

ELECTION CENTRAL



Toasting each other's health and future prosperity, Mayor Pete Pomeroy clinked glasses with outgoing councillors C.F. (Pat) Patterson (left) and Ed Wood following Monday's final meeting of the 1978-80 town council. Coun. Patterson decided not to run in last week's civic elections, resigning the Ward 2 (Esquesing) seat he held since 1976. Coun. Wood, Acton's regional representative last term, was defeated after two years in office by Dave Whiting.

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Patterson saves greatest praise for hard work of dedicated town staff

The key to being a successful, alert councillor, according to Pat Patterson, is doing your homework.

The former Esquesing municipal rep, who announced his retirement just days before the Oct. 21 closing date for declaring candidacy in this year's campaign, was one of town council's more colorful members and remains one of Halton region's most vehement opponents.

"I'm definitely against it," Coun. Patterson told The Herald last week. "It's lost all credibility. Anytime you lose \$700,000 in the figures (Halton's budget deficit) there's got to be something wrong."

Coun. Patterson also criticized the payment of \$68,000 to former chief administrative officer Ernie Reid when he resigned in August.

Nevertheless, the 70-year old Norval cattle farmer had planned to run for regional council if he was going to enter this year's election at all. Coun. Patterson changed his mind because he said he would find the meeting schedules - Monday night in Halton Hills, Wednesday afternoons at regional headquarters in Oakville - too cumbersome.

Looking back over his two terms on local council, Coun. Patterson said the greatest reward was meeting his constituents.

"I was all set to quit the last time around," he said, "but a great many people in the area asked me to stay on for another term. Anytime you meet people, it's rewarding. They may not agree with you, but it's still rewarding."

And while he praised council for being "as good a one as we've had in some time," Coun. Patterson said that voting in council often tends to be rather parochial, with representatives splitting on votes

according to wards.

"Some work has not been done for fear of stepping out of bounds," he said. "Councillors in the past have hesitated to make decisions for fear it might cost them some votes in their ward."

But, he said, the greatest praise for the work done at council goes to town staff.

"It should be definitely understood that they are the real people who do the work; councillors are completely dependent on (planning director) Mario Venditti, (town engineer) Bob Austin, (treasurer) Ray King and (recreation director) Tom Shepard. And Ken Richardson (the town's clerk administrator) is one hell of a leader."

Meanwhile, he said he feels a town councillor's position should be a full time job because councillors spend great deal of time outside of regular meetings getting involved with problems such as land separations. But, he said, a councillor's \$6,000 per year salary is adequate for the work they put in.

Pleased that the library-

cultural centre is finally off the drawing boards and into the construction stage, Coun. Patterson said that the town will soon have to face the \$27 million lawsuit launched by Focal Properties over an alleged breach of contract. Focal claims that the town is reneging on agreements signed as far back as 25 years ago allowing it to develop 1,740 homes on Georgetown's southern boundary.

Not only should the town allow the project to proceed, Coun. Patterson said, it should also make greater commitments to industry, increasing the residential to industrial land ratio.

Council should also allow the construction of the proposed Croftan-Canadian recreation complex two miles south of Norval, Coun. Patterson added, noting that a swimming pool, tennis court and other facilities currently under construction on the site, in accordance to bylaw, will be open to the general public as well, a valuable asset to eastern Esquesing.

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ROOKIES AND RETIREES

Downfall result of election disinterest?

"I didn't really lose, I just wasn't elected," Acton's regional Coun. Ed Wood said last week, light-heartedly reflecting upon his defeat at the polls during last Monday's municipal elections.

In what became the sole upset in this year's election, Coun. Wood was edged out of office by former Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer and real estate agent Dave Whiting, who racked up 694 votes to Coun. Wood's 507.

Contacted by The Herald Thursday, Coun. Wood noted a lack of interest within the town to what little issues there were in the election and admitted that some of the disinterest may have filtered into his own campaign for Halton Hills' Ward 1 regional seat. Only

1,201 people turned out to vote in the ward's only campaign race (public school board trustees and local council representatives were acclaimed earlier).

But he still feels the town's general impression of the regional deficit is "erroneous" and warns that Mr. Whiting may find change at the region comes more slowly than most people appreciate.

"I'm quite sure our new regional councillor will find some things difficult to shake up (at regional headquarters in Oakville)," he said, adding that he holds no ill feelings toward Mr. Whiting and plans to introduce him to regional staff and councillors this week.

Coun. Wood cited the move to preserve the former Acton

town hall, the town's work with the region in settling the purchase of the Diston plant by Frank Heller, thereby saving about 125 jobs in the community, and getting the newly-opened Hyde House leather store its Sunday operating hours as major achievements, along with building the Silver Creek apartment complex and the new library-cultural centre in Georgetown.

The animosity between Georgetown and Acton is gradually diminishing, Coun. Wood said, although some of the traditional rivalry between the two communities still survives.

"Mayor (Pete) Pomeroy has done a super job in pulling council together," he said, "and we're getting things such as the Acton and Georgetown urban area studies underway."

Asked what sort of advice he might offer to a new regional candidate as he enters his first council meeting, Coun. Wood said that the individual will have to appreciate the differences with other municipalities within the region as well as act in the interests of his own ward.

"My feeling is, and it has happened in Halton Hills, that as members of council we now have a greater appreciation of another man's area," he said. "You have to look at the other fellow's territory, but look at your own area first."

Coun. Wood also expects Mr. Whiting to be ably assisted by his fellow members on town council, as he gradually finds his administrative legs.

"Dave is going into a council of exceptional people," he said. "If he stumbles, he will find veteran councillors like (Russ) Miller, (Roy) Booth and Mayor Pomeroy will be there to assist."

While he said he will miss the most rewarding part of being councillor-meeting the people-Coun. Wood said he will get involved again with the Acton business improvement area group as well as spending more time with his family. In the meantime, he is not ruling out the possibility that he may try for another return to office in two years.

Enters second term full of confidence

Halton board of education trustee Betty Fisher is going into her second term on the board feeling she has accomplished what she set out to do in her first term.

Mrs. Fisher, who represented Wards 1 and 2 for the past two years, is now representing Wards 3 and 4. Ward 1 is now being represented by Arlene Bruce and Ward 2 is being represented by Betty Walker.

"The last year has been one where I feel I really matured as far as my knowledge of education is concerned," Mrs. Fisher said. "It was productive, with the forming of a



BETTY FISHER

discipline policy, and with coming to grips with the problem of basics for children, to have a good curriculum including the basic skills, which is not boring."

Mrs. Fisher was chairman of the board-staff committee and the board's representative on the Association of Large School Boards of Ontario, a provincial organization.

TEACHERS CLOSER

"The staff-board committee was a challenge and something I really enjoyed. I worked this year to try to bring the teachers closer to the board. There's

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PAM SHELDON

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School board experience leads to personal growth

Retiring Halton Board of Education trustee Barry Shepherd says his job for the past three years has been frustrating in a lot of ways, but at the same time he has experienced a sense of personal growth greater than in any other three years of his life.

Mr. Shepherd, who joined the board of education in 1977 as a representative of Wards 3 and 4 following the resignation of Don Long, decided not to run again because of business pressures. He is sales manager for a Toronto firm, Select Carton Co.

Mr. Shepherd says he is not leaving in a spirit of success.

"It's more of a spirit of frustration. There's a lot of time put in over three years and a lot of work that didn't result in anything concrete," he said. "On the other hand, the last three years has done more for my personal growth than any other three years of my life."

"I'm a little sorry I have to bow out at this point, because there are a lot of things still to be done."

The first two or three years as a trustee are very much a



BARRY SHEPHERD

learning experience, Mr. Shepherd said.

STAY LONGER
"I think in retrospect, if I had been able to stay on the board longer, I would have been able to carry on with more confidence," he said. "It takes two years to get adjusted. A layman with genuine concerns about education can't act effectively until he knows all sides of the story. You have to gain enough credibility to make some forceful decisions."

Mr. Shepherd expressed his concern about apathy among

parents, and their seeming lack of interest in what goes on in the schools.

"There's a nucleus of parents who are genuinely concerned, but that's a very small percentage," he said. "There are a lot of parents out there who don't know who their trustee is and what he or she can do for them. Likewise, they don't get involved in their children's school."

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Citizen of the Year

The Georgetown Lions Club is again looking for the "Citizen Of The Year"; someone who has given unselfishly to the community.

This will be the 9th year that the Lions have carried out the search for our top citizens. Mrs. Karen Harrison was honoured with the award for 1979.

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