other issues.

We have to have extended programming for youth. I'm looking at an arts and culture centre. I think the other thing is that it's really

necessary for us to look at senior housing options as well. It's a really important thing because we don't have many options here in town.?