

# Grits will force resignation if Trudeau drops in polls

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Liberal party power-brokers will ask Trudeau to resign early next year if December public opinion polls show the party is not strong enough to win an election, Conservative MP George Hees predicted Thursday.

Mr. Hees, MP for the riding of Prince Edward-Hastings, said Trudeau's repeated postponing of the federal election "shows great weakness on his part."

"I think they'll (the Liberal party) keep holding right up to December and they will see if their reported strength is enough to win the election," Mr. Hees said. "If not, because this is the way the Liberal party operates, I think if they consider they can't win in the spring, I think the power-brokers will go to Trudeau and tell him there's no more chance of winning." He predicted a Liberal leadership convention in February.

Mr. Hees made these and other comments at a press conference Thursday afternoon with Otto Jelinek, the Conservative candidate for the riding of Halton.

Mr. Jelinek is a sitting member in Toronto, whose riding will vanish in redistribution.

Mr. Hees was the key note speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton Federal Progressive Conservatives Association Thursday evening.

Of a possible change in Liberal leadership, Mr. Hees said, "I don't think it's going to make any difference to us who their leader is."

He said the Conservatives don't believe they would face any extraordinary difficulties

should John Turner be elected to lead the Liberals into the next election.

"Turner was the minister of finance at the time all of this started to come apart," Mr. Hees said. "John Turner got the country into trouble by being too free and easy with his expenditures, by letting prices get too high—and then he walked away. People aren't going to trust him any more than they trust Trudeau."

Mr. Hees blamed the Liberal government for many of Canada's economic ills, saying the government has no idea of how to deal with inflation.

"What they've done now is what they should have done three or four years ago—cut government spending, cut the money supply, and increase interest rates," he said. "Until you slow down inflation, you can't start a good economic policy. Any country which is in relatively good economic state shape has gone through this stage."

Mr. Hees said the problem with the Canadian economy is the high cost of Canadian goods when compared to goods from other countries, particularly American goods.

"Taxes, wages, overhead, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, they're all higher here," he said.

"Unlike the Liberals, who have been trying to run the country unilaterally under their leader... our party, especially since Joe Clark started pulling the party together—we're going to run the country like the board of directors of a large corporation."



OTTO JELINEK

Mr. Jelinek said. "If a business has run like the government has been run, the business would have been bankrupt years ago."

Mr. Hees said the Conservatives are lucky to have Otto Jelinek as a candidate because of his experience as a businessman. All the parties are short of good business people, he said. He pointed out that none of the senior men in the Liberal Cabinet have had business experience.

"Hornor's (trade and commerce minister) business knowledge is zero. He knows

only ranching. Chretien (finance minister) has no economic background at all, and Otto Lang (justice minister) is a law professor with no experience in economics either," Mr. Hees said.

"Most governments are lacking in economic ability," Mr. Hees said. "This government is shockingly lacking in economic ability."

"This government has been going from political expedient to political expedient," he added.

"What has upset people most is the economy," Mr. Hees said. In gearing up for an election which has been repeatedly postponed, Mr. Hees said he has made "several thousand house calls" and talked to many people.

"People aren't concerned with the constitution," he said. "They're worried about their own future."

"The reason Trudeau is continually bringing constitutional and unity reforms is to shroud the inability of his government to handle the economic issues," Mr. Jelinek said. "The constitution is a phony secondary issue."

"One of the great myths of all time is that Trudeau can handle Quebec," Mr. Hees said. "Just look at what's been happening in Quebec since he got elected." Back in the early 1960s, the question of French or English never came up.

"The way the government has handled bilingualism has brought on the most unbelievable antagonism between French and English," Mr. Hees continued. "People are promoted because of language and people are held back because of language, and they're unhappy about it."

"The Conservatives are in favor of the principle of bilingualism," he added. "What we're opposed to is this implementation."

"What they should do is transfer the \$500 million spent per year on the education of civil servants in French to the provinces to start at the lowest common level in education," Mr. Jelinek said.

"The government's proposed constitutional reforms are as ineffective as its economic policies," Mr. Hees said.

"To me setting up a new senate is the damnest nonsense," he said. "I have nothing against the senate—it's a harmless operation. But to think we're going to get any more use out of a house of representatives than the senate is wishful thinking."

Mr. Hees said he believes the era of the charismatic leader is over.

"In 1968, frankly, the country never had it so good, and anybody could have led us then," he said. "We've come to the stage where people think we can't afford charisma any more."

## Levy list awaits approval

A complete schedule of required capital contributions from residential developments in Halton Hills has been recommended for Halton regional council's approval today (Wednesday), but levies for rural, water-service structures remain a matter to be resolved.

The regional administration committee last week amended a resolution presented by Mayor Tom Hill last month by which developers will pay Halton Hills a \$1,500 levy for the construction of each single-family housing unit in an urban area.

Mayor Hill also proposed that single-family homes in an unserved rural area will require a \$250 levy, while served rural homes will bring in \$750 each. The committee has further recommended an \$800 levy for all semi-detached, duplex and triplex dwellings containing two and three residential units, as well as four-unit combinations, apartments, townhouses and senior citizens housing.

Mayor Hill had also recommended that regional council should drop its practice of collecting a \$25 per foot levy for rural Halton Hills lots fronting on regional roads. The rural levies which he contended should replace the per-foot fee, however, are not complete with rural levies charges in Halton's other three area municipalities.

Regional treasurer Don Farmer reported that Burlington charges developers' \$520 per single-family unit in its rural area, while Milton charges \$180 and Oakville charges nothing.

"It seems to me that the \$25 charge should be eliminated throughout the region," Mr. Farmer commented, "but in doing so in Milton and Oakville, council should give serious consideration to raising the rural capital contributions in Milton and imposing a contribution in Oakville."

Mr. Farmer suggested that Milton and Oakville should consider a \$250 rural charge, thus bringing themselves into line with Halton Hills.

Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth endorsed the move the proposal to replace the \$25 charge, pointing out that a massive cultural-recreational complex is soon to be established in rural Halton Hills near Norval that will claim thousands of feet of frontage on Winston Churchill Boulevard, a regional road. The levy charge, at \$25 per foot, would be enormous," he said.

The committee agreed, however, that Milton and Oakville councillors should be given a better opportunity to study the effects of collecting a set rural lot levy fee instead of the \$25 per foot. The matter will be re-examined at some future date.

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**Fare increase delayed**

Fare increases for Halton Hills taxi services, endorsed last week by the town finance and administration committee will be reconsidered again before going before council for final approval. Coun. Roy Booth, citing problems that the increased approval may pose, persuaded council Monday night to defer its decision on the matter until a review can be made.



PEEK-A-BOO

Robert Dissano models a mask which was on display last Tuesday evening at the Credit Valley Artisans' registration, general meeting and craft demonstration. All the different craft courses and workshops were represented with displays of their finished products, and demonstrations of the way they are made. Registration went very well, CVA member Connie Karlsson said, with about thirty new people signing up for courses.

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## Organizers are disappointed, but Acton fair is a success

Although organizers are a bit disappointed with Sunday's turnout for Acton's 65th annual fall fair it was still a very successful fair, a spokesman says.

"We had two good profitable days Friday and Saturday," says fair board vice-president Brian Evans. "The weather is just one of those things you can't do anything about."

Organizers say the Friday night attendance was up by 150 to 200 people over last year's show, Mr. Evans says. They had 20 teams entered in the horse pull and have had a lot of good comments on the show presented by the Irish Newcomers.

"We're just super happy with the way the horse pull turned out this year," says president Brent Marshall. "There's no point in changing the line on that. It really satisfied everyone."

Saturday's attendance too, is expected to be higher than last year, Mr. Evans says, although they have no accurate figures at this time.

"We raised the gate price this year, so we can't really say just yet what those extra dollars work out to in terms of people," he says. "All I know is that we're up in attendance from last year and I think we'll break even."

The only worry organizers have at this point is whether Sunday's bad weather will cut too drastically into their breeding class exhibits and cause them to lose status as a class B fair.

To remain a class B fair a fair must pay up to \$3,000 in prize money for its breeding classes such as heavy horses, beef and dairy cattle, sheep and hogs, light horses on the line and some ponies, Mr. Evans says.

"We could sure have used

Chapel school purchase

The Halton board of education voted Thursday night to accept a bid of \$125,000 to purchase the Chapel Street School. The bid to buy the 109-year-old school came from the firm Reed-Cooper Limited. A spokesman for the firm said the plans for the property are not being made public at present, but would be released in the near future.

those dairy cattle classes we had to cancel Sunday," he adds.

Although the horse show, dairy cattle exhibits and tractor pull were all called off at 11 a.m. Sunday the midway operated, the hall was open, and the pet show and fashion show went on as scheduled, Mr. Evans says.

"There was no gate charge on Sunday because we didn't feel it was fair to charge the people of Acton for half a show," Mr. Evans says.

He had a lot of horses entered in both the English and Western events but we cancelled it because it wasn't safe for the horses or the riders. A lot of tractors came in in the morning too, but we had to call off the tractor pull. We didn't want to chop up the grounds too much in all that wet."

Mr. Evans noted that entries were up in a lot of classes this year including heavy horses, the pony show and hall exhibits.

"It's too bad we had to cancel the dairy show," Mr. Marshall says. "The dairy show would have been second to none. I was even told it would have equalled the Black and White show in Milton."

Saturday's Old Time Fiddlers' competition ran nearly four hours as 33 contestants showed their skills.

"We even had entries from down in the (United) States," Mr. Evans says. "Because we advertised at the Shelburne Old Time Fiddlers' contest."

One of Mr. Marshall's big regrets is that the firemen's waterball contest had to be cancelled.

"We had 15 or 16 teams, both men and women, lined up from Georgetown, Milton, Rock-

wood and Hillsburgh as well as Acton," he says. "It would have been a real treat for Acton people since no one in the area except firefighters has ever seen the competition. CKOC television even wanted to come in and film it."

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KICK-OFF STRATEGY

The Knights of Columbus of Georgetown kicked off their 1978 campaign for the Arthritis Society last Tuesday night. The campaign will be running from Sept. 25 to 30, and canvassers will be knocking on doors all over Georgetown to reach this year's goal. The Knights are hoping that Georgetown residents will be as generous with the contributions this year as they have been in the past. Studying the campaign literature and planning strategy

for this year's campaign are, front row, left to right, Maura Vallee, field representative for the Arthritis Society, Bill Kent Jr., chairman of the campaign, Eric Stone, area chairman of the Knights of Columbus, and back row, left to right, Bill Kent Sr., co-chairman of the campaign, Doug Tucker, Grand Knight, and John Bozek, District Deputy.

## Residents seek improvement to 10th Line road surface

An appeal by some 110 Halton Hills residents living on the Tenth Line between the Fifth Sideroad and Steeles avenue, asking the town to resurface the Tenth Line, will be heard by the public works committee next Monday.

Betty Walker and Joan Augustine, claiming 99 per cent representation of their Tenth Line neighbors, presented Mayor Tom Hill with a petition at

Monday night's council meeting calling for the hard surface treatment of a road they say has seen no major improvements since 1971.

Mrs. Walker recalled travelling the Tenth Line as a young girl and remembered it consisting of two well-worn ruts with a strip of tall weeds down the middle. In 1971, she said, the road was treated with gravel and a red clay material that

did not develop a sound base, but since then, the only municipal servicing residents have witnessed is "fairly frequent" road grading which residents believe does little good.

Mrs. Walker reported that there are 49 private homes along a 3.2-kilometre stretch of the Tenth Line, a fact which prompted planning board chairman Roy Booth to comment on the clear disadvantages of town-endorsed "strip" development in rural areas.

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"I really hope you will have an exceptionally active year. If you think you can or think you can't—in either case, you're right."

Also featured at the dinner was a presentation on this year's Travel and Adventure Motion Picture Series, sponsored by the Rotary Club.

This year's films will enable Georgetown residents to visit England, Denmark, Portugal, Greece, Russia and the Canadian Far West without ever leaving the cafeteria at Georgetown district high school. The films will be shown Thursday evenings, with the first film, "All About England," being shown October 19 at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$2.50 per show for adults. Season's tickets can be purchased for \$10 for adults, and \$8 for senior citizens and students. Family tickets at \$25 entitle a family of any size to see the movies.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Rotary Club.

## Georgetown Rotary Club lauded for service work

The District Governor for District 707 of Rotary International, Bernard Crookes, was the guest speaker at the Georgetown Rotary Club's dinner Monday.

Mr. Crookes, who is a past president of the Rotary Club of Toronto-Don Mills, talked of the various programs operated by Rotary Clubs, both on the local level, and on an international scale.

He described a major program which Rotary International launched last July called the 3-H program—health, hunger and humanity. The program involves building up a fund to \$12 million by 1980, the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club. With interest, this fund will allow Rotary International to budget \$3 million a year for five years to enable the club to handle "at a world level, special emergency problems as they occur in the world, problems that are not looked after by other organizations," Mr. Crookes said.

He praised the Georgetown club for its works in various community projects such as being a parent to a foster child in Peru, sending needy children to camp, assisting crippled children, and its work in initiating discussions on the possibility of a cultural centre for Georgetown.

"This is a year for doing Rotarians instead of sitting Rotarians," Mr. Crookes said.



BERNARD CROOKES