

Acton-Esqueusing vote '82

22 candidates seek 12 posts, nominations close Monday

With nominations for the municipal election opening Thursday and closing Monday there are 22 declared candidates for 12 posts Acton and Esqueusing voters will cast ballots for on November 8.

So far incumbent mayor Peter Pomeroy is the only candidate for the top political post in Halton Hills. Voters in all four wards vote for this post.

In the Acton regional council race there are three declared candidates for one post: Vince Whelan, Dave Whiting (incumbent), and Ed Wood.

There are four candidates after two Acton area council seats: Rick Bonnette, Bruce Cargill, Ross Knechtel (incumbent), and Esther Taylor.

Doug Mason and Wilf McEachern (incumbent) are squaring off for the one Acton seat on Halton Hills Hydro Commission.

The election for the Acton seat on Halton Board of Education pits Arlene Bruce (incumbent) against Bert Hinton.

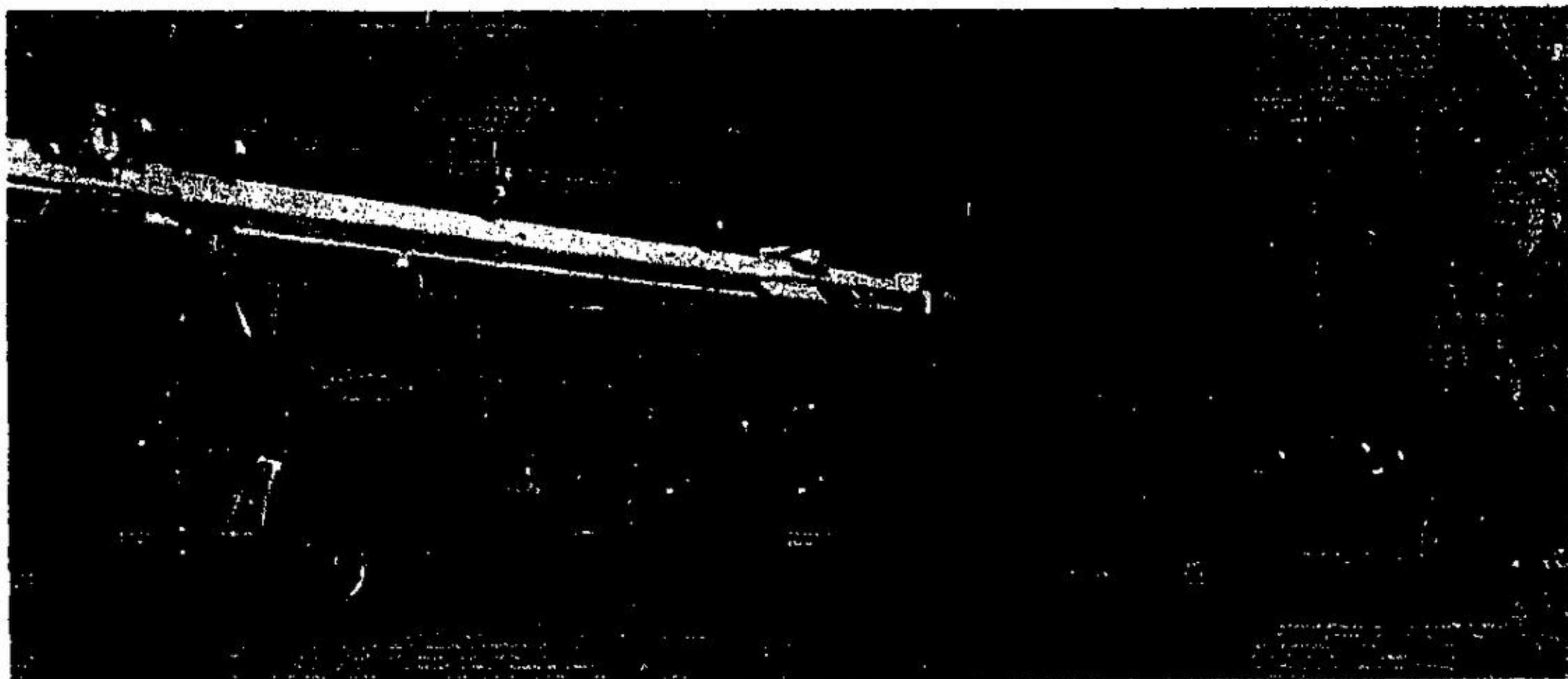
There are two candidates vying for the single

Halton Hills seat on Halton Separate School Board: Irene McCauley (incumbent) and Irene Wood. Catholic voters in all four wards cast ballots in this race.

It isn't known yet if incumbent region councillor for Esqueusing, Russ Miller, will be acclaimed. Halton Hills' first mayor, Tom Hill, has announced he will be running for an Esqueusing seat, but hasn't decided if he will oppose Miller or run for one of the two area council seats for ward two against Jake Julken, Peter Norton and Pam Shekton (incumbent).

Dick Howitt and Jim Kenzie have declared for the Esqueusing seat on Halton Board of Education. Murt Allison is so far unopposed for the Esqueusing seat on Halton Hills Hydro Commission.

Nominations for all posts begin on October 14 and run to October 18. Nomination papers may be filed on October 14 and 15 from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the Halton Hills Municipal Offices on Trafalgar Rd. Nominations may also be filed on the final day, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Halton Hills fire department has come a long way from the days when Georgetown and Acton used these two old trucks. The two departments have now amalgamated to form one department with two different stations. Their complement of vehicles range from vans to this new aerial truck (left). Volunteers Rick Appleyard (Georgetown), John McNabb (Acton) and Randy Ridley (Acton) pose with the trucks for Fire Prevention Week.

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The colored areas are lands which may be frozen from development until stone and gravel is extracted.

People hopping mad over quarries threat

by Gord Murray
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Homeowners in Esqueusing and Nassagaweya are hopping mad about a proposed land freeze and the threat of more quarries and gravel pits in the future, and they are demanding answers right from the top.

About 70 residents, mostly from the rural area around Acton, jammed into the Halton Hills council chambers Thursday night to learn about Proposed Amendment Number Six to the region's Official Plan which would freeze about 14,000 acres of Halton land for possible future aggregate mining.

They have told region planners Rash Mohammed and Bob White that Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs Claude Bennett and Minister of Natural Resources Allan Pope should be asked to attend the next public meeting to answer their questions. The planners said they would try, but couldn't guarantee the ministers will come.

Residents were particularly concerned about compensation for landowners, but the planners couldn't really answer their questions. Mohammed said he would bring region lawyers to the next meeting to delve into those concerns. Also he said councillors and residents' questions had been recorded and those he wasn't able to answer that night will be answered by the next meeting.

Mohammed explained the aggregate industry was going to take the region to the Ontario Municipal Board over what the industry felt was inadequate protection of mineral resources so the Minister of Housing directed the region to sit down and negotiate and try to settle the issue without a hearing.

Planning staff held 12 meetings with aggregate consultants but haven't managed to reach an agreement. With the Minister demanding Halton have its proposals back quickly Mohammed explained his department came up with an Official Plan policy which they feel will be defensible at the OMB.

Planner White said they will need to do site specific studies to determine if every piece of land which will be frozen meets the criteria for possible mining, there are numerous controls in the Official Plan which would prohibit mining. The area frozen is large enough that it "represents the region's fair share" of land to be protected for possible future mineral extraction. The province wasn't satisfied with the amount of land the region's Official Plan originally set aside for mining.

Another change is the new amendment wouldn't make it mandatory to obtain a region Official Plan amendment for a quarry in all cases, but a Halton Hills Official Plan amendment would be necessary.

One resident observed the proposal would make it hard for any other land use to be approved because other uses can't conflict with potential aggregate production.

White said there are measures which prevent quarries in areas where water supply or the environment would be harmed. He noted 90 per cent of Halton is outside the mineral protection area. Mohammed repeatedly expressed fears if Halton doesn't have a defensible position ready for an OMB hearing early next year then a much worse situation will be imposed.

There were a number of emotional pleas from homeowners to the region planners to find some way to prevent the proposed land freeze from going through, as well as prevent more quarries from being opened in North Halton. Several said if this plan does become law they'll be appealing their assessment to have it lowered which will cost Halton Hills tax dollars. Others wanted answers about compensation be sides lower assessment.

One Nassagaweya resident noted people weren't dealing with a specific pit or quarry, new pits and quarries might never be opened, what they were wrestling with was a "situation" and the restrictions on land use will impact not just on the frozen property, but adjacent properties.

The planners noted for four years now Halton's plan has designated lands where development incompatible with mining has been discouraged and there has been no impact on assessment or property values. However, as a number of politicians noted, there's a big difference in the new

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More stories on the quarries issue on pages 6 and 7.

Another meeting at AHS Oct. 19

Another public meeting to air the freezing of land for quarries in the Acton area issue will be held on October 19 at Acton High School at 7.30 p.m.

Only one public meeting, held Thursday at the Halton Hills municipal building on Trafalgar Rd., was originally scheduled.

However, at regional council last Wednesday Councillor Dave Whiting demanded another meeting be held in the area which will be most affected, Acton. He reiterated his call for a second meeting at a meeting attended by about 70 residents Thursday night.

Stone School could be sold

Acton's Stone School could be going on the real estate market soon.

Thursday evening's Halton Board of Education meeting saw trustees discussing whether to deem the historical building as surplus property, and to identify what land around it would be severed for the sale.

Superintendent of Business and Finance, Barb Moore, told the board the school had been rented by the Separate School Board to house the St. Joseph's Catholic School since 1977. However, with their new school opening last month the Stone School is now vacant. She said she believes the

building was built in 1859 or '60.

Georgetown trustee Betty Fisher wondered if declaring the building a historical site would increase the value of it. Moore answered that the building has not yet been appraised, but that is something to be taken into consideration.

Burlington's Cam Jackson was concerned about the irregular shape of severance and the remaining parcel of land owned by the school board. He questioned if there was any other way of severing it, other than suggested, that would leave a better chunk of land. He wondered if the building

itself was not wanted, would a purchaser still buy it for the land and tear down the building.

Moore pointed out there is no specific figure on the size of land to be severed. "I do not want the balance of the land to be worthless because of the severance," she said.

The trustees will vote on the matter at their next meeting in November.

Several Acton groups have expressed interest in acquiring the school for a museum, including the Chamber of Commerce and Leathertown.

Last year, responding to a plea from former Councillor Pat McKenzie for the Town to buy the building, Halton Hills council directed staff to let the board know the municipality is interested in the building. Also staff was told to keep council up to date on any board actions regarding disposal of the property.

Teen killed, six injured in collision

A 19-year-old Rockwood area girl is dead following a two car crash north of Shelburne Sunday morning.

Marianne Timmings, R.R. 4 Rockwood, was killed instantly when the car in which she was riding collided with a truck on Highway 24, 4 kilometres north of Dufferin Road 21 at 10.50 a.m. Three other people, including the driver, received major injuries and were admitted to Shelburne hospital.

Shelburne OPP say Timmings was a passenger in the back seat of a car driven by Alan D. Edwards 21, of R.R. 2 Guelph. The vehicle was southbound on Highway 24 when it was in collision with a northbound truck driven by John W. Saul, 34, of R.R. 2 Singhampton. The left front corners of the vehicles crashed, and the truck rolled over. Saul escaped with minimal injuries.

Lou Ann Grossa, 19, of Guelph sustained major injuries as did Terry Lynn Roberts, also 9, of Guelph. Steve Chalkey, 19, R.R. 8, Guelph, and William Hamilton, Guelph, both received minor injuries, police say.

There were no passengers in the Saul vehicle. Timmings is the daughter of Donald and the late Evelyn Timmings. She is the sister of John, of Kitchener, Jim of Guelph, Philip of Vancouver, Paul of Rockwood and Ken at home. She is the granddaughter of Syd and Irene Timmings of Mississauga and Mrs. Madelena Brakda of Acton.

Funeral service was held at Shoemaker Funeral Home, today (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acton.

Fox Run Fund hits \$5,000

—Deadline is October 15 for turning in pledges

\$11,000
\$10,000
\$9,000
\$8,000
\$7,000
\$6,000
\$5,000
\$4,000
\$3,000
\$2,000
\$1,000



Charter members of the Lakeside chapter of the IOOE were on hand at that group's 65th anniversary last Tuesday evening to eat the celebration cake. Left to right, Marquette Taylor, Isabel Watson and Stella Adanson had the honors.

inside this week

The BIA is proud of its new planters. See photo on page 5.

Hugh Patterson explains the Town's purchasing policies on page B1.

Sabres played Barrie Colts to a 4-4 draw. See page 9.

The town hall hearings will be December 8. See page 5.

Three men pleaded guilty to stealing skins from Beardmore last week and were convicted. Details on page 2.

There's four more people running for office in the election. We've got stories on Rick Bonnette and Vince Whelan on page 3, Jake Julken on page 8 and Irene Wood on page B1.

An Acton resident was arrested for possession of morphine sulphate last week. Turn to page 2.

The region is going to charge a lot levy of \$2,550. See page 10.

Free lunches for children when Halton Hills' runs out is being considered. More on page 10.

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The government says we're at the end of our troubles. I'm sure you know which end.