Town of Oakville

WARD SYSTEM

Mayor tries to put positive spin on record number of acclamations

Ann Mulvale to open storefront in bid to try and counter voter apathy

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It's official: Friday's cut-off for municipal election nominations marked a pair of important firsts - an unprecedented number of acclamations and a landmark duration in office for mayor Ann Mulvale.

Including the mayor's office, Town Council, Regional Council and school boards, a total of 14 registered local candidates were not challenged and will assume their seats unopposed.

As for Mulvale, she has been acclaimed to her fifth three-year term, meaning she will have held her office longer than any mayor in the town's history. That said, however, Mulvale said she plans to use the campaign to help encourage residents to get out and

To that end, she will open an office at 465 Morden Rd. to act as a venue where voters can come to discuss the issues and where all certified candidates can display their campaign litera-

The office will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3

p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to

This year's election takes place Monday, Nov. 13. The new term of office will be from Dec. 1, 2000 to Nov.

Acclamations also include Ward 1 local councillor Ralph Robinson and Ward 1 regional councillor Kevin Flynn; Ward 3 local councillor Tedd Smith; Ward 3 regional councillor Keith Bird; Ward 4 local councillor Jody Sanderson and Ward 5 local councillor Janice Caster.

Incumbent Halton District Catholic School Board trustees Ed Viana, Charlie Jordan and Alice Anne Lemay will also retain their seats

Other acclamations include Drew Currah, who filed for the Halton District School Board Ward 1/2 seat; Kelly Amos for the Halton District School Board Ward 5/6 position; Jean

Felix Desmarais for the French Public District School Board and Robert J. Hetu for the French Catholic School Board.

The final list of those whose names will appear on the ballot is as follows: Ward 2 Local - *Linda Hardacre, Mary Paul, Tom Maich

Ward 2 Regional - Fred Oliver,

Lake Ontario David Bazar, Simon Dann.

Ward 4 Regional - *Stephen Sparling, Allan Elgar

Ward 5 Regional - *Liz Behrens, Jeff Knoll

Ward 6 Local - Jim Smith, Janice

Regional Chair - *Joyce Savoline, Anne Marsden, Lisa Cooper (elected at

Mayor - Ann Mulvale

Halton District School Board Ward

City of

3 - Wendy Burton, Mary Chapin

Halton District School Board Ward

Ward 6 Regional - *Kurt Franklin, 4 - *Peter Petrusich, Annette Kirk

An asterisk (*) denotes incumbents.

Political veteran back in contest for Ward 6 local seat

Jim Smith is in the running for the Ward 6 local seat in this November's municipal election.

Smith - who served two terms on Council in the late Eighties and early Nineties - is running on

platform fiscal responsibiliand accountabil-

"The ward has not been represented. as it was when I was on Council. The people of Ward 6

Jim Smith: dedication to constituents

are fed up with councillors not showing up for Council and committee meetings," said Smith, who has lived in Oakville since 1967. "In my previous six years I missed only

two meetings. One must be completely dedicated to this position before running and be prepared for the meetings to represent the ward forcefully and responsibly."

Smith was first elected to Town Council in 1988 and

acclaimed in 1991 then was defeated in his bid to move to the Ward 6 local/regional seat in 1994. In 1997 is tried to win the local/regional seat but was also defeated

"While on Council as budget

chairman I brought in the lowest tax increase in the history of Oakville at that time, encouraging the following budget committees to bring in (0%) increases," he said.

During his time on Council,

has no affiliation with any ratepayers' groups but will work with them to "establish the very

Smith worked on such important

projects as Fire Stn. #7 and the

Iroquois Ridge Community

Recreation Centre. Smith says he

best for Ward 6."

"I have a proven track record on Council and an ability to work with the other councillors of Oakville to make this a safer, better serviced place to live," he

Liz Behrens seeks return to Regional Council in Ward 5

Incumbent Ward 5 local/regional councillor to Oakville taxpayers and that area councillors Liz Behrens is seeking re-election in the Nov. 13th municipal election.

In her 29 years as a Ward 5 resident, Behrens has spent 25 of those as a volunteer and councillor. This time out, she says she will be putting her experience, commitment and dedication to effectively manage available resources to work to 'guide Oakville into the future.'

Growth is of major concern in the north and Behrens maintains the 2000-2003 Council must address everything from transportation and economic development to the environment as the town's new urban areas develop.

At the same time, Behrens said she is aware that solutions to these issues must be affordable

must work co-operatively with other GTA municipalities to implement sustainable solutions.

During her time of local and Regional Council, Behrens has been acclaimed three times but is looking forward to getting out and meeting her constituents during this latest campaign.

In Oakville, Behrens has been involved with everything from Administrative Services, Community Services, Oakville Museum and the United Way to the North Oakville Land Use Options Study (chair) and the 2000 Budget Committee.

At Halton Region, she has worked on Administrative Services, Planning and Public Works, Halton Non-Profit Housing (president),

regional emergency preparedness, Halton Area Services Review, Halton Women's Place Business Advisory and more.

Behrens' community involvement includes work with Neighbourhood Watch and the Halton Region Safety Council. She was the first chairman of the Oakville Block Parent Committee and is also a charter member of both the Sunningdale Public School Home and School Committee and the College Park Resident Association.

Other experience includes vice president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and chairman of AMO's Large Urban Section. Behrens is the current president of the Senaca Seniors Day Program.

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Liz Behrens: looking for reelection

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