

40,000 voters name first Halton-Burlington MPP

Almost 40,000 voters are eligible to troop to the polls Thursday to elect the first MPP to represent the newly-created riding of Halton-Burlington.

The new constituency, created by redistribution, groups the Towns of Halton Hills and Milton making Georgetown, Milton and Acton the major urban centres. A sprinkling of Burlington is also included in the riding.

Cloudy skies The Environment Canada weatherman at Toronto Airport is calling for a cloudy

day across Halton Region on Thursday, with temperatures in the moderate 10 to 17 degree Celsius range. Rain is not expected.

Five million Ontario residents may cast ballots as Canada's most populous and richest province holds its 30th general election.

Election machinery has functioned smoothly throughout the campaign, according to Returning Officer Roy Coulter, and everything is set for the expected turnout of concerned voters.

Staff Inspector Ray Andress, who directs Halton

Regional Police's Georgetown and Milton precincts, says there have been no election-related incidents during the campaign.

"We've had no reports and we appreciate that," he said of the orderly electoral struggle.

164 polls The returning officer, Roy Coulter, a retired farmer from Lowville, has organized an army of 330 deputy returning officers and poll clerks to police the 164 polls scattered across Halton-Burlington.

As well, the three political

parties involved are supplying scrutineers to safeguard their interests at each poll.

Coulter says 1,103 persons voted last Friday, Saturday and Monday in the advance polls.

The breakdown was: Milton - 317; Georgetown (fire hall) - 190; Georgetown (St. Andrew's Church) - 237; Acton - 191; Burlington - 168.

Votes recorded during the advance polls will not be counted until the election ends at 8 p.m. on Thursday. They were designed to ac-

commodate persons who would be unable to vote at the regular time due to work or vacation schedules.

Extra day Friday was tacked on as an extra advance polling day because Saturday and Monday were special religious days for Ontario residents of the Jewish faith.

Polls open at 9 a.m. Thursday, and individual voters may refer to their enumeration slips or to the lists of voters hung on telephone poles to determine the number and location of the poll where they must vote.

Voters across the riding with problems may contact the returning office located at 65 Millside Dr., Milton by calling 878-3341, 878-7218, 878-7219, or 878-7210.

Too close Since it's a new riding, the election results in Halton-Burlington appear to be too close to call in the same way that top party strategists are saying the province-wide results are a tossup.

Conservative Gary Dawkins, New Democrat Bill Johnson, and Liberal Julian Reed (in alphabetical order as they appear on the ballot)

have all run spirited campaigns and, with a potential three-way split, anyone can get elected.

Considering that half of the election period took place prior to Labor Day when voters were interested more in sand and sun rather than issues, the campaign has really heated up thanks to a series of lively all-candidates meetings across the riding.

New area The area of North Halton included in the new Halton-Burlington riding was represented in the last legislature by two Conservative

cabinet ministers, Minister of Government Services Jim Snow of Halton East and Solicitor-General George Kerr of Halton West.

Both men are running again but the towns of Milton and Halton Hills and a section of Burlington stand alone this time.

Returning Officer Coulter says his representatives at each poll will start phoning in the results to him shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday. He will list of employees on part time or a contract basis and the information had been refused.

make the results public immediately.

Coulter says the final tally should be known before 11 p.m., although a tight race could require recounts and slow up the process.

The three candidates, exhausted as they are from the never-ending canvassing, speech-making and planning, say they are nevertheless pleased with their individual showings and the fair way in which the campaign has progressed across Halton-Burlington.

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HANDSOME volunteer at the scout hall addition site Saturday was Bill Cook. He's good at selling ads, too. There have been work bees on the building every weekend lately.

Hydro issue jolts Premier

Premier William Davis has asked the Hon. William A. Stewart, retiring Minister of Agriculture, to be his personal representative in taking another look at the proposed Georgetown to Bradley hydro corridor.

"Report back to me as soon as possible so that you, Denis Timbrell (Minister of Energy) and I can discuss whether this question should be reopened," Mr. Davis asked the minister of agriculture who is one of the P.C. campaign managers.

Mr. Davis was pressured into the statement following an incident at a Progressive

Conservative rally in Georgetown Friday afternoon. Immediately following the premier's hard hitting speech which picked Liberal leader Bob Nixon apart, William Mann, president of the interested Citizens of North Halton and South Wellington, rushed to the front of hundreds of cheering Tories demanding a statement on the hydro corridor which Halton-Burlington P.C. candidate Gary Dawkins had promised at a Meet the Candidates meeting the previous night.

Mr. Dawkins fielded a question Thursday at the meeting from well-known for-

mer hockey star and Halton Hills farmer, Pierre Pilote, who asked the PC candidate where he stood on a partial study of the hydro corridor proposal. Dawkins answered by stating he expected the premier would make a statement on the concern the next day in Georgetown. He expressed his own concern for an independent study.

Dawkins' campaign manager, Fred Dawkins, later said the candidate had been assured the premier was going to make a statement, by PC campaign headquarters but apparently it had never come through Mr. Davis.

Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Dawkins were obviously embarrassed by Mr. Mann's actions in front of a crowd of Conservatives estimated at 650 by their head count.

Mr. Davis told Mr. Mann softly over the hubbub that he would discuss the matter with him privately. Davis and Dawkins huddled quickly while Mann waited obviously annoyed, then they got together, joined by members of the press.

Davis said in answer to Mann's query about a statement, that the Porter Commission was looking into long range hydro plans and the

Solandt report had also dealt with the matter. He told Mann he couldn't say anything about what the Porter Commission was doing because they are in the midst of the study.

But Mann wasn't going to be put off. He told the premier he didn't want to know about the Porter Commission, he wanted to know about an independent study of the Bradley to Georgetown hydro corridor. The premier, obviously ill at ease with a hot potato which he had not been briefed, promised a written statement the next day (Saturday). He noted he had just seen Dawkins for the first time that morning at 11 a.m. and didn't have a statement.

The premier said no one agrees where the lines should go but promised an answer in the statement.

Mann continued to press the matter telling the premier he and his group wanted an independent study of the corridor. He reminded the premier every other hydro route had had an independent study but only Ontario Hydro had done the study from Bradley to Georgetown, obviously for their own benefit. The Porter Commission would not be looking at the route and Dr. Solandt had not looked at it, and his group representing about 4,900 residents, wanted the same treatment given other residents along hydro corridors.

Mr. Davis felt the Porter Commission and Dr. Solandt were independent and Mann should be satisfied. But Mann again made his point that neither the Porter Commission or Solandt had anything to do with the Bradley to Georgetown study. And he also disputed that either Porter or Solandt were independent. The pair parted with Mann speaking to members of the press. He suggested the premier along with other members of the Government were confused about the interested Citizens, who attended the rally in expectation of a statement. Schneider said Mr. Davis was as confused as the Energy Minister has been over the matter. "He asked me if we wanted another study," he said, "I was shocked at his inference that we already had an independent study."

Following the release of Mr. Davis' statement Monday, this newspaper again contacted Mr. Mann who had in turn been contacted by Agricultural Minister Bill Stewart, who said he had been picked to act as Mr. Davis' personal representative on the matter.

But Mann was not impressed by the premier's statement, especially since they would be no decision made until well on into October. Mann felt this was just another evasion. He said he had tried to see the premier personally since June. The

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Fun galore promised at this weekend's fair

Acton Fall Fair begins this Friday and will be the focal point of the town until Sunday.

Mayor Tom Hill will officially open the event Friday evening followed by the crowning of Miss Acton Fall Fair.

It is expected many charming and lovely girls will participate.

For the younger set, and the young at heart, will be the Happyland midway. Four o'clock is the time set for turning on the rides.

Most of the judging will also be done on Friday, of all the

goods on display in the arena. Vince Mountford and his entertainment group will be included in a variety show for the whole family.

The Lions Lounge opens Friday evening and will be under a big top tent, the same as last year.

The Junior Farmer Mini-Farm and the Carlsberg Eight Horse Hitch will be additional attractions Friday evening.

On Saturday, the cattle, horses, swine and sheep will be inspected and judged.

Many floats High noon, the popular

parade makes its way down Mill St. from the high school to the park. Many beautiful floats are expected as well as the Golden Helmet O.P.P. motorcycle team.

The rides will be at full tilt all day Saturday with games and prizes for all to enjoy. In the evening, a special fair dance is staged in the arena with The Shaynes playing. Tickets for this dance are being pre-sold, but may also be bought at the door.

Sunday will see more action than last year. The Lasby family of Rockwood is sponsoring an event with parents showing their child's 4-H calves.

A long time attraction, the old time fiddlers contest, will be Sunday this year, and a barbecue during the afternoon will help appease the appetites of many.

An art show will be staged in the arena where independent artists can sell and show their wares.

Other Sunday attractions will be a horse pull, and English and Western horse show.

Programs will, for the first time, be offered for sale to the public.

Candy floss, candy apples, caramel corn and stuffed animals will be floating around Prospect Park for three days, attached to the hands of excited youngsters or possibly excited adults. There will be lots going on for everyone.

Lights for tennis courts

Nadalin Electric, of Milton was awarded the contract to erect lighting at the tennis courts in Emmerson Park and in the Moore Park district, Georgetown, and at Prospect Park, Acton.

Total cost of the lighting for both parks, is \$12,300. Halton Hills council accepted the tender Monday night.

On duty

Extra officers of Halton Regional Police will be on duty all during fair weekend, according to Staff Sgt. Ward.

Beardmore objects to rezoning for semis

Beardmore and two Acton residents have registered objection to the rezoning of properties on Kingham Road to accommodate 18 semi-detached homes in phase four of Kingham Hills Estates development.

Planner Mario Venditti said Beardmore based their objection on the lack of sewage facilities, but pointed out sewage facilities had been allocated for this property. He said Beardmore claimed storm sewer water will go through their property.

Councillor George Mally asked if the developer had agreed to insert a clause in the offer of purchase pointing out the possibility of an odor from the Beardmore plant.

The planner replied that the solicitor says the clause is not legally binding, since no one can force them to include that clause.

"I wish they could find some way to tell the purchasers so I don't get as many phone calls," commented Mayor Tom Hill.

"Anyone with eyes can see the waste disposal area," remarked Councillor Pat McKenzie. He stated this is the last phase of the development, and would be ridiculous to hold it up now.

The planner said the other two objections were based on the density of the area. He

said Acton had lowered the density.

Halton Hills Planning Board decided to go ahead with the rezoning despite the objections, and leave the decision in the hands of the OMB.

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Town remains firm on fence policy

If a resident can show they received permission from the town of Halton Hills to build a fence on their property which abuts town land, then they will still be able to receive their 50 per cent subsidy.

The town has a long standing policy of helping pay for fences which are built to separate private property from abutting town owned land but during the summer the works committee decided no one will receive compensation unless they clear it with the town engineer first and an agreement is reached

prior to construction.

There have been several cases where people cleared fence erections with various town employees and want compensation. There have been problems but these people have usually received the money for the fence.

Councillor Harry Levy warned the works committee Monday that he knows of a few cases where people received permission to put up fences and were assured compensation by town employees before the new policy was developed.



BOTH LIBERAL leader Bob Nixon and Premier William Davis visited the Halton-Burlington riding in last ditch election appeals to voters—Stories and pictures on Pages 2 and 3.

Drug, driving charges laid

Two out-of-town men were charged with possession of a substance believed to be hashish on Saturday.

On Friday an out-of-town man was charged with dangerous driving on Mill St. Police followed him on foot after he left his car.

Police were informed of a dog being missing from its home; it was found three days later being well cared for by a youngster.

Police were informed of speeding in the Limehouse district. Neighbors were

concerned for children's safety.

Approve beergarden

Halton Hills council has no objection to the Acton Lions Club holding a beergarden in conjunction with Acton Fall Fair.

Council passed the motion at the request of the Lions Club, to satisfy the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario.

Still chance to register for fall Y

Registration for the eight "Y" fall programs went "fairly well" according to public relations officer Sue Robbins.

However, there are still openings available and further registrations will be taken at the "Y" booth at the Acton Fall Fair this coming weekend.

Ask town share legal fees for hydro fight

Bill Mann, spokesman for the Halton Hills Inter-Active Citizens Group, battling Ontario Hydro, asked Halton Hills council for financial help to cover part of their legal fees.

Reford Gardhouse introduced Mr. Mann as the general manager of all the groups from Bradley Junction to Milton who have opposed the proposed 500 kV hydro corridor.

Mr. Mann said the united

front was from ten townships to present a brief to Denis Timbrell, Minister of Energy. He said they made sufficient serious allegation that the Minister asked Hydro to comment. They could not answer the simplest questions.

Mr. Mann said the united group hired a lawyer to represent them at the Hillsburgh hearings, where they pressed for an opening up of the terms of reference to

include the whole corridor rather than the Limehouse or Orangeville area set as guidelines by the government. The Environmental Hearing Board agreed to hear the expanded evidence.

Mr. Mann contended the hydro study did not consider all the alternatives, and use outmoded data and techniques. He pointed out the Environmental Hearing Board can only make recommendations, so no-one

knows what will happen.

He said the legal fees were around \$13,000, with members being asked to contribute. He said they had already collected \$4,000 and expected to gather at least \$6,000 from them.

He said he was out of pocket \$1,800 personally, but was not concerned about that. He said it was better to have a unified group rather than a number of splinter groups. "Hydro is expert in tearing small

groups apart."

Mr. Mann said they are still calling for an independent study, and said he would abide by their decision, "even if it goes across my house."

Mayor Tom Hill asked if any other townships had contributed to the legal costs.

Mr. Mann replied they had not as yet, and said he felt Halton Hills was the key.

Councillor Ern Hyde warned there are a lot of considerations in making a

decision. "Do we intend to donate anyway?" he asked. He said council should decide whether public funds should be used on a matter like this.

Councillor Mike Armstrong suggested it should be turned over to the finance committee to find out if it's possible to do and to see if the funds are available.

Council agreed and referred it to the finance committee



STRANGE HEADGEAR, STRANGE footwear and hundreds of badges in between... 1200 crowded Blue Springs training camp west of Acton for the annual fall Gilwell reunion. Most are from Ontario, but some from as far as Jamaica and Frobisher Bay. They all have passed their demanding Wood Badge course as leaders.