

Two candidates vie for one council seat



Terry Grubbe, director of the Community Services Centre is seeking election to Halton Hills council in the October 9 by election.

Terry Grubbe for individuals

Terry Grubbe is new to the political game, but she is not new to serving people. As director of the Acton Community Services Centre, Mrs. Grubbe has served the people of Acton in many various ways both through her job, and through her ambition to be involved and to help others.

Even before the announcement of the October 9 by election, Mrs. Grubbe announced her candidacy should one be called. Her involvement in the community makes her want to serve the town in a different capacity.

Mrs. Grubbe feels there are 7,000 issues in this campaign. "Each individual in Acton is an issue, because each person is concerned about something different, something which directly touches their lives," she explained.

"We tend to hear more about some issues than others because they are the ones that are current," she continued, "but there are people who have small issues and to them, they are the ones who are important."

Mrs. Grubbe feels that as a councillor, it would be

her obligation listen to all complaints, and to help them realize that it is not always the squeaky wheel that gets the oil.

"I can take the time to deal with the smallest concerns that may never reach council because I can rectify them before they become major issues. I cannot promise to be all things to all people, and to solve all problems, but I promise to be the best darned councillor I can be."

In addition to the Community Services Centre, Mrs. Grubbe is a director of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, past director of the North Halton Legal Clinic, president of the board of directors of the Halton Women's Place, superintendent St. Alban's church school; a member of the Beta Sigma Sorority, chairman of the Calithumpian Parade in 1978, chairman of the Back to Acton Days, 1979, member of the organizing committee that held the senior citizens workshop, and is a member of the North Halton Committee for Youth Services Network.

As well, Mrs. Grubbe organized and set up the Meals on Wheels program in Acton and organized the first meeting to set up the Co-op Nursery school in Acton.

Although a Sarnia, Ontario native, Mrs. Grubbe moved to Acton from Bramalea four years ago. Her husband Ken is vice president of Toronto Consulting Firm, and is a member and director of the Acton Rotary club, and treasurer of the YMCA. They have one son Kevin, in grade 3 at M.Z. Bennett.



Dave Whiting, a former RCMP officer, and now real estate salesman, is giving his second attempt at election to Halton Hills council Tuesday, October 9.

Dave Whiting has concerns

After being defeated in the last municipal election, Dave Whiting has tossed his hat into the ring for the October 9 by election.

The election is necessary to fill the seat left vacant by the death of councillor Les Doby last spring. Mr. Whiting came in fourth out of four candidates last November, with Mr. Doby and councillor Ross Knechtel winning the positions. Former councillor Pat McKenzie was narrowly edged out.

Although Mr. Whiting says there are no particular issues in this campaign, he noted fluoride, and the proposed plaza as being in everyone's minds. This time around, however, he says, things are pretty quiet.

The candidate feels council should take a look at the management of arenas, but feels the buildings should not be turned over to private use, as a group of Acton businessmen proposed.

"The citizens who want to take it over are certainly to be commended," Mr. Whiting remarked, "but it would be a horrendous task."

Mr. Whiting feels Acton is losing more of its identity when the Acton Hydro Commission is merged with the Georgetown commission on April 1. "It is another example of how Acton is losing its identity and costing the taxpayers money."

Mr. Whiting feels all levels of government are going to have to cut corners. He explained that government pays people to look into certain items and make a report, and then they have to pay someone else to come in and translate to them what the report says.

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New supermarket downtown proposal

A major step in the revitalization of downtown Acton was proposed Monday night when plans for a new Foodlands supermarket on the former Force Electric property were shown to Halton Hills planning board.

The present Foodlands store would be demolished after the new one is completed and new retail space built.

Ron Burnett, consultant for Lumsden Brothers and Art Gordon, said Canadian Tire are willing to co-operate on parking and pointed out Canadian Tire have acquired the remaining portion of the land behind

them for future expansion.

Burnett explained the supermarket would be set back from Mill Street to create a parking lot in front, with capacity for 89 cars.

He said existing tree buffering for two residences would remain as well as the access to a garage.

A landscaped walkway would connect the supermarket and Canadian Tire parking lots, and deliveries would be made off Church Street.

The consultant said the commercial complex called for the stopping up of Fellows Street, and its

conveyance to abutting owners.

Burnett said he had spoken to the police, fire and works departments and no problems were foreseen in the Fellows Street closure.

The consultant concluded by asking for the closure of the street and the rezoning of the Force Electric land from industrial to commercial.

Planning board members were enthusiastic about the concept with Councillor George Maltby calling it a big step in the downtown revitalization.

The proposal was referred to the planning department for a report.

Body found in Erin township

An unidentified body has been found in a car

parked in a field just off Highway 25, in Erin Township.

Guelph Ontario Provincial Police do not suspect foul play. However, the remains have been sent to the Forensic Pathology lab in Toronto as a precautionary measure, and also to help in the identification.

The body was found Sunday at 5 p.m.

Region wants 'excess' seniors' comfort money

Regional council has endorsed a recommendation on senior citizens' comfort allowances which started as a simple debate and ended up delving into the "dignity" of seniors being abused.

Ontario pays all seniors a \$51 per month comfort allowance which is supposed to go for any small amenities they need.

But because most of the recipients are institutionalized, the money being paid tends to mount up to sums in excess of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per home, according to Burlington Councillor James Grieve.

Mr. Grieve has asked the region to change a recommendation from the health and social services committee from receiving and filing a City of Chatham resolution to full endorsement.

The resolution asked that statutes regarding

the comfort allowance, be changed to allow managers and operators of senior citizens' residences to have access to the built-up funds to help offset expenses.

"This money can accumulate, for legitimate needs... up to \$15,000 and \$20,000 in some cases."

"What I am saying is that it should be kept for the maintenance of the individual to keep some relative from coming and scooping it all up from some poor person," Mr. Grieve said.

Basically, Mr. Grieve said he thought the fund could be used by the home or institution to help defray costs of keeping the senior in the home.

Oakville Councillor Bonnie Brown rose to object to Mr. Grieve's "changing the recommendation after we had decided for receiving and filing at committee" be-

cause she felt such a provision would lead to other evils perpetrated against seniors.

The committee had voted four to two for simple filing. Mrs. Brown said, because "it would allow the administration to dip into the fund whenever they wanted to."

"No doubt they thing Mr. Grieve describes happens occasionally. But the problem is that with the numbers of seniors in society growing the way it is, more and more people are getting into the business of running homes, and believe me it is a business."

"Not all of them are as conscientious as our own Centennial Manor, and I think it gives an opening to less scrupulous people who run these establishments," she said.

Mrs. Brown's pleas were to no avail.

In a recorded vote, council endorsed the Chatham resolution.

Fire week

Halton Hills town fathers have proclaimed the week of October 7 to 13 as "Fire Prevention Week."

4 Hydro Commissioners will collect double pay

The members of the newly formed Halton Hills Hydro Commission, who are also serving in the still-in-existence Acton and Georgetown Commissions, will be paid by both until April, 1980.

Salaries for the new Halton Hills Commission

were set Monday night at a special council meeting, following an in camera session at the general committee meeting.

The chairman, Ab Tennant, who was elected at the inaugural meeting, September 21, will receive \$2,600 a year, and the commissioners Bill Smith, Wilfred McEachern, Murt Allison, and Mayor Pete Pomeroy will receive \$2,250 a year from the Halton Hills Commission.

In addition, the members sitting on the Georgetown commission simultaneously, Smith, Pomeroy and Tennant, will receive the \$1,000 Georgetown salary until the expiry of that commission April 1.

McEachern will receive an additional \$520 as chairman of the Acton commission, which will also be terminated April 1. The Acton commissioners are paid \$440.

Allison will only be paid by the new commission, since he is not a member of the other two.

The discrepancy between the Georgetown and Acton commissioners' salaries is due to a provincial ruling, where commissioners were paid on a basis of number of consumers of power in their area.

The salary of the new Halton Hills Commission is based on a ruling in the government bill which set up the new commission stating they cannot receive more than the highest paid in the Region of Halton. Burlington is highest and Halton Hills adopted these rates.

Council must approve the salaries, the commission cannot set their own.

Bill 119, which established Halton Hills Hydro Commission whose term expires November 30, 1980, and then will be up for re-election at the same time as municipal councillors, states there will be two members from the existing Georgetown Commission, one member from the existing Acton Hydro

Commission, and one member from the rural area, previously served by Ontario Hydro, which had no commission. This member is Murt Allison.

At the inaugural meeting, Friday, September 21, Wilfred McEachern was elected vice-chairman.

The new commission will appoint necessary staff to negotiate assets

and responsibilities associated with restructuring, and acquire the distribution and systems owned by Ontario Hydro, as well as arrange transfer of customers.

There are approximately 6,000 customers in Georgetown, 2,500 in Acton, and 3,000 in the rural area served by Ontario Hydro, making a total of 11,500 customers for the new commission.



Waterfowl, such as this bluewing teal held by Martin Wernart, banded at Mounsbury Conservation Area turn up all across the northern and southern hemispheres. Wernart, supervisor of the birdbanding operation at Mounsbury, is now able to use a computerized cataloging system to identify birds

banded there and across the country. Mounsbury is said to be one of the top 10 birdbanding operations in North America. Halton Conservation Authority operates the area. Photo by GEORGE TANSLEY, Burlington Post.

50 homes approved

With unusual speed, Halton Hills planning board, Tuesday night gave its stamp of approval to 50 single family homes to be built in the Churchill Road North area of Acton.

The total area suggested for immediate development covers 13 acres.

A seven acre site on the vacant land between the existing houses on Churchill Road and the new high school is owned by Cedar Road Developments, while the remaining six acres on the other side between Acton Curling Club and the Bovis subdivision is owned by Civiero Investments.

A long range residential concept for the total 400 acres was presented but asked only it be considered for inclusion in the Official Plan, not for development in the near future.

Consultant Nick Pestill said the seven acre parcel would yield approximately 25 single family homes and the six acre parcel 25 single family lots or 40 semi-detached lots.

He said the development would integrate with the Bovis subdivision and claimed the water supply is abundant.

On the question of sewage capacity, Pestill said the present plant will allow 3,000 more people, or the equivalent in industrial and commercial development.

He described the area as urbanized to a degree

No union

There will not be a union at Superior Glove in Acton.

Jack McDonald, of the Ontario Labour Relations Board told the Acton Free Press this morning that Superior Glove and the Canadian Union of United Brewers, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drinks and Distillery Workers have both agreed to adjourn the hearings, scheduled for today and tomorrow.

Frank Geng, owner of Superior Glove explained that the application by the union to come into his plant has been withdrawn and "the matter has been settled."

"The most important task is to get the company back to normal," he said, of the strife which has been affecting the glove factory since last winter.



Members of the newly formed Halton Hills Hydro Commission, Wilf McEachern, Murt Allison, Bill Smith and Mayor Pete Pomeroy take the oath of office as they are sworn into office by Clerk Administrator Ken Richardson. Ab Tennant, the fifth member of the new commission was absent.