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## Meet the election candidates

### Eric Walton believes he's the right person, right now, for Kingston

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Green Party Candidate Eric Walton smiles when he recalls his connection to the 1988 federal campaign here in Kingston.

At the time, he was with a group known as the Kingston Environmental Action Project. It was young and still trying to earn some recognition around town.

Walton and his colleagues hired a university student by the name of Nik Nanos to do a local poll to see if the long-time incumbent member of Parliament, Flora MacDonald, was going to be re-elected.

The poll said otherwise.

The voters did, too. Peter Milliken won the seat in 1988 and in every election since.

Walton would like to change that, and one morning early in the campaign, he joked that maybe he needs to commission another poll.

Walton came to Kingston for university, studying at Queen's and earning his honours BA in political studies in 1983. He has been here ever since, opening a series of businesses that included Odyssey Travel. In 2003, Walton co-founded a multi-doctor family medicine clinic in Kingston's downtown and is the clinic's financial manager.

He says his goals for the campaign are "to share with Kingstontians that I'm the right person, at this point in time, for Kingston in terms of the challenges we face. I've got the skill set to bring full value to the job as MP.

"It's not something I've created as a message track. That's who I am." [jpress@thewhig.com](mailto:jpress@thewhig.com)

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