

Create Halton-Burlington riding Jim Snow will run in Oakville

North Halton residents will be looking for a new voice at Queen's Park once the next provincial election is called. After serving Halton East for eight years, MPP Jim Snow has been forced to run in either Oakville or the newly created riding of Halton-Burlington.

Snow announced his decision to run in Oakville

riding Friday night at a meeting of party workers and later to the news media. He termed it "the most difficult decision" of his political career.

Due to redistribution the Region of Halton now has three seats instead of two. Oakville has its own riding encompassing municipal boundaries, a second is

formed in the southern portion of Burlington and a third takes in the rest of Burlington and all of north Halton.

The Halton-Burlington riding runs north of the QEW at the Oakville border, west to the Guelph Line, north to upper Middle Rd., west to Brant St., south to 403 Highway, west to Kearns Rd., and

north-west to the Wentworth border. Halton-Burlington includes 32,000 people in Halton Hills, 18,000 in Milton and 15,000 in Burlington.

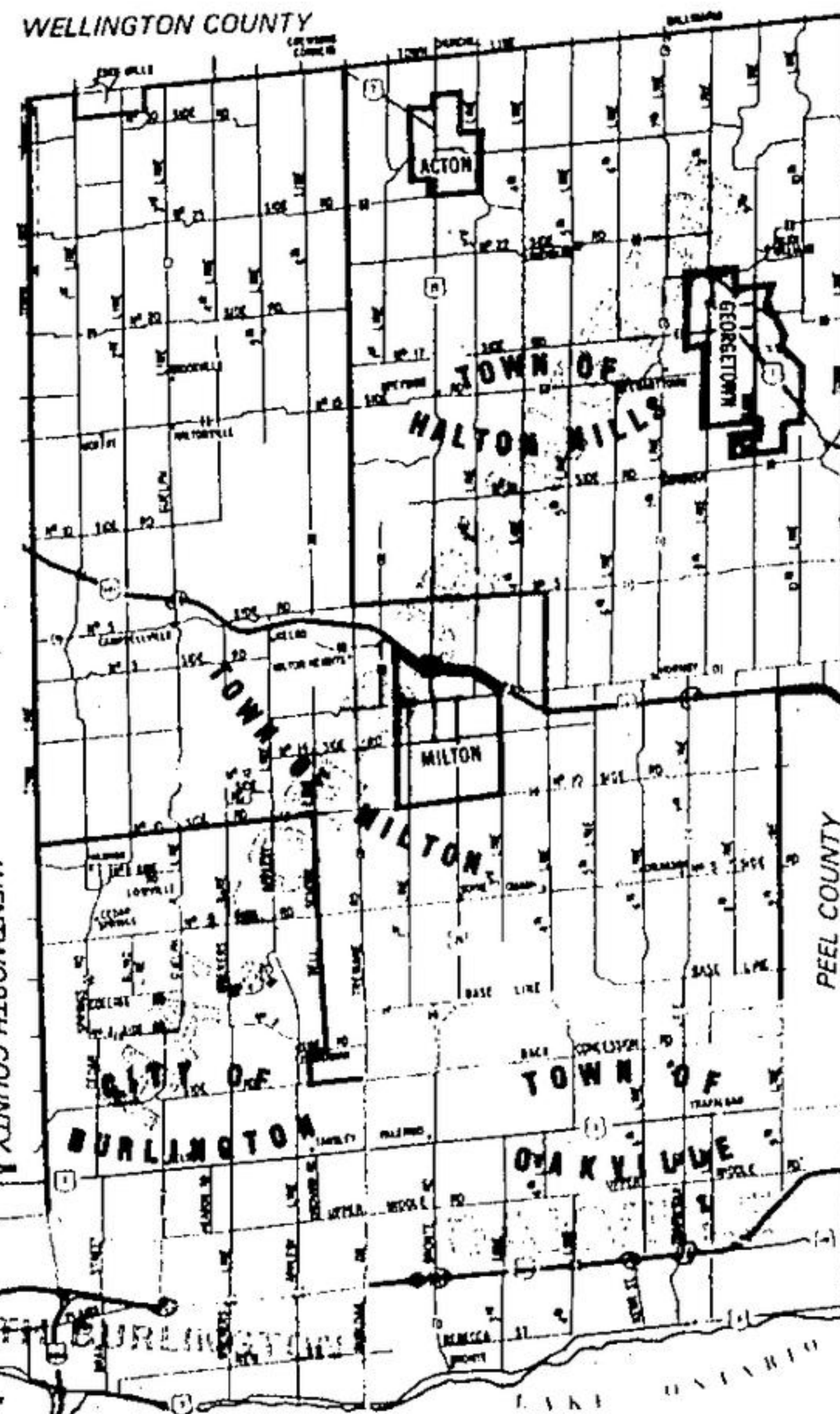
Redistribution leaves Burlington South with 75,000 people, Oakville and Halton-Burlington with 65,000 each. In announcing his decision, the MPP indicated that his decision to run in Oakville

Instead of Halton-Burlington riding (in which he lives) allowed him to continue to represent 65 per cent of the people he now represents. He pointed out running in Halton-Burlington would mean taking on new territory that he had not represented in the past. The entire new Oakville riding is within the current Halton East riding. Mr. Snow

explained there were a number of projects in the south which he wanted to see to a conclusion.

"It's with a great many regrets that I have to make this decision to leave people in the north who have worked with me over the last two elections, but I'm sure you'll have a number of good

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Denied lots for children will appeal to O.M.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kirkwood, R.R. 4 Acton want to give each of their five children a one acre lot off their farm on the Third Line, but have been told they can't.

The Land Division Committee turned them down, so they came to Halton Hills Planning Board, Tuesday night. Planning board did the same, although with some reluctance.

The Kirkwoods have now launched an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, in an

attempt to win the land separations.

Mrs. Kirkwood told planning board they own nine acres on one side of the road, where the five lots are located, and 40 acres on the other side, which they farm. She said one lot, adjacent to the five in question has already been separated and one of her family lives there.

She said the others would like to live in the country as they were all brought up there.

Assistant town planner Ron Burnett said the Lands Division Committee refused because five lots would be a subdivision and would contravene the Official Plan.

Councillor Roy Booth said he admired the Kirkwoods' motives, but asked if there would be any assurance the family would not resell the land.

Mrs. Kirkwood said the daughter who now lives there signed an agreement she wouldn't sell for at least

seven years, and claimed the others were willing to do the same for any number of years. She stressed there was no money involved, but would be a gift to her children.

Councillor Ric Morrow pointed out council or planning board had no jurisdiction in the matter and could not overrule the Land Division Committee. He said in the past council has launched an appeal where the planner and council do not agree with a decision, sometimes winning

and sometimes losing. Planner Mario Venditti said "If this is allowed, everybody can build on one acre lots, without a plan of subdivision."

Councillor Ern Hyde said the fact it is a family arrangement cannot be considered. "This is out of our ball park."

Councillor Joe Hurst said council cannot even support the Kirkwoods since doing so would contravene the town's own bylaws.

Councillor Ernie Sykes, chairman of the planning board, advised the Kirkwoods to apply for a separation one at a time. He admitted it would take some years, but said it was the only way he could see of having the land separated.

Mr. Kirkwood commented later. "The price of a lot today around \$20,000 makes it almost impossible for young people to build a home, and they are being forced into town houses or apartments, whether they like it or not."

23 per cent

Disston, union settle

At a ratification meeting in the Legion hall Monday night, members of the United Sawworkers, local 23650, voted 100 to 28 to accept the contract offered by Disston (Canada) Limited.

Discussion has been under-

way for eight or nine weeks. Over two years the increase amounts to about 23 per cent, with a new cost of living adjustment clause, a slight increase in vacation bonuses, and upgrading in dental plan. The union was represented

by Ed Wright and Ralph Ortleb, and the company by Tom Shields and Walter Dietrich.

Union officials were satisfied with the settlement, said spokesmen on behalf of the 153 union members.

Parking limited to 3 hours

Residents and visitors alike won't be able to park on Halton Hills streets for more than three hours, it was decided at Monday's council meeting.

In a close vote council reversed its decision of just two weeks ago.

The works committee had included the three hour parking limit in their parking by-law but council scrapped the idea. Council was concerned about resident's guests at parties.

The committee came back again this week requesting the limit be put back into the new parking regulations and this time it got through council.

Councillor Joe Hurst said the three hour limit had to be in the by-law to facilitate snow removal. He explained if the regulation wasn't in the by-law every street would have to have a sign prohibiting overnight parking during the winter.

Bulletin

Tuesday night Halton Hills council reversed the previous night's decision, and threw out the parking law which included the three hour parking limit on any town street.

Two members of the works committee who brought the by-law to council, Councillors Mike Armstrong and Ern Hyde were absent from the Tuesday night meeting.

The by-law was voted down by a one vote margin, of five to four.

Councillor Ernie Sykes suggested the town could simply advertise the fact there was no overnight parking allowed on the streets during the winter.

Councillor Ern Hyde noted the regional police said they couldn't enforce the overnight parking regulations as

they existed in the old Georgetown by-law. Hyde noted the old Georgetown by-law was the parking regulations in effect last winter.

Councillor Harry Levy suggested the town doesn't enact by-laws the police want to enforce but by-laws they think the town needs.

Councillor Len Cox suggested it wasn't much use having a by-law the police didn't think they could legally enforce. He said the police wanted to do overnight parking enforcement and had asked the town to come up with something they could use.

Cox suggested all the town had to do was put up signs at the edges of Halton Hills informing everyone there was a three hour parking limit in effect.

Councillor Roy Booth stated everyone on council was talking about something they knew nothing about and it would be a good idea if they got a legal opinion on the question from the solicitor.

Councillor Mike Armstrong noted it would be very expensive for signs to be put on every street in Halton Hills prohibiting overnight parking during the winter months. He said cost could be greatly

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Festival

The North Halton music festival is underway all day today (Wednesday) at the M. Z. Bennett school. Results and photographs in next week's paper.



Be a sport, gain a few pounds!
GIRL GUIDES were out Saturday in full force peddling cookies. Marie Louise Turnbull and Patricia Henry, both 11-year-olds, present their appealing sales pitch. By noon they had sold 40 boxes of the traditional cookies.

10 per cent increase Halton Hills' staff

Halton Hills council last night voted for a 10 per cent salary increase across the board for all town staff members on salary, except those in the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). The increase is retroactive to January 1, 1975.

An amendment was defeated which would have increased salaries by 12.5 per cent.

The increase is intended to keep up with the rising cost of living.

Dragway this year—estate homes next

It looks like cars will race down the dragstrip at Toronto International Dragway for the last time this season, and be replaced by 49 estate homes next year.

The dragway that jammed Esqueping council with protesters when it began in 1970, will run this summer, from May until November, and then be torn up for the

large homes, if no further obstacles stall the project.

Tuesday night Halton Hills Planning Board recommended approval of the draft plan of subdivision for the 145 acre parcel of land, stretching from the Fifth to Sixth Lines, north of Highway 7. The amendment to the Official Plan and Zoning bylaw will be processed and

the solicitor authorized to draw up a subdivision agreement.

Walter Sopinka, solicitor for Medallion Aire Estates, said a system of looped roads, with part of the existing dragway area used for tennis courts, and the control tower, modified for use as change rooms are planned. A park area, and sports field is

shown in the centre of a recreational area.

Councillor Ern Hyde asked if one central water supply would not be better than 49 individual wells.

Mr. Sopinka said the Region would not approve of a central communal water system. He said, the hydrology report stated there was more than enough water

for 70 homes, while only 49 are proposed here.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said the Region would not have anything to do with a communal water system, because they feel if it ever ran dry they would be forced to pipe water from the nearest urban area at tremendous cost.

Councillor Len Cox agreed

saying, "There's no way the Region will go for a communal water supply."

Planner Mario Venditti said the Region had recommended separate wells and septic tanks. He said the existing cistern in the bottom of the control tower could be pressurized and used for fire protection.

Cox asked if the area

would be kept clear so fire trucks could get in to the cistern in winter, then suggested a hydrant be run out to the road.

Councillor Ric Morrow said a trip to the area has surprised him, since there were hardly any trees, and the landscape architect's plans showed trees everywhere. "Well, it may not be

Sherwood Forest," quipped Mr. Sopinka, "but there are trees around the perimeter and two wooded bush areas, with the houses all facing toward the bush and trees.

Morrow asked if there were any conditions regarding the building on the lots within a certain time to avoid them being held for speculation. He claimed in the second phase

of Caledon Estates development McLaughlin Co. had put such conditions in the sales agreements.

Sopinka said he felt the Speculation Land Tax would take care of that.

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Gray first Tory after north seat

The first hat has been tossed in the ring for the Progressive Conservative nomination in the new riding of Halton-Burlington, which takes in all this area.

George Gray, 38 Edith St., Georgetown, announced he would try for the Tory nomination Monday, only two days after the Hon. Jim Snow said he would run in the new southern riding.

Mr. Gray is well known both in Burlington, where he attended high school, and in

Georgetown where he is a partner with Fred Zorge in Zorge Construction Company and several associated companies in the general contracting and home building fields.

He attended elementary school in Peterborough, and secondary school in Burlington, Ont.

While attending high school in Burlington, Mr. Gray played football and basketball for the school. At the same time he was a member of the "Burlington Lake-

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George Gray

Recreation looking up for Speyside people

Almost 50 people of all ages showed up at the Speyside school Monday evening for a special recreation meeting called by Pam Sheldon.

Mrs. Sheldon is on the Acton Recreation Advisory Committee representing Speyside and she felt the people of Speyside were not receiving the activities they were entitled to.

John Cooper, Acton and Esqueping recreation co-ordinator, was also present at the meeting and discussed the possibilities of future clubs, sports, and groups in the area.

Offer suggestions
Mr. Cooper also gave the teenagers in the group the opportunity to speak their

minds and offer suggestions as to what could be made available.

Mixed sports and archery for the teenagers were the only suggestions made by these people. One man volunteered his services to instruct an archery club. It was made perfectly clear that the school would be open for all sports if required.

Some of the parents present at the meeting would like to see such things as rug hooking, macramé, pottery and flower arranging offered in the school for after-hour activities.

The men agreed that at the present time they were not too interested in programs offered for them as they were

busy working at home. The idea of snowshoeing or cross country skiing was offered for the winter months.

The possibility of Cubs and Brownies was also discussed with offers being made to head these groups.

The people were asked to attend the bicycle club meeting to be held in Acton in the near future to find out the possibilities of forming their own club, or amalgamating with the Acton club.

Enthusiasm was high as the meeting went on with more and more suggestions. John Cooper is looking into some of the suggestions made, while others, such as organized sports, must be done on the individual level by the interested people themselves.

Circus of Values

The first of four special merchants' promotions begins this week with the 12-page advertising flyer in today's Free Press. The town's retailers are publicizing Acton's shopping facilities by including the flyers in all copies of the Acton Free Press and The

Georgetown Independent today. The ads will appear in a total of 13,000 papers in these two centres and the surrounding district.

The promotion is called Circus of Values and lasts for eight days. Its theme is tied to the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored circus.

I.D. cards for seniors

The town of Halton Hills may issue senior citizens' I.D. cards.

Mayor Tom Hill said he had received some calls asking if there was any way senior citizens could be issued cards which would allow them lower admittance prices to many activities, and public transportation.

The mayor said he had found out Milton issued these cards, signed by the mayor with the town's corporate seal on them.

Leaders chosen

Playground leaders for the Acton and Esqueping summer playgrounds have been selected and will commence work on July 7.

The leaders, all girls, are Debra Gagnon, Bev Duval, Jill Pardy, Nancy South, Colleen DeBruyn, Myrna Snow, Janet Green, Marian Snel, Jennifer Rowe and Susan Mellor.

Rick Rocher has been hired as the supervisor for Acton and Esqueping, and is at present interviewing people for the leader in-training job openings.