

Mayor, councillors seek second term

Mayor will try for another term

Mayor Tom Hill will try to keep the mayor's chair for the next two years.

He announced this week he will throw his hat in the political ring in the December municipal elections.

Mayor Hill topped the polls over Bill Smith, Phil Siddall, and W. F. Hunter, to become the first mayor of the new town of Halton Hills, on January 1, 1974.

Tom Hill broke into municipal politics in 1969 when he was elected to Esqueving council, where he served as councillor, deputy-reeve, and reeve.

He was reeve of the township for two years prior to the



TOM HILL

amalgamation of Georgetown, Esqueving and Acton.



Howitt quits

Dick Howitt has decided to quit politics. He will not run in the December elections.

The regional councillor for Ward Two (Esqueving) said in an interview with this paper, he has come to the decision reluctantly, but the pressure of his law practice has forced him to give up municipal politics.

He explained his practice and his family were suffering, since being out so many nights, resulted in his working in the office on weekends.



Councillor Hurst

Councillor Joe Hurst has decided not to stand for re-election this year. "I thought my experience was something I had to offer, but now we've got regional government belted together it's time to let younger people take over," he says.

Mr. Hurst worked for the town of Acton for 14 years, the last several as town clerk.



Duby runs

Acton councillor Les Duby will be standing for council again. He says he gets the impression people want him to "stay in there."

"I feel I have an obligation to remain for another term," he says, particularly if his colleague Joe Hurst is retiring.

Mr. Duby was Acton's mayor at the time of the inception of regional government.



Maltby in

Councillor George Maltby says, "Yes, I intend to stand for election if nothing untoward happens."

He filled the vacancy on Halton Hills council caused by the death of ward two representative Len Cox.



Although he sometimes has misgivings about the many hours of work involved, councillor G. W. "Pat" McKenzie says he plans to run one more term for regional council. He is Acton's sole representative at region, and was an Acton councillor before regional government.

He is a retired school principal.

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Planning jargon shakes councillor

Elected officials have often complained about the jargon municipal officials use in formulating reports and the inherent difficulty in relaying the information in the reports to the general public. Few have expressed their frustrations more concisely than Burlington Councillor Pat McLaughlin, a member of the Regional Planning Committee.

"God help us if we ever present this jargon to Joe Blow on the street," he said, reading from a report dealing with issues arising in the official plan.

"Inadequate community-related mental health services in the region for adolescents and children, adults and geriatric populations."

"Lack of adequate psycho-social support services in the community."

"Inadequate effort given to the development of treatment services for psycho-active drug abuse, e.g. alcohol," the report read.

"Does this mean help the handicapped?" the councillor asked.

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Whole town may pay

(Continued from page one) town users would pay. He said if uniform water rates were levied in only the urban areas would pay, but Esqueving would not.

Councillor Pat McKenzie contended uniform rates across Halton would up rates in the north, that doesn't need the sophisticated water treatment, needed in the south. He pointed out Georgetown would receive the benefit of any development that may tie into the water line.

McKenzie said the income should be used to defray the debt cost first, and then the operating costs.

Levy asked if the possibility of digging new wells had been excluded. He claimed it would be much cheaper and prevent the expansion of the urban area in the direction of the Seventh and Sixth Lines.

Sykes wondered if Esqueving can legally be asked to pay for water when they are not serviced with water.

The treasurer replied that in answering the question on financing the line by all town residents, the OMB would actually be saying whether or not it is legal.

When pressed as to his own recommendation, the treasurer said he would have to stick to his original recommendation that the line should be charged to the Georgetown water system.

"It is part of the system and it is much simpler to finance," Councillor Russell Miller said.

"nobody has proven to me there isn't water there," and suggested a bigger, deeper well could be drilled for much less than \$72,000. He pointed out wells serve the Christian School across the road, which has a larger number of consumers than

the town office has now or ever would have. "The people in Norval are saying the town staff gets water a lot quicker than they do."

The committee passed the recommendation to seek regional and OMB approval to finance the water line by debenture to be paid by all the taxpayers in Halton Hills.

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Hunter returns

Bill Hunter, a former warden of Halton County, has decided to re-enter the political arena in the December municipal elections.

He will run for regional councillor in Ward Two (Esqueving). This is the seat originally held by the late Len Cox and now filled by Dick Howitt.

No newcomer to the political scene, he has 13 years' experience on council. Mr. Hunter was first elected to Georgetown council in 1960, serving as councillor, deputy reeve and reeve of Georgetown.

As reeve and deputy-reeve he served on Halton County Council, and was chosen warden of the county in 1968. He was acting mayor of Georgetown for two months, after the death of the late Joseph Gibbons.

Region, town split

Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville will lose half the money they have been receiving from by-law violation fines.

Thursday Halton Police Commission endorsed a regional decision which will see the money collected for by-law infractions split evenly between the region and area municipalities.

Mayor Harry Barrett said that under Bill 151, which set up regional government in Halton, money collected from fines for area municipality by-law violations should go to the region since the regional police do the enforcement.

He explained that when Burlington recently asked for an increase from 50 cents to 75 cents to cover administration costs for processing each parking ticket, it was discovered Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville hadn't been turning over their fines money to the region.

He said regional administration committee had suggested a 50-50 split of the fines money between the region and area municipality and that the recommendation had been endorsed by council.

"This goes back to January 1 so it upsets the budgets of the area municipalities. The whole situation has been sloppy. Not good house-keeping at all. This money will be added to the police budget," Barrett said.

The region and area municipalities couldn't come to agreement for division of the money in 1974 and the same was true in 1975 except in the case of Burlington.

This year the treasurers from each of the four municipalities and the region treasurer were finally able to work out an agreement and the 50-50 fines split will provide the region with an extra \$12,000 a year.

Waldie wins 24 CNE prizes

Poultry breeder and showman Alf Waldie of Milton had a successful entry in the poultry show at the Canadian National Exhibition, winning 24 prizes on his 27 entries.

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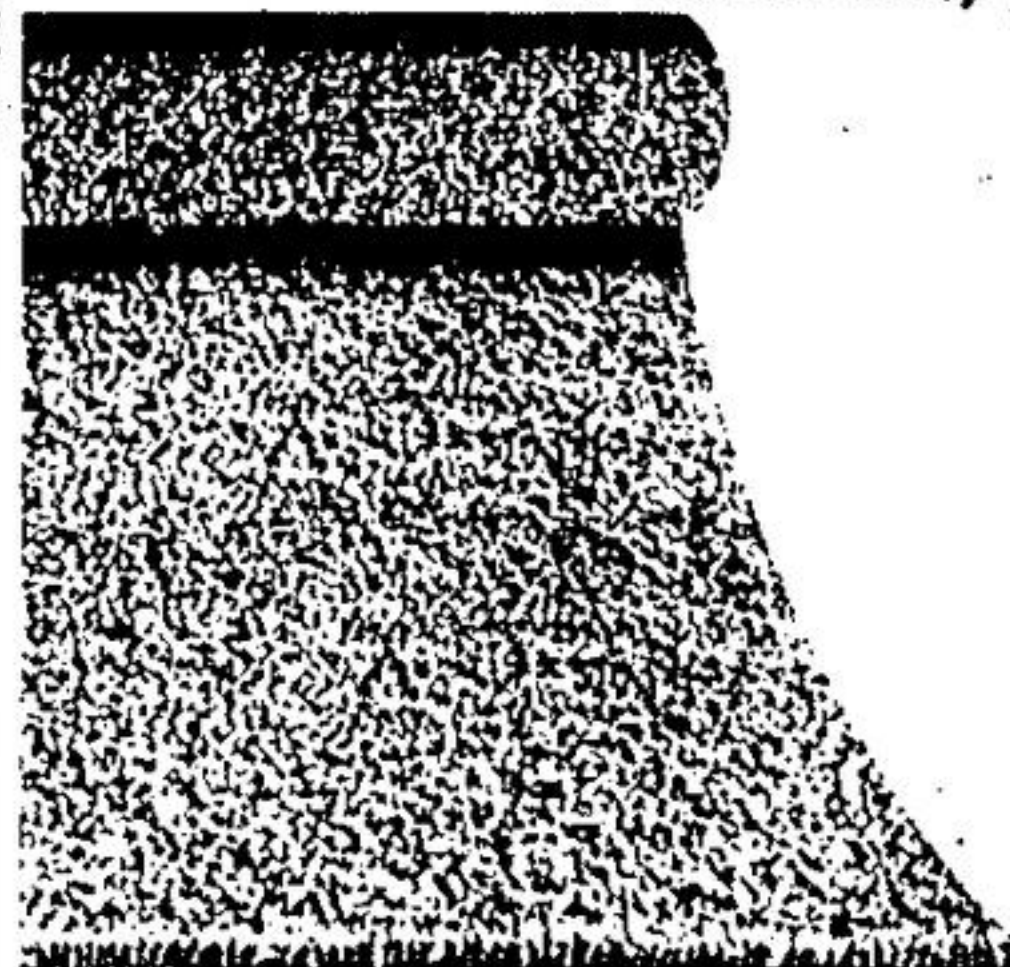
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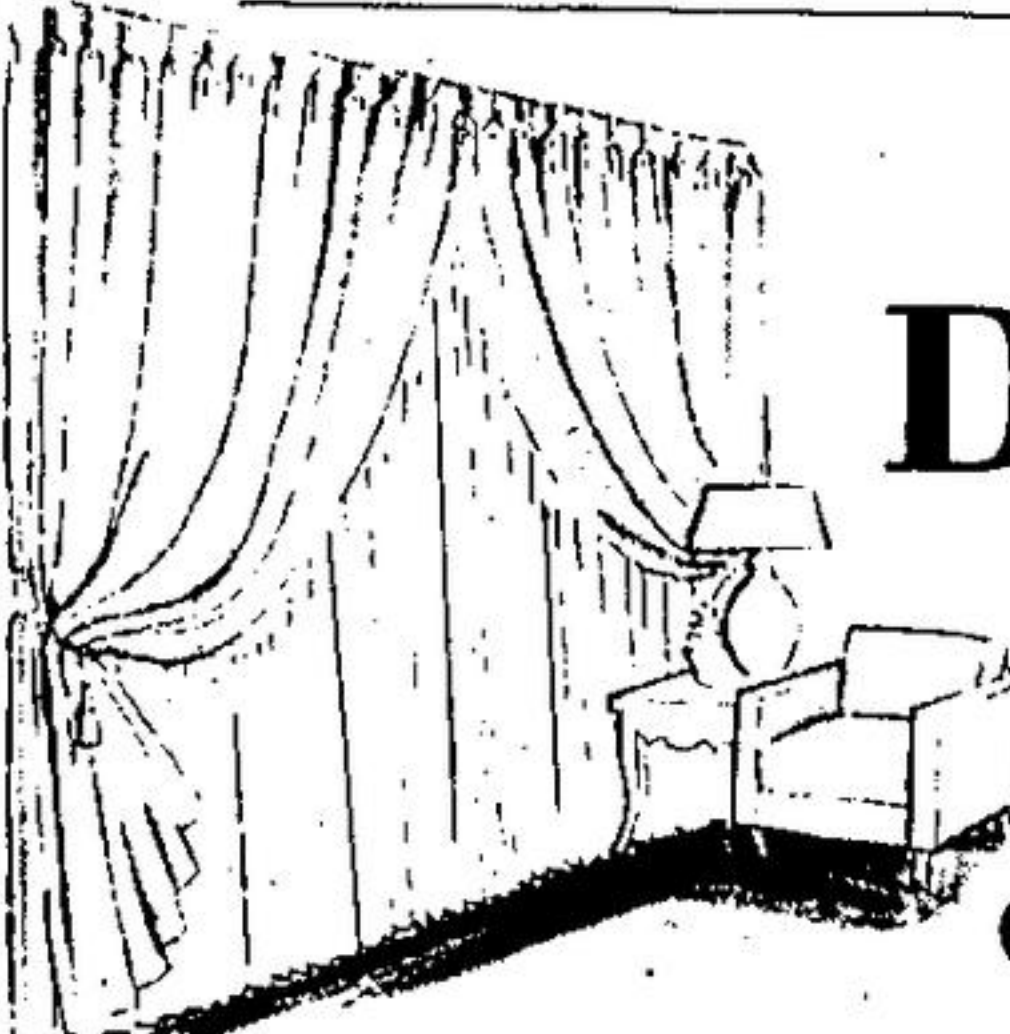
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