

Taylor trying for comeback to bring reform to city hall

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Larry Taylor, who was often a lone voice crying in the wilderness when he served on Mississauga city council for 12 years, wants to make a comeback at city hall.



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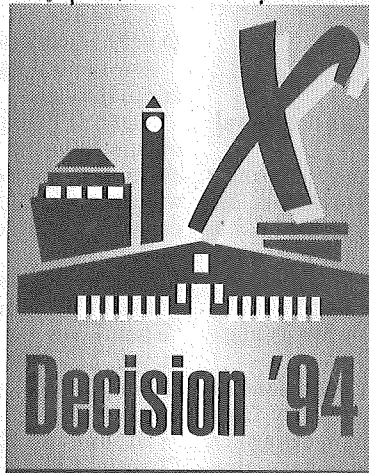
Yesterday Taylor registered to seek re-election to the Ward 4 council seat he held until 1988 when he was defeated by his former campaign work-

er, Frank Dale.

In an interview, Taylor said he has been asked by innumerable residents over the past few months to offer himself for office.

The 45-year-old separated father of one son said that in the past six years, Dale's representation "has been so passive as to be non-existent. Ward 4 has not had a councillor for the past six years," he said.

Taylor said he wants to bring a



reform agenda to city hall. "I feel there's been an abandonment of making Mississauga a city," he said. "We've had a standstill, do-nothing approach to council for the last six years. The economy has stood still and so has Mississauga."

As an independent real estate broker specializing in condominium resales, Taylor said the private sector has been forced to become

leaner, meaner and more creative. "I don't see that at city hall."

Taylor said he hoped Mayor Hazel McCallion, a long-time political adversary, wouldn't become personally involved in the ward campaign as she did in 1988. But he said he wouldn't be surprised if the mayor works against him.

Taylor said he will bring an independent voice to council. "Right now there's only one voice that matters at city hall," he said, in reference to McCallion. "That's not good for the city."

Asked why he's not challenging the mayor, Taylor said "there's not sufficient public desire to have a change."

If elected, Taylor will hold onto his real estate business and will service some clients himself. He will still be able to put in all the hours necessary at city hall, he said.

Dale, who easily won re-election over a candidate endorsed by Taylor in 1991, has already indicated he will seek re-election.