

McDermid tells area Tories he's ready for election

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Brampton-Georgetown Conservative MP John McDermid is ready to run in the next federal election, he told the Brampton-Georgetown federal Progressive Conservative Riding Association last week. Amid several scorching

remarks about the Liberals' running of the country, Mr. McDermid has asked his association to consider a nomination meeting in the "not too distant future" where he will again run for the post of local Conservative candidate in the next federal election.

The next election will have to be called in 1984 or earlier, and Mr. McDermid wasted no time in pointing out the Liberals "broke their promises," and questioned whether "the present government has a mandate to carry through the major changes they have

imposed on the Canadian public."

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While he is currently hampered in his attempts to solve local problems because of the Liberal majority in the federal government, Mr. McDermid says he sees a change coming. "When things get tough people turn to the Conservatives for help," he said, citing the recent Conservative upset in Saskatchewan.

Mr. McDermid first represented this area after the massive anti-Pierre Trudeau vote in the 1979 election when he beat Liberal incumbent Ross Milne.
When Joe Clark's government called another election in 1980 and Mr. Trudeau again swept into power, in an anti-Clark vote, Mr. McDermid was one of only a few conservatives in this area to hold onto his government seat.

Now the winds are changing again, he says, and he is forecasting an anti-Liberal vote in the next election.
He cited broken promises, massive unemployment, high interest rates, a huge government debt, and unconcern for the needs of the Canadian people as the prime forces in this country's disillusionment with the liberal government.
"Their (Liberal) energy policy has forced oil rigs,

Canadian energy investment, and energy experts out of Canada," he said. "They have passed an order-in-council authorizing internment camps in Canada. They have fired a public servant for insisting the metric program obey the law parliament established."
"They are considering a recommendation to control the press in Canada."
"They refrained deliberate-

ly from joining the universal condemnation of martial law in Poland.
"Earlier, they tried to change, unilaterally, the Canadian constitution in a way that would have destroyed the federal system."
"They changed unilaterally, federal-provincial agreements on equalization, health funding, and post secondary education - in ways that could

lead to the closing of schools and damage health care in Canada.
Citing a number of other changes the Liberals introduced which weren't mentioned in the 1980 election, Mr. McDermid reasoned "the present government has introduced a series of policies which change, fundamentally, the nature of Canada."
—Courtesy Brampton Times



First prize winners at the St. Francis of Assisi fair April 27 were Michelle Gaffey (left), 8, and Joanna Miller, 8. The two classmates did their project on the royal wedding of last July between Prince Charles and Lady Diana. Joanna said she picked the topic because she liked the dresses worn at the wedding. The more practical-minded Michelle said she agreed because there were lots of books on the topic.

(Herald photo)

TOYS FOR TOTS
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Mawgli, of Jungle Book fame (really Napoleon Bonaparte, 10), presents a cheque of \$100 to one-year old Brooke Duval, mom Janet and brother Jay, 5. The money was raised by St. Francis of Assisi students through two performances of the musical The Jungle Book and will go to buying more toys for the North Halton Toy Library. Located at the Georgetown public library, the toy library is sponsored by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

(Herald photos by Ani Pederian)



Proud principal Rila Mulder (left) presents Georgetown Children's Librarian Joy Showell a cheque for \$100 raised by the students of St. Francis of Assisi. The money will buy a removable aluminum ramp for the activity centre in the children's section of the library. Physically handicapped children currently cannot use the activity centre because it is only accessible by climbing two steps. The St. Francis students raised the money through their performances of the children's favorite, The Jungle Book.

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Halton Hills hires new town planner

Ian Keith, a 48-year old Willowdale resident who has worked as a planner for private firms and municipal governments, has been named the town's new planning director.

Mr. Keith, most recently associated with Amex Developments Corporation as director of planning, began his new duties Monday, when

he was introduced to councillors. He replaces Mario Venditti, who left to become Guelph's planning chief in December.

In addition to his previous association with private business, Mr. Keith has been a planner for Markham and Etobicoke. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1957 with a Bachelor of Arts and studied

town and regional planning at the University of Toronto the following year.

Mr. Keith is married and has two children.

He told council that he is looking forward to a "new phase - a new era" in the town's planning process and joins town staff in the midst of preparations for the town's official plan.



Ian Keith is the town's new planning director and was introduced to councillors Monday night after his first day on the job. Mr. Keith has extensive experience as a planner with municipal governments and private companies. Here, he chats with Georgetown councillors Walter Biehn (left) and John McDonald.

(Herald photo)

School budget attacked

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Although he supported Oakville's stand, Coun. Russ Miller expressed concern that delays in collecting the board's share of the levy might force it to borrow money, adding interest costs which would eventually be passed to taxpayers.
Coun. Pam Sheldon suggested that council's formal protest might clear up confusion among taxpayers about who is

mostly responsible for the substantial tax increase this year.

"We collect the levy for them - we're at the front line," she said. "But residents lump us all together and I don't like it."

At least one councillor expressed doubt that the protest would be effective. Coun. George Malby said school

board reps should come before council to explain their budget before council takes a tough stance.

"It's time we started objecting to things," Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson argued. "Maybe we've got to support more resolutions from other municipalities saying things are wrong inside the provincial and federal governments."

Boy Scouts parade
Local boy scouts will hold a parade June 6 in Georgetown. The parade will begin from Cedarvale Park at 1 p.m., wind its way down Main Street, up Park Avenue and arrive an hour later at Fairgrounds Park.

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