

Two candidates for Halton Hills Mayor's seat



Tom Hill



Pete Pomeroy

Incumbent mayor Tom Hill is pleased with the recent regional victory of equalized sewer and water rates. He feels this will benefit all of urban North Halton, especially Acton residents, he told the Free Press.

"This big step shows us that the north and south are trying to get along," he said. "The support of the south has baited the north out on this."

Mr. Hill, 58, of Glen Williams, has been in politics for 12 years, five of them serving as mayor of Halton Hills. So far, he is the only one to hold the top spot in the newly-formed municipality.

Before being elected mayor for 1974, Mr. Hill served in all capacities on Esquesing township council starting out

as councillor, then deputy reeve, then reeve.

His past term, the incumbent noted, was spent at Ontario Municipal Board hearings for the library issue, Focal Properties and debating the equalized billing of sewer and water. The library issue has been settled, he said, when the OMB refused to allow the \$400,000 debenture for renovations to go towards a brand new building.

Regional council recently agreed to the equalized rates, after much discussion, leaving just the Focal Properties issue left undone, the mayor stated.

"This is a very delicate situation," Mr. Hill said. "There is a difference of opinion throughout the whole

town of Georgetown," he said, concerning the \$28 million law suit against the town for not allowing Focal Properties to build 1,740 homes south of Silver Creek.

"I think it can be resolved if everyone sits down and uses common sense."

Mr. Hill went on to say that "it is not because of council that the town has not moved ahead. It is because of all the objections brought to council, planning board and the OMB that have held this town up."

Mr. Hill praised his present council. "Whoever becomes the next mayor, I hope he has as workable and as flexible council as the one I have had the past two years."

The incumbent feels there are no major issues in this election.

The allocation of sewage capacity for Beardmore's is one of Peter Pomeroy's major concerns as he campaigns to uproot incumbent mayor Tom Hill.

Mr. Pomeroy points out that Beardmore, Acton's major industry, pays \$160,000 per year in taxes, "yet it finds itself in a situation where its waste disposal is of concern to all citizens". With some 425 jobs at stake, it is too big an issue to pass over, Mr. Pomeroy pointed out. He would like to see the factory hooked into the system.

The 39-year-old life-long Norval resident is, at present, a councillor for Halton Hills. He has held that post for two years and in that time has been a member of the Acton downtown parking committee, chairman of the municipal building committee vice chairman of the works committee, council representative on the Georgetown Business Improvement Association and vice-president of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, he is also founding president of the Georgetown Geminis Junior B hockey team, past president of the Georgetown Raiders and a founding director of the Georgetown Racquet club. He is the owner and operator of the North Halton Sports and North Georgetown Camp, in Georgetown although if elected, he will be full time mayor.

Senior citizens' needs also concern Mr. Pomeroy. He feels the elderly should be able to retire in the town where their families and friends are. Because of this, he supported the Acton councillors when they asked for, and received, reduced lot levies to quicken the progress of the proposed senior citizen housing unit.

Mr. Pomeroy also said he would like to see transportation to the downtown area for the elderly. He said this could be a joint venture among all the merchants, and would be on a volunteer basis.

A complete review of the Halton Regional Police in Acton is also being considered by Mr. Pomeroy. He noted he has heard from a number of dissatisfied people and would like to see how to remedy the situation.

Retention of Acton's identity is high on his list of priorities, Mr. Pomeroy said. He feels Acton must have a better informed council, and must be in constant touch with the mayor. The mayor, he said, must visit the town he is governing, so that he may see what is going on. "If you never go to Acton, how are you going to know what the people want and need?"

Acton councillors have only a small voice on council, Mr. Pomeroy said, and must have a strong input. "People in the town want their town to be known as Acton, and as far as I am concerned," he said, "it always will be." Mr. Pomeroy said he too is from a small community and knows the importance of separate identities.

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Your responses will help determine what subjects should be offered and when classes should be held. Please indicate your preferences on a questionnaire and return it to either Library by January 15, 1979.

Additional information regarding this proposal may be obtained from the Georgetown and Acton Public Libraries.

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Such persons must be appointed and certified by the Clerk of the Municipality during the period following nomination day (Friday, October 23rd, 1978 to 5:00 p.m. on polling day Monday, November 13, 1978.)

C. Thompson,
 Returning Officer,
 Town of Milton.

CORRECTION NOTICE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
 Please note that the information in the previous election advertising regarding the Advance Polls in incorrect for Ward 3.

The correct location for the Advance Poll in Ward 3 is:

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 GUELPH LINE, North of Highway 401

Dated October 26th, 1978

C. Thompson
 Returning Officer
 Town of Milton

Legal clinic enters second year

Halton Hills community legal clinic enters its second year of operation today (Wednesday) and although it is becoming more established in Georgetown and Acton, less than half of the townspeople are aware of its services.

The free clinic, one of 31 which were formed in the last three or four years in Ontario, is the first to be formed in what is defined as a "non-urban area." Other clinics are in larger urban centres such as Toronto and Windsor.

In the evolution of the legal system in the province, legal clinics "are really a very new thing," says Peggie Balkind, one of two para-legal workers in the clinics, "and they're here to stay."

Balkind said that over 500 people in Acton and Georgetown have been helped since the clinics opened.

About one-quarter of the case load is in Acton, she said and although there are "no particular differences in the services requested, ... there may be a few more economic-consumer problems in Acton ... more bankruptcy type problems."

Some of the requests for service are just phone calls for information, she said. "But usually they're not that simple. There's almost always something to look up."

Other cases are complicated and the legal clinic may have to negotiate with, for instance, Ontario Hydro, Unemployment Insurance Commission or Workmen's Compensation Board, she said.

Such negotiations sometimes take a long time between phone calls and hearings and some domestic cases may take months between steps.

"We also make lot of referrals to social agencies," she said. The free legal clinic is "part of the social community network."

Except for serious criminal and civil matters, the clinic handles family, unemployment insurance, debtor-creditor, consumer, welfare, landlord-tenant, immigration, employee-employer and workmen's compensation problems.

Balkind shares the para-legal work in the clinics with Bill Cumpsty and Sylvia Oprica who is a secretary-receptionist.

The duty counsel in Georgetown are Bert Arnold, Grant Isaac and Jack Wallinga. In Acton, duty counsel are Gord Chapman and Mike Heller.

food store coupon. Part of the bill is paid by the legal aid plan and part, a quarter, is the lawyers' contribution.

An applicant for legal aid must be legally and financially eligible and the ministry of Community and Social Services carries out a financial assessment.

Balkind said the clinic is trying to get the assessment officer to come to Georgetown or Acton "possibly every other week." To save applicants the difficulty of getting to Oakville. For example an applicant from Rockwood, Balkind said, has 37 miles one way trip.

In the case of a legal clinic, "The whole clinic has a certificate rather than an individual," she said. "So we can help people who come in and depending on their

financial status, we won't turn them away ... If they don't have funds or only limited funds, we can become involved."

Legal clinics were established, Balkind said, because legal aid certificates could not cover everybody. Legal aid certificates did not apply for small claims or traffic courts. Some people did not know how to apply or were afraid to go, she said. Others couldn't afford a lawyer's fees. "Who was going to help people in that kind of situation?"

Costs Balkind said the annual budget of the Halton Hills legal clinic is "about \$40,000."

In Acton the clinic is in the

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Series of free legal seminars

A series of free legal seminars for Halton Hills residents begins today (Wednesday).

The seminars are sponsored by the Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic which is entering its second year in town. Tonight's seminar on wills takes place at Knox Presbyterian Church, 116 Main Street S. in Georgetown.

There is another seminar November 15 at the "Y" Building, 42 Mill Street, Acton, on the subject, Small Claims and Consumers.

The third seminar is on Family Law and will be held November 22 at Knox Church, Georgetown.

The seminars are from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The free seminars are part of the Legal clinic's community education program, says Peggie Balkind, a para-legal worker in both the Georgetown and Acton clinics.

Booklets on the subjects discussed will be available at the seminars at a cost of about \$2.

Balkind said other seminars in the future may be on employment/unemployment rights, buying and selling a home, youth and law, consumer protection law, municipal law, and mental health law among others. The number of topics is "really unlimited," she said.

The free seminars are just one part of the legal clinic's two-pronged approach to community education. The other part, Balkind explained, is talks to local service clubs and community organizations; a "kind of outreach."

The seminars are presented in association with Community Legal Education Ontario.

Dale Morette acquitted

Dale Morette, 25, was acquitted last Wednesday in a trial for the manslaughter of Lloyd Sedore, 45.

County court Judge Patrick LeSage said at the end of the two and a half day trial he was not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of Morette's guilt.

Morette was charged with manslaughter after a scuffle Sept. 16, 1977, resulted in the death of Sedore at the McGibbon hotel in Georgetown.

Defence lawyer John Bellegem called Morette to the stand to testify on the events of the day that led to Sedore's death.

Also called to the stand was William Towstlak, a scientist

at the Centre of Forensic Science in Toronto, and a police officer who conducted a lineup in which an eyewitness to the scuffle failed twice to identify Morette.

Morette said he was under a doctor's care for nerves and was on a prescription for Librium, a tranquilizer.

A contentious issue at the trial was if Morette had kicked Sedore and the cause of bruises and scratches about Sedore's head. Testimony by Towstlak was that there was no evidence of blood, hair or skin tissue found on Morette's boots.

The only thing found on Morette's boots was a small piece of material the scientist identified as a fabric.

Judge LeSage told Morette he can be thankful that there was a complete and thorough investigation by the police because the evidence of the clothes and boots "supported your testimony." The judge added that Morette was also "very skillfully and ably defended," by the defence lawyer.

Crown attorney Price indicated later that no appeal was being considered.

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