

Morris quits politics wife enters race



Peter's out.

Peter Morris, councillor for Ward Four is quitting politics, but he hopes to keep the position in the family. His

wife Karen will try to capture the seat in the November 13 municipal elections. Peter has been Ward Four area councillor for the past two years, and prior to entering politics was town engineer for Georgetown and later Halton Hills for three years. He says he just doesn't have the time to devote to politics any longer.

A wife following in her husband's footsteps is new to this area but has happened in politics in many places. Karen Morris says she has the time and the interest. She pointed out she had taken many calls for Peter

during the last two years, and has found frequently she could answer the resident's questions, simply from talking over matters with Peter. She pointed out she has been married to a municipal engineer for six years, before he entered private industry, and had picked up some knowledge of politics.

She says she is concerned about recreation in town, and about the possible dissolution of the recreation advisory board. She comes out strongly for improved library facilities, and says if a new library is not possible, then

the town should get on with the addition to the present one. "The issue must not be allowed to die."

Karen Morris is a native of Weston and attended high school there before going on to University of Toronto where she obtained her B.A. degree in psychology. After attending Toronto Teacher's College she taught in Wentworth County for three years.

She is one of the originators of the Block Parent program, has done volunteer work for the "Y" and is a member of Georgetown University Women's Club.

At present she is taking courses at Erindale College U. of T. to complete her B. of Education.

The Morrises have been married for nine years, have two children Tanya four and Michael two. They have lived in Wilson Court since coming to Georgetown five years ago.

The announced candidates in Ward Four, at present, are incumbents Marilyn Serjeantson for local council, Mike Armstrong for regional council, and Karen Morris for local council. Former councillor Harry Levy has indicated he will try for Ward



Karen's in.

Four local councillor's sent, but has not actually announced as yet.

Guess who's coming to dinner?

Jake and Jenny Kuiken of R.R. 2 Acton, would never have guessed who was coming to dinner last Thursday night.

An apparent leak in the propane hose of their barbecue, and the heat of the barbecue were a perfect combination for an invitation to the Acton Volunteer Firefighters.

According to fire chief Mick Holmes the fire was mainly contained to the control box, causing an estimated \$50 in damages. The barbecue was outside against the side of the house, Mr. Holmes said, but

there was no damage to the house. After the firefighters turned off the propane and put out the flames—they didn't even get invited to supper!

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John McDonald runs in ward 3



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John McDonald, historian and author of Halton Sketches, will run for area councillor in

Ward Three, Georgetown, in the November 13 municipal elections. The political newcomer at 29 the youngest candidate to date, has been a life-long resident of the Acton-Georgetown area. Descendant of a pioneer family in the Limehouse district, he attended Bannockburn and Limehouse schools, and graduated from Georgetown High School, and Ryerson Polytechnic Institute. He lives and works in Ward Three, since he is personnel manager at DRG Stationery Co., and lives on Dayfoot Drive.

McDonald points out although he has a keen interest in the history of Halton Hills, he also has as keen an interest in the future of his hometown.

He says he has no axe to grind in entering politics, but

is simply interested in doing a job which will benefit the community. He urges the keeping open of communication channels during the term of office, not just during election campaigns.

McDonald expressed concern about government becoming too far removed from the people, but said he was realistic enough to realize regional government was here to stay, so council must work to reap benefits from it. He urged the setting of priorities, and examination of large capital expenditures.

He said projects such as the expansion to Georgetown library, a cultural complex and renovation of the downtown area should be considered only with the help of federal and provincial grants.

The candidate for Ward Three explained Acton,

Georgetown and the villages and lands surrounding, all have their own identity and it should not be lost in the larger community of Halton Hills. He said he was certain these identities could be preserved under the present system. McDonald feels there is a

dire need for rental and lodging accommodation in town, and despite the shortage of industrial land in Georgetown, efforts should be made to attract industry to the Halton Hills area.

He is vice-president of Esqueping Historical Society.

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Hunsley after ward 2

Nick Hunsley, R.R. 1, Georgetown, will try again to win an Esqueping seat on Halton Hills council.

Hunsley, 40, who is a heating inspector for Mississauga ran in the 1976 election finishing fourth in a four man race for Esqueping's two area seats. He says he is entering again because "I don't like regional government and I don't like 'in-camera' meetings." Hunsley says Halton Hills council meets far too often behind closed doors.

He thinks it's time council allowed more development in Halton Hills, especially commercial and industrial. Hunsley said he "tends to

agree" with S. B. McLaughlin's position that after all the years of waiting he is entitled to build homes south of Silver Creek in Georgetown. He says Focal Properties has been trying long enough to build and while the entire 1,740 home development may not be practical, some McLaughlin homes should be built.

He feels Esqueping voters are not getting as "much representation" on council as they should be and "people need to have someone to speak to."

The only other declared candidate for ward two area seat is incumbent George Maltby.



Nick Hunsley

History whistles to town with CNR's old 6060

Dozen of Actonians turned out Saturday morning at the site of the old Canadian National Railway station and also where the tracks cross Main Street to see, hear and no doubt touch the last working CN steam locomotive.

CN's mountain type engine number 6060 whistle stopped from Toronto to Stratford, including brief rests at Georgetown and Acton.

On Eastern Avenue where the CN station once stood, the engine and ten coaches arrived just before 9:30 in the morning. Several of the passengers detained with their cameras and recording equipment because the engineer was to back up towards Dolly Varden, then race into town. The charge would give railway steam buffs just what they want, another chance to record today what it was like before diesels.

After the Eastern Avenue show 6060 pulled her load round the curve to the Main Street where more enthusiasts waited. Some of the young and not so young had never seen a steam engine. Fire-fighter chief Mick Holmes was on hand to help 6060 take on water.

Unlike some of 6060's predecessors, she burns oil. In this century the trains were mainly fueled with coal. The first steam engines burned wood.

Until a couple of years ago 6060 was little more than a monument to the steam era. However, she was cleaned up and made once again workable and she makes regular excursion runs.

This summer 6060's whistle was silenced because of a mechanical failure and one of the massive pistons acted up. Into the roundhouse near CN's Tower went 6060 for repairs. She was soon back on track.

Saturday was not the first time this season for 6060 to appear in town. A week ago today she sped through, with that distinctive clear whistle in perfect working order, and on to Guelph.



GEORGETOWN STEAM TRAIN buffs saw CNR's last active locomotive Saturday morning. CN's 6060 sped into town across the trestle and into the station. The engine also stopped in Acton on its journey from Toronto to Stratford.

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