

Council rejects downsizing, 9-4

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must also carefully examine at what cost (it would be done).

Moya Johnson - No

"The other question we need to ask: Is Council costing too much? Each councillor around this table costs the average taxpayer 73 cents so Council, if there are 10 of us, which there will be in the next election, the total cost of Council, excluding the mayor, is \$77.30 per household. So if we want to go down to six councillors it would cost each householder \$4.38 for a grand savings of \$2.92. If that is the reason that council wants to restructure then I would make a motion to reduce our salaries so we keep the same number of people and cost the taxpayers the same amount of money."

Anne Currie - Yes

I feel we have to restructure simply because I think it will be forced upon us, and if



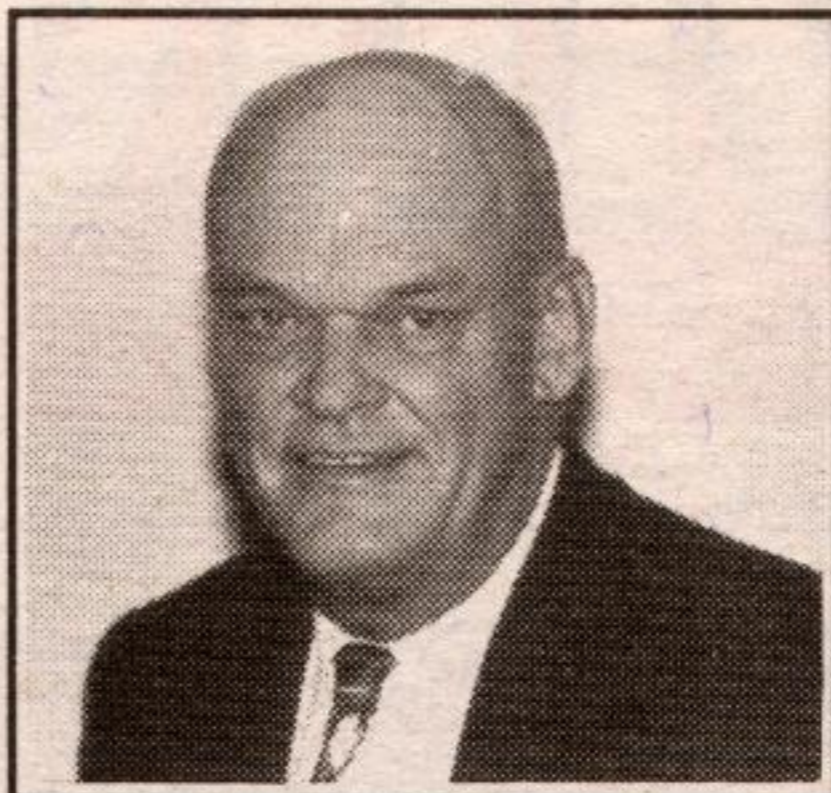
SERJEANTSON — NO

not this minute, then certainly it will be soon. I propose one local councillor for each ward and this will mean that the (ward) boundaries will be left exactly the same and nobody can say that a ward will be left unheard. To accomplish this, without the work overload that's been talked about, I submit that several Council appointments to numerous committees can be eliminated.

WARD 4

Al Cook - Yes

"I find it rather strange that the people don't want to downsize yet when staff come



CHATTEN — YES

and ask for personnel we turn them down. How are we going to look if they do ask for staff and we're not prepared to reduce our own council - that's ironic. The other question is are we afraid of change?

Ron Chatten - Yes

"I support downsizing. I support part-time councillors. I do not support any increase in what councillors are paid and I support doing something to make the wards and populations more equitable before the next election."

Keith Bottomley - No

"Whether we downsize

now or later is not important. The important issue is making sure the public has input. I still think the public should have the final say."

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson - No

"We haven't heard a lot from the public when it come to this issue of downsizing. If people have any comments they shouldn't hesitate to tell us over the next week. There are going to be big changes for the 2000 Council. Do you want to go through this hassle now and go through it again in a few years or just leave it now and see how it works? I think there are good solid reasons not to change now."

Ward Two councillors (rural Halton Hills) Gastle and Kuiack voted yes, and no, respectively. Counc. Heaton chose not to comment.

—Niblock

NEWSSHORTS

Youth charged in theft

Halton Regional Police have laid a charge of theft under \$5,000 against a Stewart MacLaren Drive youth following a theft from his home.

Police report that the 15-year-old took a container with a quantity of cash inside between 2-3 pm, Jan. 23.

The youth is due to appear in court Mar. 7.

Knife pulled, man charged

A 32-year-old Corey Circle man faces several charges following an assault on spouse.

Police were called to the scene, last Friday at 9 am, when an argument became violent.

The male is alleged to have pushed the female to the floor, spit on her, stepped on her arms and struck her in the face. When she tried to escape, he is alleged to have blocked her exit and pulled a knife on her.

Police report that she later escaped and notified police. Constables later arrested the man, charging him with assault (level two), assault with a deadly weapon and forcible confinement.

The woman sustained facial scratches and welts, but received no medical attention.

The male was held for bail.

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