

Local man resigns from police commission

He's got his own 'Police Story'

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff Writer

A decade of service on the Georgetown and Halton regional police commissions has ended for Glenn Magnuson of Georgetown.

Former chairman, vice-chairman and until lately chairman of the personnel committee of the police commission, Mr. Magnuson, 54, decided it was time for a change.

"It's a very demanding job and needs someone new with fresh enthusiasm and energy," he told The Herald last week. "There were some weeks when I would spend up to one and a half days doing work for the police commission, and all their meetings took place in the daytime."

Owner of Glenn Magnuson Ltd. Insurance on Guelph Street, Mr. Magnuson said he was able to work around the police commission's demands because he was in business for himself. Now, he'll have a lot more time to devote to his business without regular commission meetings every second week and other meetings including salary and contract negotiations.

The police commission made up of two regional appointees and two provincial — all laymen — and a judge also appointed by the province. It acts much like a board of directors in running the Halton regional force.



After ten years of service, Halton Hills insurance agent Glenn Magnuson, 54, is stepping down from the Halton Region Police Commission. In an interview with The Herald, Mr. Magnuson explained that he retired to spend more time with his business, Glenn Magnuson Ltd. of Georgetown.

ice-oriented. The commission represents the public and should be unbiased, he said. Provincially appointed to the job, Mr. Magnuson said he spoke for north Halton on the commission.

"It's very important to get representatives from all parts of the region together on the police commission," Mr. Magnuson stressed. "That had a lot of bearing on the fact that somebody from out here was appointed to replace me."

Mr. Morrow, a well-known politician from Georgetown, has been appointed to replace Mr. Magnuson on the police commission.

A regional councillor for five years after the establishment of regional government, Mr. Morrow served two years as regional chairman. He began his political career as a member of the Georgetown council in 1968, where he served as councillor, deputy-revee and revee.

An honorarium of \$3,000 a year is paid to members of the commission.



CHEQUE PLEASE, WAITER

Sunday's driving wind and snow, coupled with a bitter wind chill factor which forced the thermometer even lower, couldn't keep this fellow from getting breakfast at the expense of reporter Chris Aagaard's backyard bird feeder. The yet unnamed squirrel, apparently a nearby resident, makes regular forays to the feeder and has been known to put on quite a show for neighborhood children marvelling at the squirrel's comical eating habits.

Job report ignored, McDermid charges

By BOB THOMPSON
Herald Special

The federal government's failure to get consensus approval for its \$850 million job training program from provincial officials may cause unnecessary delay in its application, Mr. John McDermid says.

Mr. McDermid, a member of the task force that recommended a re-working of the government's training program, said last Thursday the federal government has ignored the report, calling for provincial agreement to the plan.

"It bothers me that they have done this without the co-operation of the provinces," Mr. McDermid says. "Obviously, (Employment Minister Lloyd) Axworthy has gone on his own and that's not the advice he got from the task force, which said the number one priority was to get together with the provinces."

The parliamentary task force, released in September, made 186 recommendations and concluded that the federal job training program had failed to provide the country with skilled labor or workers with skills.

Mr. Axworthy adopted, in part, its recommendations to revamp and improve the training program and to include more highly skilled training.

REVIEWED
The parliamentary committee's recommendations have been reviewed by the employment ministry the last four months, spurred on by task force study showing a continued decline in the skilled labor force in Canada, while the unemployment rate rises.

While Mr. McDermid agrees with the basic federal outline, he charges that Mr. Axworthy is dictating the rules of its application to the provincial governments.

The Brampton-Georgetown MP said the provincial governments are responsible for education and have programs, which may be repeated by the federal proposal.

DELAY
"The federal government's attitude will cause a delay and cost the duplication of effort in some cases," Mr. McDermid complained.

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Snow plowing changes made

Changes in the town's snow clearing policies about which councillors were not informed are responsible for numerous phonecalls to town reps after the first snowfall of the season Dec. 23. In a move to cut escalating snow removal costs, the town's public works department will no longer clear cul de sacs, noting that there is limited traffic along these routes. And, fearing accidents leading to legal action, snow plows clearing roads with medians will no longer push snow to the median, driving the wrong way up the streets, but will follow the traffic flow, dumping the snow to the side of the road. Town engineer Bob Austin apologized Monday night for not informing council about the changes, explaining that the policies were reviewed last fall.

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