

ELECTION CENTRAL

Pomeroy's back - so's Hill

HALTON HILLS COUNCILLORS 1982-85

MAYOR

REGION

TOWN



PETE POMEROY
(1,387)
def. Glen McKenzie (2,845)

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Star symbol indicates re-elected incumbent

WARD ONE



DAVE WHITING
(810)
def. Ed Wood (799), Vince Whelan (705)



ROSS KNECHTEL
(1,089)
def. Esther Taylor (979), Bruce Cargill (682), Dennis Devine (285)



RICK BONNETTE
(1,088)

WARD TWO



RUSS MILLER
ACCLAIMED



PAM SHELDON
(1,735)
def. Jake Kulken (958), Peter Norton (797)



TOM HILL
(1,115)

WARD THREE



JOHN McDONALD
ACCLAIMED



FINN POULSTRUP
(1,228)
def. Jim Akers (1,175), Jim Young (993), Dave Barrager (862)



PHIL CARNEY
(1,213)

WARD FOUR



MIKE ARMSTRONG
ACCLAIMED



HARRY LEVY
(1,606)
def. Mike Ross (1,350)



MARILYN SERJEANTSON
(1,915)

Pete Pomeroy secured a third term as mayor of Halton Hills Monday night with a landslide victory over Glen McKenzie, who ran a campaign urging the town to get more involved with

job creation and tourism promotion.

Of the almost 11,000 votes cast in the mayoralty race, the first in four years (Mayor Pomeroy was acclaimed in 1980), the incumbent picked up three times as many vot-

es as his 27-year old opponent.

While some observers doubted the seriousness of Mr. McKenzie's campaign, he managed to squeeze over 2,800 votes, most from Acton, his

hometown. The Herald was unable to reach Mr. McKenzie as of presstime Tuesday.

A ward by ward tally shows that Mayor Pomeroy picked up 1,452 votes to Mr. McKenzie's 983 votes in Acton; in

Esquesing, the Mayor earned 2,072 votes to Mr. McKenzie's 634; 2,424 voters in Georgetown's Ward 3 supported Mayor Pomeroy while 559 voted for Mr. McKenzie and Mayor Pomeroy collected 2,359 votes in Ward 4 to Mr. McKenzie's 469.

At a celebration party held afterwards at Georgetown's Chateau Restaurant, Mayor Pomeroy told The Herald that the mayoralty vote, and Mr. McKenzie's share of it, is a "sign of the times".

People are not pleased with politicians in general as they see unemployment grow and their paychecks buy less, Mayor Pomeroy commented. He said that this kind of "personal pressure" residents experience was reflected in the election, the two previous administrations' strong records of fiscal restraint and low tax increases.

Mayor Pomeroy suggested that there was some voter confusion in the local council races. Many of the issues discussed in local campaigns concern regional government, he said, yet three of the town's four regional councillors were acclaimed.

"The issues next time around will be regional," he said. "They should have been this time."

Meanwhile, Mayor Pomeroy agreed, council faces one of its toughest terms. Budget and tax restraint remain priorities, but questions linger about how long council can uphold them while maintaining the town's level of service to which residents have long since grown accustomed.

Bonnette wins in Ward 1

With only one vote separating them in Monday night's unofficial tally, incumbent Coun. Ross Knechtel and political rookie Rick Bonnette make up the new local council team for Ward 1 (Acton).

Acton voters stuck to their incumbents where possible, re-electing both regional Coun. Dave Whiting and Coun. Knechtel, who rode comfortably into his third term of office with 1,089 votes.

Right behind him was Mr. Bonnette, the 27-year old owner of Acton Travel whose common sense approach to municipal politics, plus "a lot of hard work" earned him 1,088 votes. He replaces Terry Grubbe, who retires at the end of this term, at least for the time being.

Among the defeated contenders, only former councillor Esther Taylor, trying for a comeback after almost 20 years, came close. She polled 979 votes in the unofficial count, compared with Bruce Cargill's 682 votes and Dennis Devine's 285 votes.

"I feel bad about the challengers," Mr. Bonnette commented Monday night in the midst of a victory celebration with friends. "They're all

good people, all dedicated, with good ideas. I sort of wish they all could've gotten in."

Mr. Bonnette and Coun. Knechtel, 71, were at the Acton arena that evening watching the results come in. Acquainted through the former's downtown business, they'll join council's other veterans and new faces trying to hold tax increases to a minimum, something Coun. Knechtel said was requested of him time and again during the campaign.

Also crediting extensive door-to-door canvassing for his re-election, Coun. Knechtel said the 1982-85 council will have to seriously look for projects and programs it can cut next year in order to save taxpayers money.

"It was clear to me from the people I spoke to that they want taxes kept to a minimum," he told The Herald. "Even though the town is responsible for only a quarter of the taxes, council will have to be very careful from now on."

Among several concerns, Mr. Bonnette expressed hope he can finally do something about a minor but nevertheless irritating problem many

Actonians have complained about since regionalization: the fact that town works department employees who live in

Acton must travel to Georgetown every morning to punch a time-clock before returning to their actual jobs in Acton.



Sharing a quiet moment together in the midst of late-night celebrations Monday were Irene McCauley, re-elected to a second term as Halton Hills' separate school trustee, and husband John. The couple watched returns posted at the Alcott Arena hall, reassured in the course of the evening that Mrs. McCauley had withstood challenges from Tom Simmons and Irene Wood. Public school trustees Arlene Bruce and Betty Fisher also won re-election, while former councillor Dick Howitt joins the school board as Ward 2's representative. (Herald photo by Ani Pedersen)

Whiting tops poll

Running a positive campaign paid off, re-elected Ward 1 regional councillor Dave Whiting told The Herald Monday night.

"Rather than knocking things and other candidates, I ran a positive campaign and kept it clean," the 34-year old councillor said. He beat out Vince Whelan and Ed Wood for the seat.

This will be Mr. Whiting's second term representing Ward 1, and he said campaigning had brought him in touch with people's complaints. "I knocked on all the

doors myself and did a mailing list this year," Mr. Whiting said, explaining that he wasn't able to get into some Acton buildings where a lot of seniors live to distribute handouts and so he relied on his mailings to reach them.

Mr. Whiting found out election results at the Acton arena Monday night then went home to celebrate with campaign workers.

Among the issues brought out by his constituents was the shortage of things for teens to do in Acton, Mr. Whiting said. He also heard concern over stop signs in unne-

cessary locations, and said the town hall issue is still alive in people's minds.

"The biggest one had to be policing and taxes," Mr. Whiting said. "We'll have to really bite the bullet on tax restraint."

He said with the province cutting back more and more, it'll be very difficult at the regional level to balance the need for more police protection with dropping the amount of money collected from taxpayers.

"My suggestions on how to increase police protection without increasing police numbers would be to use part-time retired people to enforce bylaws instead of the police," he said.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEE



IRENE MCCAULEY
(801)
def. Tom Simmons (413), Irene Wood (153)

SEPARATE SCHOOL DELEGATE



MARK BRADLEY
(1,583)
def. Tony Florita (938)

Issues bring Hill back

Elected barely 12 hours earlier, Tom Hill said Tuesday morning he could hardly wait for the new council to convene because he has some serious questions he wants answered for the benefit of his Esquesing constituents.

For the next three years, he'll be working with fellow local Coun. Pam Sheldon and regional Coun. Russ Miller looking after the municipal affairs affecting the town's rural residents. While Coun. Sheldon, re-elected for her second term, picked up the lion's share of the 4,605 rural votes cast, Mr. Hill garnered a respectable show of support for his return to politics after a four-year absence.

Before he was defeated by Pete Pomeroy in the 1978 mayoralty race, Mr. Hill had a colorful 13-year history in local politics, serving as councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve of Esquesing township and later becoming Halton Hills' first mayor. Now he takes over from George Maltby, who retired from politics this year after representing Esquesing residents for ten years.

Mr. Hill told The Herald that residents have concerns about the high taxes they pay for living in the rural area, although they receive few municipal services. Roads, he added, are also a constant "sore point" in the area.

He said he can work well with Coun. Sheldon - "she's a rural person, too" - and he likes the three-year term because

it allows time for fledgling politicians to not only "get their feet wet", but eventually add understanding votes to council decisions.

Coun. Sheldon, who spent a good deal of Monday night at the results station set up in the Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown, said it's very important for candidates to get out and meet the people.

"While campaigning, I found out that people aren't so concerned about what I think, but what they want is somebody who can listen," she said.

HALTON HILLS TRUSTEES, PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

WARD 1



ARLENE BRUCE
(1,526)
def. Bert Hilton (633)

WARD 2



DICK HOWITT
(1,435)
def. Jim Kenzie (852)

WARDS 3,4



BETTY FISHER
(3,579)
def. Richard Clarke (1,342)

HALTON HILLS HYDRO COMMISSION MEMBERS

WARD 1



DOUG MASON
(1,311)
def. Will McEachern (1,884)

WARD 2



MURT ALLISON
ACCLAIMED

WARD 3



AB TENNANT
(1,518)
def. Ralph Fletcher (1,245), Norm Tretter (245)

WARD 4



BILL SMITH
ACCLAIMED

Poulstrup, Carney are in

Five challengers vying for two local council seats in Georgetown's Ward 3 perhaps provided the town's most exciting election race Monday.

The victors, Finn Poulstrup and Phil Carney, both life-long residents of the community, were followed closely by Jim Akers. The three pulled away from contenders Jim Young and Dave Barrager relatively early as poll by poll tallies came in. There were a number of dramatic moments when Mr. Carney and Mr. Akers were apart by just a handful of votes.

Mr. Poulstrup and Mr. Carney earned over 1,200 votes apiece, with the former ending up on top of the count by 15 votes after all of the Ward's 26 polls reported in. Mr. Akers finished a very close third with 1,175 votes.

"I'm delighted that Ward 3 backed me," Mr. Carney said. "There were things that I talked about with residents and I won't forget about them when I get on council."

Mr. Carney added that it's good for council to

have a few changes and said it proves that democracy is working properly at the municipal level.

"I'm happier about being elected, rather than acclaimed," Mr. Carney said. "I'm just happy that so many people have faith in me. I won't let them down."

Mr. Poulstrup attributed a large share of his victory to the well-organized campaign which he and about 25 other people ran. Now, he plans to attend a few council meetings before the new council takes over, getting better idea of how the Pomeroy administration handles municipal matters.

"I want to watch and see how council operates," he said, "before getting into the fray myself."

The reason for the close race, he said, was the hard work of the three front-runners, noting that they frequently crossed paths campaigning door to door.