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## Three candidates spent \$41,155 on '75 election

It cost three Halton-Burlington candidates a total of \$41,155 to wage the local election campaign last fall, according to documents filed last week with the new commission on election expenses and contributions.

Winner of the Oct. 18 vote, Liberal Julian Reed of Norval spent \$13,104 on his campaign. Runner-up Progressive Conservative candidate Gary Dawkins of Acton reported election expenses of \$21,679 while the third man in the race, NDP candidate William S. Johnson of Nassagoye spent \$6,372.

Details of expenses, receipts and a list of donors of \$100 or more were filed with the Commission before the Thursday deadline. Each received a subsidy of \$5,930.74 toward his campaign.

**Had \$67 left**  
Reed, who is currently serving as the first MPP in the newly created riding, collected \$67 more than he spent. The \$67 and the \$5,930 subsidy were returned to the riding executive.

Party funds accounted for \$9,082 of his campaign budget. He received \$2,500 in gifts of \$100 or more. Main donors were Fred A. Nelson of Georgetown, Alan Harmer of Kilbride, Alteo Construction and Aldo Braida of Acton, each of whom gave \$500. Donors of \$200 were Varian Associates of Georgetown, Art Scott of Georgetown and Hugh McFarland of Norval.

**Matches deficit**  
PC candidate Dawkins had receipts of \$15,748 and expenses of \$21,679 so his subsidy matched the deficit. Contributions included \$1,000 shared by three individuals in Der-Odway Developments Ltd., Georgetown; \$500 each from Inverleigh Construction of Milton, Phillips Planning and Engineering Corp. Ltd., Georgetown; and \$300 from Grant J. Norton of Burlington.

Other donations included \$200 from Donald Dawkins of Onaping; \$200 from J. H. Goy, Acton; \$250 from J. R. Howard, Toronto; \$200 from M. Hyde, Georgetown; \$250 from King Paving and Materials, Oakville; \$250 from J. Kuitken, Acton; \$150 each from Flora and William McNally, Georgetown; \$250 from R. Noble, Milton; and \$200 each from David Norton of Burlington and Doreen Pierce, Claude Warren and F. D. Thompson, Milton.

Halton-Burlington PCs reported receipts of \$686 from party sources.

**Some left**  
The NDP standard-bearer Johnson had exactly \$1.32 left over when the election dust settled. His entire \$5,930 subsidy plus the \$1.32 will be turned over to the riding executive. His contributions included \$2,810 from party funds and \$1,221 from three trade unions in Oakville, Milton and Georgetown.

Other NDP donations came from Muriel Kernighan \$200; B. Johnson \$116; David Tremblay \$175; and Alex Petric \$175.

Reed received 10,998 votes, Dawkins 10,535 and Johnson 6,567.

In the new Oakville riding, Conservative Jim Snow spent \$38,810 while Liberal MacLean Anderson's campaign cost \$23,543 and the NDP candidate Douglas Black waged a \$5,515 campaign.



THE SPECIAL WEAPONS UNIT of Halton Regional Police was ordered to North Halton last week, in a mock exercise to rescue a Georgetown bank manager being held hostage in an abandoned silo. While the main police force walked down Main St. South towards the confrontation, two other groups of four heavily-armed unit members were sneaking around

back through snow-covered fields and woods. From left are Constable Howard Bentley, Constable Colin Vrooman, Sergeant John Watson of Milton Precinct who is carrying a shotgun that shoots tear gas canisters, Sergeant Walter Henson and Constable E. Burch was was sporting a white toque. They all wore bullet-proof vests. See Page 13.

## Mayor pleased

## Over 400 protest riding changes

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill is pleased with the response of residents who have sent in forms and petitions protesting the Electoral Boundary Commission decision to lump Georgetown and north-east Esquesing with Brampton in a new Federal riding.

A number of lengthy petitions have been sent to the mayor and Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook protesting the riding change which will leave part of Halton Hills in the Halton riding and part in the new riding of Brampton. The mayor and Dr. Philbrook don't want to see Halton Hills split with Acton and most of Esquesing in one riding and Georgetown and

part of Esquesing in another riding.

Besides the petitions many residents have been returning protest forms which appeared in last week's Independent and Acton Free Press.

Mayor Hill's secretary Cathy Bouskill reported over 400 people have sent in protests against the riding boundary changes and noted forms and petitions will continue to be accepted until the end of this week.

The protests have been coming from Georgetown residents and some Acton and Esquesing residents have also formally protested the splitting of Halton Hills at the federal level.

## Citizen of Year named in fall

The Citizen of the Year recognition night will be held in the fall this year rather than at the usual time in spring. The matter has been decided by the executive of the Chamber of Commerce.

As well as the problem of obtaining the hall, the executive considered the fact that no Chamber of Commerce week has been designated this year, so the time of the annual event doesn't matter.

## Town readies for mosquito battle

Councillor Ric Morrow continued his battle against encephalitis-carrying mosquitoes at Halton Hills administration committee, Monday night.

He asked that an amount of \$10,000 be set aside for spraying and labor costs in the event of a need. He pointed out the Ministry of Health will subsidize the costs 75 per cent, leaving the town's share at \$2,500.

He told the committee he had attended a department head meeting at the region, where a representative of the Ministry of Health said they would support the program.

Morrow explained only licenced sprayers could handle the job and a special crash course would be set up for them. He emphasized the clerk-administrator must have the authority to spend money to send people to the course and to at least reserve or order the chemicals for spraying.

Councillor George Maltby asked if this would only be for public property.

Morrow said under the Health Act, the town has the right to go on private property to spray the larvae. "I hope we won't have to use any of the money," he commented.

Maltby claimed a number of people have swampy land inaccessible for hand spraying.

Morrow said the Ministry of Health seemed to think the spraying would have to be done by hand. He said there are no pat answers to this problem, since last year was the first year encephalitis was introduced to Ontario by mosquitoes.

The committee recommended \$10,000 be set aside for the anti-mosquito program.

## Summer job prospect looks bleak

There will probably be a slight increase in job vacancies in the next few months in the Acton area, according to Bernie Tolson, officer in charge of Canada Manpower, Halton Hills office.

"I feel that the economy will continue to come back," he says, "and there is always a higher employment rate in summer than in winter."

"I think the students might have a little tougher time this year than last," Mr. Tolson adds. The problem is that they lack marketable skills and experience.

Last year the student Manpower centre in Brampton sent out a representative two days a week to Georgetown and one day a week to Acton to assist students in registering for jobs and to solicit employment for them. It is hoped that this practice will be continued this year.

Mr. Tolson is quick to point out that quoting unemployment figures gives an inaccurate picture of employment opportunities in an area. For instance a student may register for employment in two or three different locations and once he has a position may neglect to notify

the Manpower office thereby boosting the recorded unemployed total. On the other hand many who are out of work do not register with Manpower but look for jobs on their own.

"Statistics give a picture of our activity, not a picture of the community," Mr. Tolson concludes.

## Jury named for inquest

Five North Halton residents who are "average citizens and open-minded" have been chosen as jurors for the coroner's inquest into the March 6 Acton car crash which opens one week from today, Halton Crown Attorney Jim Treleaven said Tuesday.

The jurors were selected from a list of 50 persons on the 1975-1976 Halton jury roll, who live north of Highway 401, prepared by the office of Halton Sheriff Robert M. "Mac" Sprowl.

The list of potential jurors was large because jurors also had to be selected for two other inquests which are coming up, the sheriff said Tuesday.

**Personal interviews**  
The five persons selected from the list of 50 were chosen following personal interviews by Milton OPP Constable John Hicks, one of the investigating officers, acting in the capacity of the coroner's constable.

The three-day-long coroner's inquest, to be held in the Government of Ontario court house on Steeles Ave. in Milton, is to be conducted by Dr. Ross Bennett, Ontario's deputy chief coroner. It is open to the public and news media and starts Wednesday, March 31.

The inquest is to investigate the circumstances surrounding the March 6 two-car collision south of Acton in which seven young persons died.

**Head-on collision**  
Provincial police have said a stolen car being pursued by an Acton-based Halton Regional Police cruiser veered into the northbound lane of a taining six young occupants. All the occupants of both cars died.

The five-person jury is to prepare a report at the end of the inquest listing its recommendations to prevent similar accidents, and the report is to be sent to the Chief Coroner of Ontario.

Crown Attorney Treleaven said the jurors would not be sequestered in a hotel between sessions during the three-day inquest—as often happens during criminal trials.

**Jurors can't talk**  
He said, however, that the jurors are forbidden under the Criminal Code to discuss after the inquest what was said as the jury met in private to prepare its report.

The crown attorney said no such law exists in the United States, which is why the 12 jurors in the Patty Hearst case in San Francisco have been discussing their deliberations in public and with the news media.

**\$10 a day**  
The average Halton resident who sits on a jury receives \$10 per day plus a car allowance of 35 cents per mile one way, according to Sheriff Sprowl.

He said the 50 potential jurors were chosen from a 1975-1976 jury roll for the judicial district of Halton which lists 1,200 persons.

That jury roll is in effect from Oct. 1, 1975 to Oct. 1, 1976, when a roll of new persons is to be prepared.

The Sheriff's office obtains the names, ages, addresses and occupations of potential jurors each fall from the Assessment Division of the Ontario Ministry of Revenue in Newmarket.

**Jury notice**  
Sheriff Sprowl said a "jury service notice" listing 20 questions to be answered is then sent out to about 1,500 Halton residents, and this year 1,200 were selected for possible jury duty based partly on answers contained in the questionnaires.

But what if one of the five persons selected from the active jury roll for the Acton inquest tried to avoid serving on the jury?

## Police pursuits

## No comment - Commission

Halton Police Commissioners refused Thursday to

make any comment about the tragic death of seven young people near Acton, earlier this month, in a head-on collision, following a police pursuit.

Chief Ken Skerrett, Police Commission Chairman Judge William K. Warrander and Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill all agreed the commission couldn't discuss the subject since an inquest is coming up on March 31.

The commission chairman noted a police pursuit last week in Hamilton could also be the subject of an inquest.

He noted Solicitor-General John MacBeth has said the decision to engage in a pursuit should be left up to the judgment of the police officer involved.

## Banners will cross streets

Banners will be flying in Acton following Halton Hills works committee's approval Monday for two groups to put banners across streets.

A banner will go up, likely between the Acton YMCA

building and Nielsen's Clothing, next month proclaiming April as Cancer month.

OXFAM also won approval for two banners to be erected at either end of the business district on Mill Street.

## Duck follow-up after spring release

After the ducks have been removed from the poultry barn belonging to the Acton Agricultural Society fall fair officials and town officials will examine the damage caused by the birds and decide what has to be fixed.

Engineer Robert Austin informed Halton Hills works committee Monday that he and Councillor Joe Hurst have examined damage caused by the ducks which are being stored in the barn for the winter and agreed the town will take care of the problems and pay the repair costs.



GEORGE GRAY of Georgetown, right, won the Progressive-Conservative nomination for Halton-Burlington in Milton last Wednesday. With him are defeated candidate George Kee, left, and his wife Bev. More on Page 20.

## Jurors' identity not made public

The Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario Tuesday ordered that the names and addresses of the five jurors selected to hear the coroner's inquest into the Acton car crash not be made public.

Milton OPP Constable John Hicks, who is acting as the coroner's constable, said the identity of the jurors would only be revealed when the inquest begins next Wednesday March 31 at 10 a.m.

**Fear harassment**  
He said the coroner's office

men and two women, might have been subject to harassment this week because of the emotional nature of the accident in which seven young persons died March 6.

Constable Hicks said he chose the five jurors after personal interviews with between 35 and 40 potential jurors.

The five jurors live in Halton Region north of Highway 401, he said.



THAT WINNING LOOK. Robert Little Vikings Murray McNabb, Todd McIntyre and Donnie Brouillard charge back to teammates after they scored against M.Z. Bennett in the North Halton public school championship Thursday. The Vikings won the title after defeating both M.Z. Bennett and Milton's Fairview.