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COUNCIL IN THE ROUND is the format the new council chambers of Halton Region is taking in its new building on Brante Rd. just north of the Queen Elizabeth Way. The circular design allows everyone to see everyone else. Workmen take a coffee break during construction.

## No bias in voting

There was no lining up of one area of town behind any candidate in Monday's election, Councillor Peter Marks commented, as the results were posted.

## 49% of voters cast ballots

Approximately 49.5 per cent of eligible voters in Halton Hills turned out Monday. This is an increase over last year, when 44.1 per cent voted.

There are a total of 23,252 eligible voters in town, and a total of 11,225 voted in the mayor's race.

The high turnout for a municipal election was predicted when the advance poll indicated such a trend.

Marks who did not try for re-election, said he was happy to see this could happen in the short time the three areas of Acton, Esquering and Georgetown have been one town.

He pointed out the vote for the mayor's spot was about the same all over town, and emphasized the win by Betty Fisher, a Georgetown resident, running in the Acton and Esquering area. He said it could not have happened even two years ago during the last election.

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## Date slated for taxi driver vote

November 25 has been scheduled for a vote by Glen Taxi drivers to see if they are to be unionized.

Ontario Taxi Association (OTA) vice-president Wayne Barnaby confirmed the date Monday night after an association meeting.

Fifty-five per cent of the company's drivers voting in favor of a union are enough to ensure its certification as a legal bargaining unit.

In an earlier interview OTA president Jack McDowell expressed optimism about the outcome of such a vote.

In the meantime Barnaby said in an interview Monday some of the association members have been intimidated. "They've been treated unfairly and unjustly," he said.

Barnaby said the names of OTA members have become known to Glen Taxi management.

The Canadian Labor Congress (CLC) and OTA became affiliated within the past week, according to Barnaby, who also said the CLC, on behalf of OTA is laying a formal charge under the Labor Relations Act, section 79.

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## Lame duck council can't do much

Milton's 1978 Council can't do much between now and the time the 1979-80 council takes over on Dec. 4.

Council is officially a "lame duck" council as legislation says the council becomes lame duck if less than 75 per cent of the present council is returned to office after an election.

In Milton's case, just six of the present 11 councillors will be back next year — five new faces were elected Monday night.

Returnees are Mayor Don Gordon and Councillors Rose Harrison, Gordon Krantz, Brad Clements, Rick Day and Brian Penman. The other five seats will be held by Gus Goutouski, Bill Johnson, Don McMillan, Blanche Hinton and Terry Gibbons, none of whom presently hold a council office.

Retirees include former Mayor Anne MacArthur who lost a race plus Russ Powadiuk and Art Melanson who decided to retire and did not contest seats in Monday's election, and regional reps Jim Kerr and Jim Watson who were defeated in the Monday race.

Council has one more session scheduled for Monday, Nov. 27 to wrap up its old business. The new council is to be inaugurated on Monday, Dec. 4.

Unless it is an emergency situation, the present council cannot spend any money not accounted for in the 1978 budget. It can't enter into any contracts, fire or hire staff or pass any by-laws.

## Adolescents home at the Manor

An application by the Sheridan Youth Association to lease the staff quarters at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton for an adolescent home for boys awaiting court decisions, was referred for study by the Halton Health and Social Services Committee at its meeting at the manor Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Manor administrator Jack Charlton said he would like greater time to study the association's proposal.

He was supported by the committee.

Halton Hills Councillor Roy Booth said he would be reluctant to grant the request until the manor's staff had studied the proposal.

Representing the association was executive director John Cox.

In a report to the committee he said, "The Sheridan Youth Home would serve adolescents between the ages of 12-16 years old who are awaiting court disposition under the Juvenile Delinquent Act or the Child Welfare Act."

"The home would provide assessments and recommendations to the courts and local social service agencies in an attempt to find an appropriate solution to the adolescent's problems and to keep him in the community."

The Sheridan Youth Association is a private, non-profit organization which is funded by the province. It has a contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services to establish a semi-secure facility serving Halton and Peel.

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## No mystery—advance polls

Watchers of the elections results at the arena Monday night, were mystified when the total number of polls for the mayor's race came to 68, but for the school board the polls totalled 70.

A simple explanation by Clerk Administrator cleared up the mystery. He explained there were two advance polls in each area for school board and only one in each area for the other positions.

An alert observer noted the total of polls in the wards was also more than 68, but that too was clarified when it was explained two of the larger polls were split, but in the mayor's totals they had been combined.

## Thieves get firearms

A quantity of weapons was stolen last week from a town home.

A Lee and Enfield 303 rifle, one 12-gauge shotgun and a .22 calibre Ruger semi-automatic were stolen from a Main Street North home on November 7.

The firearms are valued at \$218.



FORMER COUNCILLOR Peter Marks and present councillor Les Duby watch election returns come in at the Acton arena Monday evening. Mr. Duby led the polls with 1098 votes with newcomer Ross Knechtel receiving 924 votes. Five-year veteran to the game of politics, Pat McKenzie, missed the second council seat by only seven votes, having 917. Another newcomer Dave Whiting chalked up 623 votes.

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