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# MISSISSAUGA COUN. RON STARR WITHDRAWS FROM THE RACE FOR PEEL CHAIR

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Mississauga Coun. Ron Starr has withdrawn from running for Peel regional chair and has registered to run in Mississauga Ward 6 in the upcoming municipal election.

Starr was the first to register, announcing his plans to run at the March 28 meeting of city council. Since then, the number of candidates for the chair's job which pays \$190,846.33, has reached double digits.

Gurpreet Pabla is the latest candidate to register on Monday, July 23, with 10 people registered to run.

"It's being treated like a consolation prize," Starr

said. "I took it as a serious endeavour."

Starr said he re-evaluated where he could have the biggest impact and decided - "I can do better here (Ward 6)."

Starr was elected in 2010 to represent Ward 6 in the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel. Prior to that, he served as Ward 7 councillor for the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel from 1978 to 1980.

"I love working with people," Starr added. "I love getting things done."

Queen's Park enacted legislation in November 2016 mandating the chairs of Peel, York and Niagara be elected by the voters.

For the first time in the region's 44-year history,

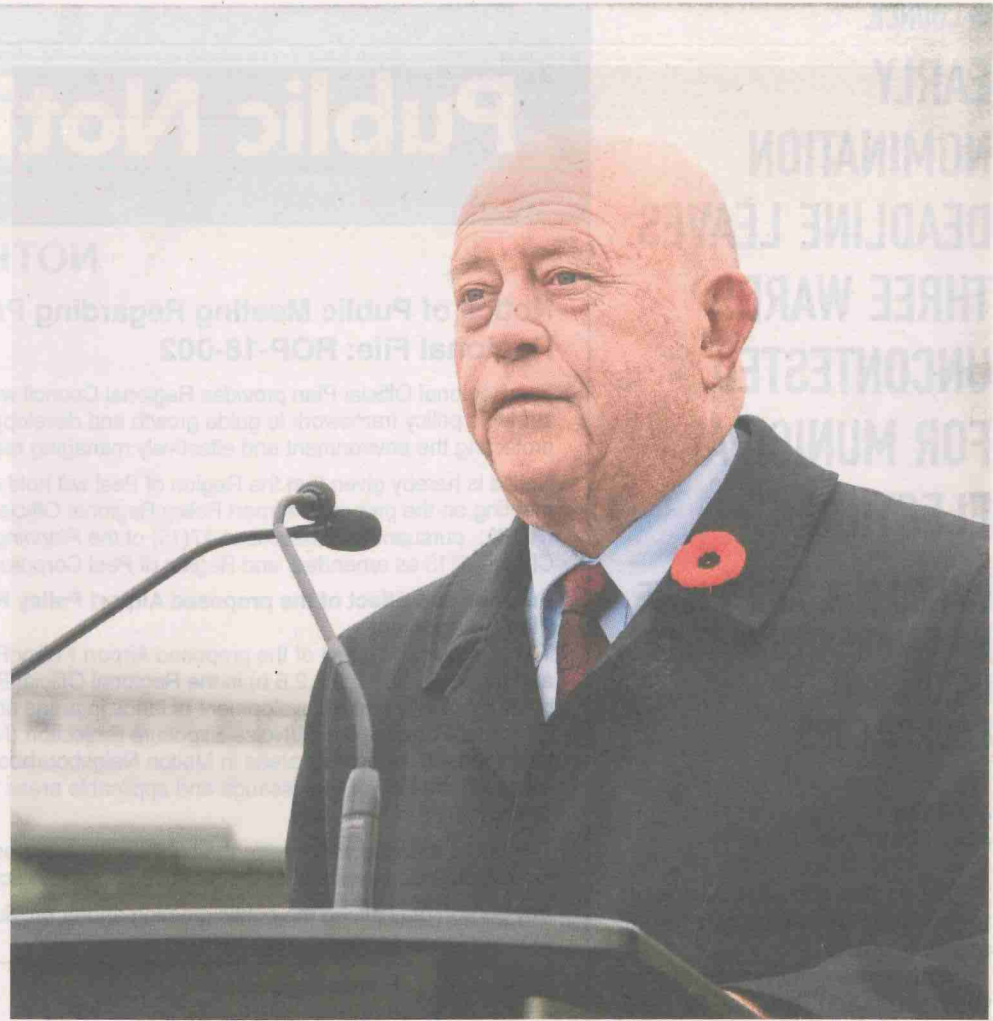
residents in Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga will have the opportunity to vote for Peel regional chair in the Oct. 22 municipal election.

"It's going to be an interesting race," added Starr.

## THE CANDIDATES

As of Monday at 3 p.m., the following people were registered as candidates for Peel Regional Chair (in order of registration):

- . Masood Khan
- . Amir S. Ali
- . Ken Looy
- . Vidya Sagar Gautam
- . Marcin Huniewicz
- . Patrick Brown
- . Parveen Dalal
- . Nando Iannicca
- . Bob Delaney
- . Gurpreet Pabla



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