

ELECTION '78

Ward two incumbents survive the challenge

Ward two voters returned incumbent area councillors Pat Patterson and George Maltby, polling 2,110 and 1,999 votes respectively, to challenge Nick Hunstey's 715 votes.

Mr. Patterson, who finished first in ward two voting for the second election in a row, said of his victory, "The rural people have spoken and they have spoken by re-electing me."

people are in the position of paying for facilities they have little access to now.

George Maltby, who finished second in the ward two voting, said, "I am pleased that the voters think I did a good job."

He explained that his priority will be continuing to fight for better roads in Esquimeston.

"I ran on that and I will continue to run on that issue," he said. "That's the main thing I am concerned about."



Judy Pomeroy receives congratulations from Norval resident C.F. (Pat) Patterson, himself a successful candidate in Monday's election. Mr. Patterson topped the polls as area councillor for Ward 2.

(Herald photo)

Ward 1 Regional councillor

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was not available to conduct a personal campaign because of his teaching obligations.

"I ran my campaign on the basis that I would not be able to get around the meet the electorate."

"(The final result)... indicates that the electorate wants someone that could come around and talk to them."

Mr. Coats said he has "not ruled out the possibility of trying again."

But for now, he is willing to serve again on the Halton Region Land Division Committee (RLDC). Mr. Coats has served on the RLDC for the past five years.

"I knocked on every single door in Acton and felt that I could do no more," said regional councillor candidate Roy Goodwin.

"I felt confident that I was going to be a winner," he said. "But the voters spoke... I'm sorry I didn't make it."

When asked if he would try again in the next municipal election, Mr. Goodwin said "At this point I certainly wouldn't be ready to say."

Champagne shampoo



After weeks of strain and effort Pete Pomeroy's campaign workers relaxed and gave rein to their happiness Monday night dousing their candidate with champagne when results showed that Mr. Pomeroy was Halton Hills' overwhelming choice for mayor. The impromptu drenching of Mayor-elect

Pomeroy and his wife, Judy necessitated a brief stop at home while the couple changed out of their wet clothes before continuing onto a victory celebration at the Way-Jay club.

(Photo by Paul Dorsey)

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Election day diary

9:00 a.m. — (Monday morning) — After being out of town during the weekend, I'm surprised to drive through Georgetown and see that candidates' election signs have popped up like puff balls during the night.

The prize winning corner in town for the most campaign signs has got to be Guelph Street and Maple Avenue where it seems every candidate has decided to sell him or herself.

I'm a little surprised to see both incumbent Ward 3 Regional Councillor, Roy Booth, and challenger Ernie Sykes urging voters to re-elect them. It seems Mr. Sykes is reminding voters of his previous term as a councillor.

Turning on to Main Street I see two Mayor Hill signs on every boulevard on the town's main drag.

BACKSHOP STAFF

..... 1:45 p.m. — (Herald offices) — The backshop staff at the Herald are calling for a close victory for Pomeroy over Hill. A few staff insist that the wily mayor might be able to pull off a win and defeat challenger Pomeroy. Everyone thinks it will be a relatively close vote.

8:15 — (Pomeroy headquarters on Main Street) — As myself and Herald reporter Paul Dorsey enter Pomeroy's campaign headquarters, election workers are already cheering about early returns that show Pomeroy a two-to-one winner in two downtown Acton polls, considered a Hill stronghold.

Pomeroy's office is already jammed with supporters and well-wishers, even at this early stage of the vote counting.

The Pomeroy campaign even has its own "backroom boys" as a group of cigar chomping men huddle around a backroom television watching the results coming over cable TV.

As Dorsey and I leave, a cheer runs through the office as a Georgetown poll comes in with Pomeroy controlling a three-to-one lead.

SPARSE CROWD

..... 8:50 p.m. — (Alcott Arena, election central) — A sparse crowd is gathered on the upper floor of the recreation centre at what has been billed as election central. Unfortunately, the election tally board at the head of the room has fewer results than those available at Pomeroy headquarters. Many of those gathered at Alcott are council and school board candidates along with a healthy representation of the press.

I become a "reliable source" on a Hamilton radio stations' newscast when I tell a reporter of the results I've seen at Pomeroy headquarters.

9:15 — (Pomeroy headquarters) — Returning to Pomeroy's headquarters, the supporters are jammed in even tighter than before as the rooms are filled to absolute capacity.

The air is charged with a feeling of victory as Pomeroy has won every poll reporting so far. Pomeroy supporters await poll returns with giddy anticipation, like expectant lions awaiting another lamb.

9:20 p.m. — When poll returns show that Pomeroy has taken even Hill's hometown of Glen Williams, the headquarters explodes as victory seems assured.

Pete Pomeroy tells me, "When you look around here at all these people, you see why we won."

9:35 p.m. — Faithful Pomeroy supporters surprise the candidate with a champagne shampoo. Pomeroy's wife, Judy does not escape a champagne dousing by the well-wishers.

9:45 p.m. — With defeat a certainty, Mayor Tom Hill makes congratulatory appearance at Pomeroy headquarters to shake hands with new mayor. After a round of cheering and a few comments from Mr. Hill the defeated mayor returns to his campaign headquarters, leaving pandemonium in the Pomeroy office.

10:30 p.m. — (Hill headquarters in the Georgetown Market Place) — About 30 Hill supporters are gathered in the office, some still faithfully taking election results over the telephone, despite the bad news they tell about their candidate.

SUBDUED ROOM

Mayor Hill is seated taking a breather in the corner of the subdued committee room. He tells the Herald he has nothing to be ashamed of with the results and his record, and that he has no plans to re-enter Halton Hills municipal politics.

A teary eyed, Eleanor Hill, daughter of the defeated mayor tells of her pride in her father and her feeling that the town will regret voting him out of office. She predicts his voice will most strongly be missed on regional council.

10:45 p.m. — (Alcott arena, election central) — Most of the Halton Hills races are decided at this point. In the midst of discussing Wards One and Two School Board trustee Bert Hinton's "squeaker win" with other Herald staffers, the final polls come in showing challenger Betty Fisher has just slipped by Hinton under the wire to take the seat in an upset victory.

11:07 p.m. — (Way-Jay Club in Norval, site of the Pomeroy victory party) — The club is absolutely jammed and the doorman invites myself and writer Dorsey to "squeeze in". The sound system blares disco music while the Cable TV station fights to be heard above the din, broadcasting the final results.

REED PRESENT

Norval resident and local MPP, Liberal Julian Reed is seen happily clutching a Pomeroy for Mayor sign in the midst of the madness.

After a lengthy chat with Pomeroy campaign manager Paul Campbell in the relative quiet of a Way-Jay locker room, a local Conservative re-affirms Campbell's statements that both the Liberals and the Conservatives combined to work for the new mayor's victory.

12:07 a.m. — (Tuesday morning) — It seems unlikely that Mayor-elect Pomeroy will be arriving in the next few minutes so The Herald prepares to leave. Fortunately, not before a couple of rambunctious Pomeroy workers have campaign manager Campbell into the Way-Jay swimming pool, much to the delight of the party-goers watching from the club's poolside lounge windows.

With the results assured, its time to head back to The Herald and chronicle the victory. It seems appropriate to end the day with a splash.

Clarkson back for Caledon

Incumbent Caledon Mayor John Clarkson was returned to office defeating challenger Alex Raeburn with a vote of 4,453 to 3,368.

In Caledon's Ward Two, which includes Terra Cotta, fruit farmer Dick Pallett lead a field of three challengers with a vote of 769 to Francis Brown's, 468, and Gord Mothershead's 263.

At the same time, Caledon voters voted 6,323 to 1,688 against changing the name of the town from Caledon to something else.

Ward two voters voted 1,370 to 124 against changing the town's name.

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