

Pomeroy wins in landslide

Pete Pomeroy of Norval swept into the mayor's office Monday in a landslide victory, beating incumbent Tom Hill more than two to one. Pomeroy racked up 7,864 votes to Hill's 3,361, a majority of 4,503.

In the crushing defeat Hill lost every poll except one-half of a split poll in Glen Williams, his home polling station.

Pomeroy and his wife, watching the early election returns at Acton arena, reflected the excitement and jubilation of the evening for supporters here.

The upset of the night, apart from the mayoralty race, was the win by Betty Fisher of Georgetown in Ward One and Two (Acton and Esquesing) for Halton board of education. She toppled Acton council and board veteran H.H. "Bert" Hinton in a see-saw battle. She squeaked in by 30 votes in the close fight, with Fisher polling 1638, Hinton 1608 and Esquesing resident Pam Sheldon 1518. Both Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Sheldon were making their first bid for this seat.

Ed Wood took the one regional seat for Ward One, held previously by G.W. "Pat" McKenzie, who in turn ran unsuccessfully for an area seat.

Ed Wood is a council newcomer and polled 839 votes. Second place went to former Acton councillor Roy Goodwin with 647 votes and third to former Acton councillor Bill Coats with 565 votes. Wood ran for area council in the 1976 municipal elections and was defeated.

Veteran councillor and former Acton mayor Les Duby headed the area council polls with 1098 votes, keeping the seat he has held since Halton Hills was created.

An upset saw incumbent Pat McKenzie beaten

by seven votes by Ross Knechtel, a newcomer to the political scene. Knechtel took the second area seat with 924 votes compared to McKenzie's 917. Dave Whiting, also a newcomer to politics, was fourth with 623 votes.

Pat McKenzie and Bert Hinton are awaiting the official figures before deciding whether to ask for recounts or not. They have two weeks to make the decision.

Newcomer to the political scene, John McDonald topped the polls with the largest number of votes of any candidate in the whole of Halton Hills.

In Ward Three for area councillor, McDonald took 2166, incumbent Walter Biehn took second with 1690, Bill Hunter third with 756 and Tut Harrison fourth with 709.

Incumbent Roy Booth retained his Ward Three regional seat, beating Ernie Sykes by 531 votes. Booth polled 1760 and Sykes 1229.

Ward Three regional councillor Mike Armstrong was acclaimed.

Harry Levy made a triumphant return to politics topping the Ward Four area council poll with 2004 votes. Incumbent Marilyn Serjeantson who ran ahead of Levy until later in the evening, came a close second with 1977. Karen Morris in her first bid for office trailed with 999 votes.

It was no contest in Ward Three and Four (Georgetown) battle for the school board seat. Incumbent Barry Shepherd polled more than double the Hyde vote, with 3704 for Shepherd and 1606 for Hyde.

In Ward Two (Esquesing) the two sitting members were returned to office with easy victories. Pat Patterson topped the Ward Two

race for area council with 2110 votes, George Maltby followed closely with 1999, and Nick Hunsley came in far behind with 715 votes.

Regional councillor for Ward Two Russ Miller was acclaimed.

Election scoreboard

Mayor			
PETE POMEROY	elected	7864	
Hill	defeated	3361	
Ward One—Acton			
Regional			
ED WOOD	elected	839	
Roy Goodwin	defeated	647	
Bill Coats	defeated	565	
Area council			
LES DUBY	elected	1098	
J. ROSS KNECHTEL	elected	924	
Pat McKenzie	defeated	917	
Dave Whiting	defeated	623	
School board Ward One and Two Acton and Esquesing			
BETTY FISHER	elected	1638	
Bert Hinton	defeated	1608	
Pam Sheldon	defeated	1518	
Ward Two Esquesing			
Regional			
RUSS MILLER	elected by acclamation		
Area council			
PAT PATTERSON	elected	2110	
GEORGE MALTBY	elected	1999	
Nick Hunsley	defeated	715	

(Continued on Page 2)



HALTON HILLS VOTERS lit up Peter Pomeroy's life, eyes, and smiles Monday night as they overwhelmingly voted him into the mayor's office Monday evening, beating incumbent Mayor Tom Hill 7864 votes to 3361. The new mayor and his wife Judy were in Acton much of the evening to watch the returns come in, and it was here they learned of the former councillor's victory.



NO, IT'S NOT A male Mary Poppins! It's John Morrison of Chimney Swifts, a husband and wife team who are set up in business to clean chimneys. In some cases, a chimney can be cleaned from the outside-in, which partially explains why Mr. Morrison is standing on this Acton roof top. The top hat and tails are part of his working clothes, keeping up the tradition of English chimney sweeps. Story and more pictures on page B12.

The Acton Free Press

One Hundred and Fourth Year—No. 20 ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1978 Thirty-Four Pages—Fifteen Cents

Hope to sweeten up Acton water: Region

The region and the province continue in their efforts to bring good taste in water to Acton.

"We are going to do more, and hopefully with the Ministry of the Environment's help, we will have a solution this month," Halton Region waterworks engineer Bill Kong said in a telephone interview Monday.

Mr. Kong said he has no knowledge of steps to bring water on stream from the Churchill reservoir, a step to thin out the taste, which Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill mentioned during last Wednesday's all candidates meeting at the high school.

The region introduced sodium silicate into the water from the Prospect Park pump house in an effort to counteract the odd taste given to the water by the high iron content.

Time is needed to assess the results of the introduction of the chemical, and come up with a proper dosage, Mr. Kong said.

There is 36 mg per litre of iron in the water, or about a third the amount recorded in York Borough, Mr. Kong said. The steps taken there

are being reported here. The region hopes to sequester— isolate in solution—the iron so it will not discolor.

The region water department received complaints concerning the taste and the stains caused by the iron.

Mr. Kong stated that taste and odor are subjective matters. He said he knows from experience Georgetown people were complaining about the taste of fluoride in the water prior to the chemical being introduced.

Police station remains: Chief

The Halton Regional Police office on Mill Street will remain open for two years at least, according to police chief Ken Skerrett.

"The office will always remain open as a store front operation", Chief Skerrett said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

He said this would be the situation until 1981, though the man power in the office may be re-aligned.

Chief Skerrett's comments came in response to the reporting of a rumor last week by the then candidate for regional council Ed Wood that the Acton police office would be closed by January of next year.

Town differs with control area maps

The town of Halton Hills favors taking some land around Terra Cotta out of the Niagara Escarpment Control area, and have so indicated on a map to be presented to the NEC this week.

The town is suggesting the control area end at the railroad tracks, but the NEC staff members favor following the line to include the whole of the Credit River valley.

Councillor Roy Booth, a member of the NEC told Halton Hills planning board this week, he had indicated the town was opposed to the move, but now would present the town's proposed map to back up his statements.

In the Acton area, the situation is reversed. There the NEC staff is planning a reduction in the NEC control area, and the town is proposing an increase in the area.

The land in question is owned by Goldfan Holdings

and lies east of the Third Line and north of the Given Road. The NEC plan to reduce their area would leave Goldfan out of the escarpment area, while the town's plan would put the land proposed for residential development in the NEC control area.

Post all results

For the first time, election results were posted for the public in Acton arena. Town clerk Lorna Clarke posted the figures, which were relayed at intervals from the Gordon Alcott arena in Georgetown. While there was a time lag, Acton people were able to keep track of the trends from early in the evening.

Since there was a public posting of figures, the Free Press did not have an election night phone-in service this year.

Squeakers could be recounted

Two possible recounts could be held in close contests in Monday's election.

In Ward One (Acton) where incumbent Pat McKenzie was nosed out by seven votes by J. Ross Knechtel for an area council seat, it is a distinct possibility.

In the board of education race in Ward One and Two (Acton and Esquesing) where incumbent Bert Hinton was beaten by 30 votes by newcomer Betty Fisher there could be a recount. Fisher received 1638 votes and Hinton 1608. Pam Sheldon came third in the close race with 1518.

Pat McKenzie and Bert Hinton told this newspaper they will consider requesting a recount after the results are official on Thursday or Friday. Both said they have been urged by supporters to ask for a further count. They have two weeks to make the request.

Tools stolen

Break and enter thieves at York Auto Wreckers, R.R. 4 Acton, netted \$4,700 worth of tools sometime last Thursday or Friday, according to Halton Regional Police.

Included in the loot were the following items: portable welder, grinder, bench grinder, jacks and torches.

Hydro's east-west line running at half power

Ontario Hydro's 500 kV Nanticoke to Pickering line came on stream earlier this month, but at about half power.

Ontario Hydro community relations officer David Patriquin confirmed Tuesday the east-west line was energized November 2. But it is feeding Toronto with 230 kV, rather than full power, he said.

Halton residents see the east-west line south of and parallel to Highway 401.

The original path for this line raised much controversy and public reaction during the early 1970s. The Ontario government was moved to commission an independent study, under Dr. Omrod Solandt.

The doctor's 117-page report, entitled "Closing the Generation Gap" recommended a route for the corridor. The 500 kV lines are the most powerful in the province.

The report, tabled in 1974, has significance beyond the east-west transmission line. The doctor selected a crossing at Limehouse for a north-south corridor, the Bradley-Milton line, which has raised even more lengthy opposition.

For almost five years the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) has opposed construction of the north-south corridor, mainly because it did not receive an independent study like Solandt's.

The lines are planned by Ontario Hydro to join near Milton.

The ICG enlisted the help of Halton Region and the support of Halton Hills to block construction of the north-south line. An Ontario Municipal Board hearing is slated for January to resolve the matter.

Thieves hit rural home

Stereo and camera equipment plus a guitar, together valued at about \$3,100 were reported stolen from a rural Nassagaweya home last week.

Police report states thieves forced their way through the front door.

Auto is damaged

One of the vehicles involved in a collision on Main Street North escaped damage, but another one was not so lucky.

Halton Regional Police estimate damage to the auto driven by Peter Kroes, 255 Arthur St., to be \$200.

However, there was no damage on the auto driven by Randy Mitchell, 138 Elizabeth St., according to police.

Mileage hike

Employees of Halton Hills library system will receive 23 cents per mile to bring them in line with other town employees, the library board decided last Wednesday.



A SALUTE... and remembrance. Lorne Scots honor guard ring the cenotaph; World War I veteran Billy Middleton stands ready to lower the poppy flag when The Last Post sounds. Color party flags are proudly held aloft. Behind them the boys and girls in the parade are marshalled to the front so they may have a good view. Behind:

many Legionnaires, Legion Ladies Auxiliary members, firefighters, councillors, representatives of organizations and Acton Citizens Band stand in touching silence. Beardmore whistle signals 11 a.m. on November 11, and Acton people pause to remember.

What's inside today

Poll by poll results	Page 3
We get letters	5
Arts festival at school	7
Another bazaar	9
Actonians remember	10
Eramosa elections	12
Milton elections	14
New rec co-ordinator	B1
The Royal in pictures	B4
Women in sports	B5
Who Does It	B7
Classified ads begin	B8
Real estate	R1-8