

**Two more contenders in NDP race**  
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Two more hopefuls have entered the race to replace David Christopherson as Hamilton West NDP MPP.

Roy Adams, a retired professor at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business and an internationally recognized authority on industrial relations and human rights, announced yesterday he'll seek the New Democratic Party nomination in preparation for the next provincial election.

"I believe that the Progressive Conservative government has, through its confrontational and exclusionary policies, caused considerable damage to democracy in Ontario," said Adams, who wrote a column for The Spectator from 1997 to 2002. "They bungled the attempt at privatization of electrical energy and they bungled Walkerton. They are a danger to our health and well-being."

Lyla Miklos, a local radio broadcaster, arts enthusiast and performer and member and supporter of the city's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community, also announced her bid yesterday, saying the Tory government has "managed to destroy or severely damage almost every social structure that residents of Ontario count on and at one time used to believe in.

"We can no longer sit back and let our province fall apart," she said.

"We need dramatic change at Queen's Park and I hope to be a part of that change."

Bringing the number of contenders for the nomination to four, Adams and Miklos join Evelyn Myrie, a Spectator columnist and social development consultant, and Wayne Marston, a public school board trustee and head of Hamilton's labour council, in the race for the nomination.

Christopherson, an MPP for 12 years, announced in December that he would not run in the next provincial election which is expected this spring.

Earlier this month, he registered to run for mayor in November's municipal election.