

Decide Jan. 12

Several considering race for regional chairman

Campaigning for the position of Halton Regional Chairman is expected to move into high gear this week.

The chairman for the new term will be elected by the 24-member council at the Jan. 12 inaugural. But as of now, no one is quite certain who is and who is not seeking the position.

Many people have had their names linked as being among those seeking the top job in regional politics. It will probably be close to Jan. 12 before all of the chips fall into place and the serious candidates emerge.

Allan Masson who was appointed to that post three years ago by the provincial government will seek re-election for another two year term.

Jack Raffis, Burlington Alderman Jack Raffis said he has been asked

to let his name stand but would not comment on what his decision has been. He said he would be in a position to comment after an informal meeting of the new council today (Wednesday). Some councillors have said Raffis has sought their support for the position.

Hamilton lawyer and former Warden of Halton County, Jim Swanborough has said he is definitely interested in the position.

Contacted by this newspaper, Mr. Swanborough confirmed reports of his intention to run. He said he had not been canvassing for support. Later that day, however, some members of regional council received a telegram asking them to support him.

Will stand
"If nominated for the position, I'll stand and if elected, I'll accept. There has been quite a bit of chatter about the regional chairmanship, not only for the next two years

but over the last three years. "Some are satisfied and some are not. My purpose in running is to provide an alternative if council wants a new chairman."

"If they want the old one, let them so decide and it will make council that much stronger with a vote of confidence in the chairman," he said.

Burlington Alderman Dave Coons had earlier indicated an interest in the job but he is reported to have withdrawn from the race. His current status couldn't be confirmed as he couldn't be reached for comment.

Harrington
Defeated Burlington Mayor George Harrington is also reported to be a serious candidate for the post. He ran and was rejected as Mayor of Burlington, which could make it difficult for him to rally support.

Retiring Councillor Terry Mannell of Oakville is not running. He was reported as "eyeing the position" in an Oakville newspaper.

Mannell said he had told a reporter that it would be a superb challenge and he would enjoy it, but didn't feel it was available to him.

"No, I'm not seeking the regional chairmanship," he told this paper.

Oakville Councillor Archie Donaghey is also reported as being interested in the job.

Defeated Mayor of Milton Anne MacArthur said, "I'm not concerned with regional chairmanship. That's up to those who are elected to decide. I'm not a member of regional council."

No pattern
Right now it is virtually impossible to detect a voting pattern. Milton's Mayor-elect Don Gordon said he had been approached by people putting out feelers. "From all I have heard so far, I'd pick Al Masson."

Acton Councillor Pat McKenzie said he had heard all sorts of rumors but hasn't been approached by anyone other than Allan Masson since the election.

He said Dave Coons had said he would be interested, prior to the election. "I've heard he has withdrawn, though."

"I'll be looking for balance, for someone who is compatible with the north. We are different to Burlington and Oakville. Oakville is more along the lines of the north than Burlington."

"We had three committee chairmanships in Burlington this year. You have to go for

the best person but I don't like to see it all locked up in Burlington.

"There's a meeting Wednesday—if anyone wants to be chairman they'll be there, they'll have to be. Jim (Swanborough) was a good chairman and an aggressive chairman and an expensive one," he said.

Newly elected Councillor Jim Kerr of Milton said he had been approached by Mr. Masson and received a telegram from Mr. Swanborough. "I won't make up my mind until I know who is running and have some questions answered. From what I hear, Swanborough could win it."

Not committed
Milton Councillor Jim

Watson said he wasn't committed. "I want to know where they stand on the chargeback system and where they stand on the proposed dump"

Mr. Watson noted that a salary had not been set for the job and that it could be less than what the chairman is now earning because a chief administrative officer is now on staff. The regional chairman was expected to serve in both roles.

Mr. Masson noted the salary question was an awkward situation in as much as the chairman had to be elected prior to the salary being set by the new council. "There's no other way they could do it."

Halton Hills representative Russ Miller said he was uncommitted at this point, but "I would have to do some serious thinking if I didn't support Al Masson."

"I sat with Al on County Council. Jim Swanborough was warden then. I have a lot

of respect for him. He is a good leader."

The majority of councillors contacted said they hoped the picture would be more clear after today's meeting.

Deadline
Bill 151 says council must elect one from its number or appoint someone not on council. But the act doesn't say how the election should be handled.

Council could choose to have a stand-up vote with the person with the highest number of votes winning, or it could eliminate the low man and go through a series of ballots.

Councillors will have an opportunity to question candidates at the inaugural meeting.

The election of a warden under the old county system was always a sore point. Usually members met pri-

vately to discuss it and took a straw vote in the closed session, leaving the formal stand-up vote as only a matter of ritual.

Provincial legislation commits the region to choosing a chairman prior to the 15th day of January.

Greetings
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Oakville Landfill Site (Fourth Line)
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Sunday, December 26, 1976
Monday, December 27, 1976
Saturday, January 1, 1977
Sunday, January 2, 1977

Burlington Landfill Site (North Service Road)
HALTON HILLS LANDFILL SITE (Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown)
Saturday, December 25, 1976
Sunday, December 26, 1976
Saturday, January 1, 1977
Sunday, January 2, 1977

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Courses coming

After Christmas the Y is planning to offer courses in boxing, ladies' volleyball, table tennis, floor hockey, croquet and macrame. Keep Fit for Ladies, Ladies' Take a Break, yoga, pre-school gym, Learn to Knit and Kiddies Klub.

Hurry up!

Just two more shopping days till Christmas! The local stores still bear those big signs "Shop in Acton."

Hampers

The Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. and the Rotary club are again co-operating in preparing hampers for needy families in town and district.

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FOIL WRAP 89¢

Maxwell House 1 lb. Pkg. (Save 30%)
COFFEE \$1.89

V-8 48 oz. Tin (Save 24%)
VEGETABLE JUICE 59¢

Maple Leaf 28 oz. Tin (Save 30%)
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Pantry Shelf 28 oz. Tin (Save 10%)
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