

# 'Gung-ho' type always plugs our town



Former Ward 7 Councillor Terry Butt is out of politics now but is still doing his best to boost Mississauga.

Terry Butt may be Mississauga's biggest booster.

The former Mississauga city councillor for Ward 7, while no longer actively involved in the running of the city, continues to work on its behalf conducting his own affairs.

"I sell Mississauga wherever I go," says the 36-year-old real estate agent. "I am gung-ho and turned on to Mississauga."

Butt, president of Butt Real Estate Ltd. on Dundas St. W., has been going to quite a few places since losing the 1978 Ward 7 election race to Ron Starr by some 400 votes. His company is primarily concerned with industrial and commercial properties and Butt travels throughout North America talking to potential buyers.

"I've probably travelled almost 400,000 miles in the last two years talking to investors in western Canada and the United States about the advantages of Mississauga."

The investors are listening. Butt says western Canadian and American money is pouring into Mississauga properties, as well as substantial amounts from West

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Germany and Hong Kong.

"These people know Mississauga is a good investment. The amount of money involved is horrendous," he adds.

Yet Butt, who has lived in Port Credit and Mississauga all but the first three years of his life and who was a Town of Port Credit councillor from 1971 to 1973 and a Mississauga councillor from 1976 to 1978, still hasn't got politics out of his blood, no matter how successful his business.

"I don't miss losing money. When I am in politics I couldn't devote enough time to my business and it did cost me money. But

I do miss the rapport on council, the negotiating, and working for the public. There's a certain amount of ego involved and I admit it was a total turn-on for me."

Butt says he might go back to politics if he could put his business aside.

"I'd do it for a dollar a year if I had a source of income independent of the work I do for the company."

But, he adds, being both a politician and operating a business takes a heavy toll for a man who has a family. Butt and his wife Kathryn have a 14-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter.

"I was putting in 70-hour weeks and in the two years I was on council I hardly saw my family. Now I've made a commitment to my family not to get involved in all the community activities I used to participate in. I spend the bulk of my time between my family and business."

And boosting Mississauga.

"It's really the place to be," Butt enthuses. "It's a great community to raise a family in and to do business in. If you can't make it here, you can't make it anywhere. I love it."

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