

Hats in election ring

Les Duby



Former Acton Mayor Les Duby is still undecided whether he will seek re-election as area councillor. Mr. Duby told this newspaper he has to "assess the situation" before he can make his final decision. "With just three seats out of 13, we have to have the most knowledgeable representing us." He did however say he is not interested in the vacant regional seat. Mr. Duby sat in the mayor's seat in Acton before regional government from 1963 to 1973. Before that, he was a councillor from 1960 to 1963. With regional government he has represented the town as councillor since its inception, in 1974.

George Maltby



George Maltby could not be reached to find out whether he would run or not. His wife however, said she did not hear her husband saying he would not run, although the matter had not been discussed in length. Mr. Maltby has been on Halton Hills council since 1975 replacing councillor Len Cox, who tragically died while in office. He was then elected to the same seat in the 1976 election.

Peter Marks



Voters will have to wait until mid-September before they find out if Councillor Peter Marks will seek re-election. Mr. Marks explained that he has to go over his work load with his boss at the Addiction Research Foundation before he can make an official announcement. He stated he has to find out if he will have enough time to devote to his job, his family, and to council. Each deserves a lot of his time, he said. The present councillor said he is definitely not going to run for regional council, in spite of the rumors. If he runs, it will be for area council only, he stressed. Mr. Marks was not new to politics with his first term. He had sat on Acton town council from 1969 to 1974 when regional government was instituted. He took a two year break before running, and winning in the last election.

Pat McKenzie



Regional councillor G. W. (Pat) McKenzie says he is not reconsidering his announcement last July that he will be retiring from council. Mr. McKenzie, last July, had stated "Council expects staff to retire at age 65 and I am one who believes councillors should too." "Acton will have a capable candidate as regional councillor Peter Marks," he said. However, Mr. Marks has since denied he will be running for regional seat, which has sent rumors flying about Mr. McKenzie running in the election. The former public school principal said he had been approached to reconsider, and to run for Halton Board of Education, but said he is not seriously reconsidering. Mr. McKenzie has served on regional council for the past four years. He has also represented the town of Acton as councillor and deputy reeve.

Mike Armstrong



Mike Armstrong, a veteran councillor, announced this week he will seek re-election to the ward four regional council seat. He said he had considered running for the mayor's chair but because of family and business commitments decided to run for the seat he now holds. Armstrong, who finished first in the ward four area council race in the last election, moved up to the regional seat after Ric Morrow was chosen Halton chairman. Prior to moving up to region he served as a Halton Hills area councillor and was also a Georgetown councillor. Regional councillors also sit on Halton Hills council.

Peter Branch

Peter Branch, well-known Norval area sheep farmer, has been rumored as a candidate for local council in Ward Two (Esquimaux), but he will only say he is thinking about it, but won't commit himself at this time. Branch became a celebrity of sorts when he quit his \$25,000 a year job with the Ontario Treasury Ministry because of lack of work, and complained he was paid to browse through newspapers, read newspapers and contemplate his own affairs. He has been a vocal critic of government policies on agriculture and of the Halton Region Official Plan proposals.



Barry Shepherd

Georgetown Halton Board of Education member Barry Shepherd will try and win the seat he was appointed to last March in the municipal election November 13. Shepherd who lost out to Don Long in the December 1976 vote joined the board last winter replacing Long who resigned. Long resigned under the cloud of controversy over missed meetings and because of business commitments which were taking him out of town frequently. Shepherd was selected by the 19 remaining trustees to fill the vacancy. He was chosen over nine other applicants for the position.



Hartley Sherk

Veteran Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board Trustee Hartley Sherk doesn't know if he will run again or not. Sherk, who represents all four wards of Halton Hills on the separate school board said he has been so busy with teacher contract negotiations he hasn't decided if his name will once again be on the ballot November 13.



Russ Miller

Russ Miller will try to retain his present seat as regional councillor for ward two, (Esquimaux) in the November 13 municipal election. Miller as regional councillor will sit on both regional and Halton Hills council. He served on the previous Halton Hills council, and was a long time member of the former Esquimaux council.



Marilyn Serjeantson

Marilyn Serjeantson will try for her first full term on Halton Hills council running for a ward four seat. She lost in the last election but then won a by election in February 1976 by acclamation. The by election was necessary after ward four councillor Mike Armstrong moved up to the regional seat following Ric Morrow's selection as Halton chairman. Serjeantson said she is looking forward to a full term on council and being "in the groove" from the start. She is Halton Hills' first woman councillor.

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