Mayor seeks help to keep Riding as is

Mayor Tom Hill is calling on all Halton Hills residents to help him fight the electoral boundary change which would lump Georgetown and Brampton together as a riding in the next federal election.

He told the Georgetown and District Progressive Conservative Association members, last week, he was appealing to all political parties to join in this fight to keep the boundaries the way they are now.

He suggested a committeee of all three parties lead the battle, and circulate a petition.

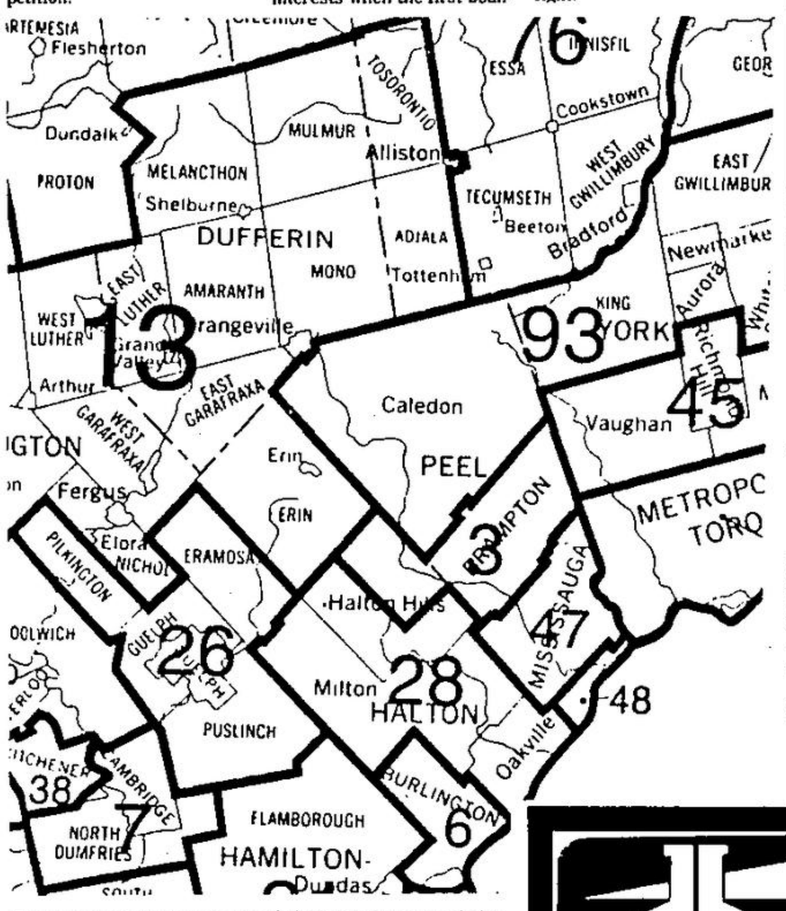
The mayor said a good strong brief stating specific facts would have to be submitted. "The boundaries under the new system would split Halton Hills down the middle. Regional government made us one town, and now another government wants to split us apart."

Mayor Hill said the present riding would be split at Ten Sideroad, taking in Brampton and part of former township of Chinguacousy.

He said he thought they had already submitted a strong brief based on population and assessment, and community interests when the first boundary change was proposed, but it didn't seem to do any good.

"Perhaps Erin Township should be returned to Wellington as it was for years, but certainly Acton should not be split off from the rest of Halton Hills."

The mayor said he was at the meeting simply because it was the first political meeting since he had heard of the boundaries changes, but emphasized all three political parties and every resident had to become involved in the fight.



The map outlines the proposed federal electoral boundaries which would split Georgetown out of the Halton Hills area and which would add Erin to a much larger geographic area including Wellington County and parts of Dufferin County.

MODELLING THE latest fashion in postal attire is Clive Lawrence at the Acton Post Office. The uniforms are now to be worn by postal clerks complete with identification plates.

Small crowd attends George Gray meeting

A small crowd attended a meeting at the Legion Thursday arranged for local people to meet P.C. candidate George Gray of Georgetown. The meeting was set up by the "committee to elect George Gray".

He will stand for monination for the P.C seat for Halton-Burlington at the monination meeting March 17 at the Ernest C. Drury school for the deaf, Milton.

About a dozen attended the meeting from Acton and the district and about the same number from Georgetown. Since the group was small, people sat and chatted together.

Mr. Gray outlined his reasons for seeking the nomination.

The Acton Progressive-Conservative Association will hold their annual meeting March 31.

'No chase' . . .

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shape, mourning North Halton residents held heavily-attended funeral services in memory of the seven young persons who had been torn from their families and friends.

Services were held for the driver of the stolen car, Eric Couture, as well as for John McHugh, 17, Acton; Scott McTavish, 18, Limehouse; Kevin Broostad, 17, Acton; John Oudesluys, 19, Moffat; Timothy Brusanowski, 18, Guelph; and Lynn Marshall, 22, of Acton.

Halton Crown Attorney Treleaven, in a telephone interview with this newspaper Monday, explained the coroner's inquest will be conducted by Dr. Bennett, while Mr. Treleaven is to act as counsel to the coroner.

Five on jury

The inquest is held before a jury of five persons in a semi-judicial atmosphere, and the jury is to prepare a report at the end of the inquest and forward it to the office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario.

Crown Attorney Treleaven said the jury would comprise five citizens from the Town of Halton Hills, because the accident occurred in that municipality, and said they would likely be "five average people you'd meet on the street."

He said he was unsure at this point whether or not the five would be chosen from normal jury rolls, which the courts keep on file based on lists of taxpayers.

He said a five-person jury usually works out to "three men and two women, or vice versa."

The inquest is open to the public and press.

The crown attorney said the job of a jury in a coroner's inquest in Ontario "is not to blame anyone for the accident.

"Half the jury's job is to find out the how, where and why of how the seven people came to their deaths.

Jury recommends

"The other half is to make recommendations so that this kind of thing can't occur again."

Crown Attorney Treleaven said the final jury report is not binding on anyone, but its recommendations in this province are very often followed up by government ministries, municipalities, corporations and private citizens.

He explained that although a coroner's inquest is not a trial, witnesses must testify under oath and the coroner may cite witnesses for contempt of court for refusing to testify.

Subpoena power

As well, the crown attorney said, the coroner has subpoena power and witnesses called to appear who fail to do so may end up with summons.

Crown Attorney Treleaven said his job, as counsel to the coroner, "is to call witnesses and make certain all the evidence a witness can give comes out."

He said some witnesses at coroner's inquests may apply to the coroner to have more rights than other witnesses, and asked to be designated a "person in standing."

The crown attorney said a "person in standing" is usually one directly involved in the case, and said those likely eligible for that status because of the March 6 accident would be the policemen involved and the parents of the seven young persons who died.

Retain lawyers

He said a "person in standing" usually retains a lawyer to represent him or her and wither the "person" or his or her lawyer is granted special privileges such as the right to call witnesses or the right to address the jury.

Crown Attorney Treleaven said although the high-speed chase aspect of the accident has largely evaporated with Friday's revelation of the updated OPP report by the Solicitor-General, he felt it still might be considered at the inquest.

He said the coroner might request the opinion of several police forces on the subject, for consideration by the jurors.

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Hydro more expensive in New York Boston

If Acton residents think they pay a lot for hydro, they should try to get by in New York City or Boston.

At the Acton Hydro Commission's monthly meeting Thursday evening, office manager Audrey Urquhart pointed out a chart received in the mail giving various areas hydro costs for 1000 kilowatt hours. Mrs. Urquhart emphasized New York's $62 a month and Boston's $42, as compared with Toronto's $17 and Montreal's $16 per month.

"No wonder the place (New York City) is going broke!" exclaimed acting chairman Ted Tyler Sr.

Mrs. Urquhart did not have the Acton figures on hand but told the commission she was going to look it up so customers could be told of the difference.

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Heart fund nets $2,741

The Heart Fund drive in Acton raised $2,741.95 this year, according to organizer Vic Bristow. This breaks down to $2,125.07 residential, $311 business, $169 industry, and $136.88 for the roses sold in banks and stores.

The second annual Heart Fund proved to be most successful, according to Mr. Bristow. The chairman is very pleased to announce they exceeded last year's givings by about $700. We do of course have more people in town this year but it took ten more very dedicated and hard-working volunteer canvassers to do the job. To these people we are very grateful, he said.

"It is our hope that other campaigns can be as successful as ours was. All these appeals are for worthy causes and the people of Acton have shown that their heart are in the right place when the need is there.

Thanks

It takes many hands to do a good job, and some of those who assisted are the Legion, the Hydro Commission, Mike Worthington who provided the rope for the flag, the places roses were sold, the L.C.B.O., Brewers Warehousing, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto Dominion Bank, Bank of Commerce, Mrs. C. K. Browne, Village Variety, Royal Variety, Town Office.

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Accidents

Friday's ice storm brought many problems for drivers in this district. There were several minor accidents and some instances of cars abandoned on the country roads.

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