

**WARD 1 REGION COUNCIL**

**Whiting**

A former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Dave Whiting is seeking his second consecutive term on regional council. Today's tough economic times, he said, must

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During last week's Ward 1 candidates meeting at Acton High School, Vince Whelan argued that Acton's concerns aren't being "heard" by regional councillors in Oakville and Burlington.



If elected to represent the community's regional seat, Mr. Whelan promised: — to become Acton's "strong voice" to ensure that its interests are con-

**Wood**

The man who represented Acton on regional council two years ago isn't satisfied that the current administration is looking after Acton's concerns properly.

Having been outside the political system for the



last term, Ed Wood says he has found it "frustrating not having a direct voice on matters of concern to me and sometimes Acton."

If elected regional councillor, he hopes to: — keep tax increases below ten per cent;

— help councillors come to a "common understanding" about how the community should be run at an affordable price.

Coun. Wood reminded the audience at Acton's all-candidates meeting last week to beware of community apathy which allows governments to grow "arrogant and insensitive" to community needs.

**WARD 1 HYDRO**



**McEachern**

Will McEachern offers voters experience in the utility's management as he seeks another term as Acton's Hydro commissioner.

He has spent 19 years on the commission, 17 of them with the Acton office before it amalgamated with Georgetown's and Esquesing's utilities to form the Halton Hills Hydro Commission in 1980.

Mr. McEachern said he has seen considerable change in the Commission since the Acton bureau serviced just over 2,000 residents years ago. Now, the Commission is responsible to thousands more ratepayers throughout town.

Despite the growth, he says, commissioners must be mindful of "today's economics and restraints".

His background, he maintains, will be beneficial to Hydro's operation and for Acton, he said he would be a "strong voice" in keeping a local office open.

**Mason**

While he has no axe to grind with the town's Hydro Commission, Doug Mason wants to be sure it follows a "progress with restraint" program.

Before he retired in August, Mr. Mason had been with the former Acton Hydro and later the Halton Hills Hydro commission for 35 years, most of them as a supervisor.

The years he spent working with Hydro employees and dealing with Hydro's day-to-day operations would be an asset on the Commission, he told The Herald recently, announcing plans to run against incumbent Will McEachern for the community's commissioner post.

"I have a grass-roots knowledge of the system," he said.

A university laboratory is using data from high altitude and satellite photos to help tax assessors determine timberland values in East Texas timber regions.

**Howitt**

Continued from page A8 province's Bill 82 and its ramifications left unnoticed. The Bill, he says, which guarantees instruction for "exceptional" children (youngsters who are brighter than average, have learning disabilities or who are

mentally or physically handicapped) doesn't define how these children are to be assimilated in the school system; nor does it indicate the province's willingness to share the costs of the special instruction these students need.

**Kenzie**

Continued from page A8 board who know something about business management. Mr. Kenzie is a partner with a computer consulting firm

and, as a professor at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, served on the school's finance committee of academic council.

**Confusion on aggregates decried**

Esqueusing Coun. Pam Sheldon has asked that the delegation expected to meet with provincial officials to discuss changes in the region's aggregate policies clear up some of the "confusion" which has made aggregates a sensitive issue in Halton Hills.

In a resolution currently being reviewed by staff, Coun. Sheldon has asked:

— that aggregate policy conflicts between the regional and local official plans should be settled;

— that regional council have its planning department comment on the

ministry of natural resources land use strategy for the Cambridge district, of which Halton Hills is a part;

— that Halton's planning staff explain why the concept of "phasing" mineral resource extraction has been removed from the regional plan. In addition, she wants the planning department to define land use "compatibility" in its aggregate policies.

Last week, Halton Hills councillors succeeded in having changes to the region's policy delayed at least until a special delegation has met with the officials from the housing

and municipal affairs ministry and the MNR. Mayor Pete Pomeroy

said the delegation, with regional council's support will argue that no changes

should be made until after the Niagara Escarpment plan is completed.



**Whelan**

sidered at the regional level: — to add his 18 years of business background (he's currently the manager of a bank in Mississauga) to the regional administration;

— to address lingering concerns about the aggregate issue in north Halton; improve law enforcement in the community and take an active interest in the redevelopment of Acton's downtown core.

kept, but the regional office is unnecessary; — tax increases should be limited to five per cent; — limiting user-fee increases which sports groups in town must pay the recreation department. He has suggested that costs in the department can be kept lower by cutting back on staff.

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