

Councillors sorry to see Morrow go

Ric Morrow's announced departure from the office of regional chairman caught most councillors by surprise. In interviews with a number of councillors, most suggested they were sorry to see him go.

If Morrow failed to develop political allies with individuals he did manage to win the respect of the majority.

Morrow announced Wednesday that he wouldn't run for the regional chairman's job again nor would he seek a seat on local or regional council.

Asked for his reaction to the planned resignation Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill said he was "damned sorry to see him go. I don't think there's another man on that council that could keep the lid on and control that council the way he does."

"I wouldn't sit up there and take all the dirt and slam he's taken from some of those men. No sir, I wouldn't. It will take a real good man to fill his shoes."

Acton area councillor Pat McKenzie shared Hill's sorrow. "You don't have to agree with him but you have to respect him. He has done a good job and he's attempted to accomplish a lot of things that probably should have been done earlier."

Several councillors noted that Morrow never closed the door to a future comeback in politics and some suggest it could be at the provincial level rather than regional level when it comes.

Asked to comment on that possibility Halton Hills Councillor Mike Armstrong said there are political animals in the world. "I'm not saying he is one, but he likes to be in the top job and when he gets there he does a Helluva good job."

Armstrong said he respected Morrow's straight forward approach and the way he would come directly to the point.

"I'm very sorry to see him go, very sorry and I mean that sincerely. I wish he was staying on," Armstrong said.

Milton Councillor Jim Watson suggested Morrow's departure should be looked upon as a rest as opposed to retirement. "I've always felt

he was using the office to go on to something bigger and better and I am not sure that I am wrong."

Like Hill, Milton Mayor Don Gordon did not support Morrow's bid for office but now says he would have supported his re-election to the number one job in Halton politics.

"I'm surprised to hear he is quitting. I know he liked it and thought he had things worked out with Air Canada. I know he has a young family and if that is the reason for getting out, it is a logical one."

In spite of what Gordon calls a difference in priorities he claims Morrow is probably the best one available for the job.

As yet there are no announced candidates for the job but there is some speculation that Burlington Councillor David Coons might seek a term in the chairman's office.

Coons was touted as a logical successor to chairman Allan Masson and he surprised most councillors and observers when he did not run last time around.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said he was surprised about Morrow's decision to quit, but he also understands the pressures that the extra work can bring to bear on a family.

He said Morrow had contributed a great deal to the region. "Council broke new ground when they appointed

one of their own. That's the way it should be."

Barrett didn't discount the possibility of Morrow returning to the political life. "I don't think you've seen the last of him. He's a political animal and he'll be back. It could be at the region, at the local level or at the province. He knows his way around Queen's Park."

Milton Councillor Jim Kerr said, "Sure, he'll be missed. He's done a lot for the region in a very trying position. I think he's done nobly well, considering the 25 people he has to work with."

"He's failed in a couple of areas and let things get to him. Landfill and the charge-back are two things he couldn't accept," Kerr said.

Fluoride proposed Milton, Acton water

Milton and Acton may be just a council meeting away from fluoridation of their water supplies.

Regional Health and Social Service Committee yesterday recommended Regional Council pass a by-law providing for fluoridation.

Milton residents turned down fluoridation in a 1970 plebiscite.

No referendum has been held in Acton.

The issue was raised again as a result of a letter sent originally to Milton Council by Milton dentist John Cowan. The letter was brought to the attention of the region.

Northern councillors attending the meeting Tuesday were split on the issue, with

Acton Councillor Pat McKenzie in favor of a by-law and Georgetown Councillor Russ Miller in favor of a plebiscite.

Halton Dental Director Samuel Green said fluoridated water cuts down on cavities by two-thirds and is not harmful. It is supported by WHO (World Health Association), dental associations and cancer societies.

Georgetown, Burlington and Oakville water is already fluoridated.

Police see the light

Halton Regional Police have come up with a better idea about replacing burned out light bulbs in their roof lights.

Until last Thursday's police commission meeting at Oakville burned out bulbs in the roof lights, or "Lolly Pops", were replaced with less powerful tail light bulbs.

After a demonstration of the regular and tail light bulbs, the commission decided to go with a new and stronger bulb which though smaller than the others has 55,000 candle power.

The commission decided to replace the regular bulbs, after they extinguish, with the new variety instead of the duller tail lights.

56 semis planned by Acton curling club

A plan with 56 semi-detached homes, or 26 double units, next to Acton Curling Club on Church Hill Road, was shown to Halton Hills planning board, Tuesday night.

The proposal made by Peter Civiore Investments Ltd. would be served by town

water and sewers, and would have a park area by the creek.

Planning board referred the proposal to the planning department for a report.

Councillor Les Duby said it was right in his backyard, "and it doesn't bother me a

bit." He said the field has been nothing but weeds for years. He asked if music late at night from the curling club might not be a cause for complaint.

Architect Frank Baldwin replied human activity around a subdivision is an asset in his opinion, and suggested the majority of families seem to prefer it.

Councillor George Matly said the land was poor agricultural land, and said he felt the concept was a logical one.

Councillor Russ Miller

asked what impact the development would have on sewage capacity.

Planner Mario Venditti explained this section of Acton had been considered in the Acton East plan.

urged the inclusion of sewage capacity in the report, and how much the residential development would displace industrial capacity. He also suggested the industrial assessment and the residential assessment should be compared.

John Cooper installed into Beth-el

Guests came from as far away as Grand Rapids, Michigan, to witness the installation of the Rev. John Cooper into the Beth-el Christian Reformed church Saturday evening.

The service was conducted by Classis Huron with the Rev. John Hellings of Guelph as liturgist. The Rev. Peter Breedveld of Kitchener preached the sermon.

Between 150 and 200 members of the congregation came out for the special Saturday evening service, as did Rev. Cooper's sons from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his sisters and brothers also from the United States.

Pastor John, as he prefers to be called, was first notified by the Acton congregation in

April and asked if he would like to head the congregation. He had been preaching in a small church in Paramus, New Jersey, which is a suburb of New York City.

The minister knew Ontario and relished the thought of returning to live.

However, government red tape prevented him and his wife from coming right away. Being American citizens, they had to obtain landed immigrant status.

Last week, the couple arrived and settled into their new home. With the help of their sons and some men from his new congregation, they were soon moved in. Women of the church also dropped in and helped unpack.

The move actually brought the Coopers geographically closer to their children. Oldest son John, 31, and wife Sylvia now live in Grand Rapids where John is attending Calvin Seminary and teaching a class in philosophy at the seminary. He has just finished his doctorate at the University of Toronto. Number two son, Justin, 28, is currently attending the University of Toronto, getting his doctorate in political science, specializing in international relations. He and his wife Jessie have two sons.

Jeffrey, 24, is finishing a major in history at Calvin College, also in Grand Rapids. Youngest son Joel, 21, is attending Calvin College, majoring in Dutch.

Pastor John attended high school at Eastern Christian High in Paterson, New Jersey. Upon graduation, he attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, where he earned his Bachelor of Art. He then went to Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

A small church in Ashley, North Dakota, was Pastor John's first assignment. After a few years there he went to Forest, Ontario, near Sarnia. A change of scenery in Muskegon, Michigan was

preceded by a stay at Webster, New York, near Rochester, before Paramus, New Jersey, which is a suburb of New York City.

"I prefer Canada to the United States," Pastor John stated. The fear of violence destroyed his feelings for the U.S. He explained that he had been held up at gun point once, and robbed several times. His entire family has been robbed more than once, he said.

"In Canada, there is more respect for life, limb, the body and personal possessions," he said.

Although in Canada the Christian Reformed Church is predominantly made up of people of Dutch descent, his last congregation was composed of many generations of American people. The Acton

GEORGETOWN CHORAL SOCIETY FORTHCOMING SEASON

Under the Direction of Mr. Dale Wood, The Georgetown Choral Society is scheduled to commence rehearsals on Monday, September 11th at 7:45 p.m., in the Knox Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Georgetown.

An exciting new season is planned including the Annual Christmas Concert December 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Mr. Wood is also delighted to announce that the Society has been invited to perform with the Oakville Symphony on February 17th, 1979. Included in this programme, the Choral Society will perform Brahms' Requiem.

The Society has a limited number of vacancies in the Tenor, Bass and Alto Sections of the Choir, and extends a warm welcome to prospective new members to their first rehearsal.

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Fair organizers plan

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and heavy horse show, the harness ponies and the sheep and swine show.

While all these activities are taking place in the park, parade organizers will be gathering floats and people together at McKenzie-Smith school to form the Acton fair parade. Four popular bands will be spread through the parade. The Acton Citizen band, The Dutch Boy's Cadet band, Ontario Massed Legion Pipe band and the Georgetown Girls pipe band have all agreed to take part.

The traditional baby show will begin at 2 p.m. with categories available for boys, girls and twins of various ages.

Another change in this year's program is the Old Time Fiddlers contest which will be held Saturday evening instead of Sunday afternoon, in the arena.

The contest will begin at 6

p.m. with over \$1000 in prize money and a trophy up for grabs to the talented performers.

The fair night dance will be held at the Acton curling club this year with music provided by B. J. Wright. Tickets are available at Village Variety prior to the fair.

Fairgrounds open Sunday at noon with a pet show, dairy cattle show and the English and Western horse show. Exhibits in the hall and outside will also be up on Sunday.

One popular attraction returning this year is the tractor pull Sunday afternoon.

New to the fair is the Acton Firefighters water ball contest. Fun and laughs should be plentiful at this event.

Gayna fashions will be holding a fashion show in the arena Sunday afternoon.

The fair board will once again be featuring Acton's preview to Octoberfest at their Spot In The Park tent. Friday night will feature an Octoberfest band and Sunday a sit-down meal will be served.

A busy schedule is planned for the three day fair. This is the first year Acton will be operating as a B class fair with more than \$14,000 in prize money paid in 1977.

After a hectic year working on this year's fair, organizers are now putting the finishing touches and keeping their fingers crossed that mother nature will co-operate for the weekend.

Solicitor gets help

Ken Anderson has been selected as an assistant regional solicitor, Regional Chairman Ric Morrow announced Wednesday.

Anderson is a graduate of Western University and currently practices in Ottawa. Council agreed to provide assistance for solicitor Dennis Perlin when the workload became too heavy for one lawyer to handle the load.

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Polio clinic

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be given the first time around and with the shortage of serum with the recent polio outbreak in Ontario, Halton did not have the supply. Also, a different serum is used. It was explained that a lot of serum has been sent to Oxford county, where the outbreak started.

Mrs. Jamieson said she hopes there will be another clinic for adults once vaccine becomes available.

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