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Pomeroy ends Hydro career

Halton Hills Hydro Commission said goodbye to Mayor Peter Pomeroy last Wednesday morning, the same day he officially was elected regional chairman. Pomeroy as mayor was an automatic member of the commission.

In saying goodbye to the other commissioners, Pomeroy said he felt the transition from Acton and Georgetown commissions to the Halton Hills group was smooth, especially considering the mess Ontario Hydro left them with.

Pomeroy said the commission was one of the most enjoyable committees he sat on while mayor.

Commissioner Bill Smith commented "the region is gaining a hell of a good fellow, and we are losing a hell of a good mayor. Whoever takes over from you has big shoes to fill."

Commissioners Murt Allison, Doug Mason and Ab Tennant also expressed their appreciation to Pomeroy, and general manager Jerry Trudell sent regrets from the staff on Pomeroy's leaving.

Pomeroy's post will be filled by whoever is appointed or elected the next mayor.



A sword is a symbol of honest pride, according to Halton police chief James Harding. He recently got the support of the Halton police commission to have a sword designed for the local force, and to allow the men in blue to purchase their own symbol. (Staff photo by Jen Borgstrom)

Police may buy symbol of pride

By GORD KOLLE
If Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding has his way, the boys in blue will add an old weapon to their arsenal—swords.

Chief Harding received permission from the police commission recently to ask all the municipalities in Halton if they would allow their civic crests to be embossed on a shiny blade.

If that happens, any member of the Halton Police Force, as well as area mayors, will have the privilege of purchasing a genuine, limited edition Wilkinson sword for \$300 each.

"I don't know of any young officer who wouldn't want one," Chief Harding told the

committee. "The sword is a symbol of honest pride."

To illustrate the point, the chief brought along his rose-wood handled commemorative sword from his days with the Peel Regional Police Force.

When he bought it 10 years ago, it cost \$130, and now it's worth about \$400, he said.

"Once a sword is sold it automatically doubles in price and value," said Paul Coates, head of British Ceremonial Imports of Toronto. This firm is the sole importer for Wilkinson Sword in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The proposed Halton sword will be manufactured in London, England.

Board briefs Library appointment

Betty Anne Wellstead has been appointed to a three year term to the Halton Hills Library Board by the Halton Board of Education. The appointment was made Thursday at the board of education's regular meeting.

Book off list

At the suggestion of Milton, Halton Hills separate school trustee on the board, Mark Bradley, a controversial book has been taken off the reading list of the local schools.

Bradley pointed out the book The Story-makers caused a lot of controversy because of one particular story within the book, The Sins of Jesus. He asked about current status of the book.

Superintendent of Curriculum Services George Heaver explained the book is not being used in Halton Schools, but it is on the book list. Bradley wondered if it could be taken off the list and Heaver complied.

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