

Fifth Halton council inaugurated

Accessible region urged in tough times ahead

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As councillors tackle tough issues in the upcoming three-year term, they must remain accessible to residents and business- men, Halton regional chairman Jack Raftis said at regional council's inauguration ceremony last Wednesday.

Among the concerns expected to take up much of council's time between now and 1985 are economic development, health and social servicing, preservation of farmland, solid waste management and changing formulae for provincial funding of regional projects, Mr. Raftis noted.

"As regional chairman," he said, "I will pursue and demand an increased openness between the elected representatives and staff and the general public. Over the past decade, we have made sporadic attempts to involve the public in the region's decision-making process."

These attempts, he said, included public participation in the official plan process, the day care study and the creation of advisory committees for environmental and agricultural concerns.

Regional government, Mr. Raftis said, must "live in the reality of a slower growth rate in tax assessment" and grant reductions from the province. The tax burden on existing residents "cannot continue to expand at past levels", he added.

FIFTH COUNCIL

Provincial court Judge John Robinson officiated as 24 councillors took the oath of office to form the fifth regional council since Halton was formed in 1974.

There are four newcomers to council this term, including Halton Hills, John McDonald who replaces retired Ward 3 (Georgetown) rep Roy Booth. He's joined by rookies Jacqueline (Jackie) Cutmore, a former Halton school trustee who defeated Terry Mannell to represent Oakville's Ward 2 riding along with incumbent Peter Arch; Burlington's Rob Forbes replaces retired Vern Connell; Joyce Savoline defeated incumbent Burlington rep Ted McDonald and Barry Quinn takes over Dave LaCombe's vacated Burlington seat.

All four of the region's incumbent mayors, Halton Hills' Pete Pomeroy, Milton's Gordon Krantz, Oakville's Harry Barrett and Burlington's Roly Bird were returned to office. Mayor Pomeroy, it was confirmed during last week's inauguration, will replace Mayor Barrett on the region's police commission.

Burlington Coun. Jim Grieve will continue to represent Halton council's interests on the commission as well.

In the near future, councillors must get used to the idea that some of their decisions will be unpopular, Mr. Raftis indicated.

"We must not lose sight that the public will continue to demand quality municipal services and programs and will react negatively to decreases in the level of services and programs and will react negatively to decreases in the level of service without being convinced of the true benefits of such a decision," he maintained.

As money in the region becomes harder to come by, programs will have to be evaluated to determine whether they are needed, another process he promised would include public and business participation.

FRONT-END

While Mr. Raftis noted the work the region's business development department has been doing to attract new business growth, he reaffirmed his commitment to Halton's policy of having developers pay for new servicing costs, described as front-ending. Again, the impact that these policies have on the region's growth will be monitored, he added.

In health and social services, Mr. Raftis predicted that the region will assume more and more responsibility for programs, but it must ensure that the province provides adequate funding to ease the burden on taxpayers.

The availability of housing, rental accommodations and transportation services in the region will also be looked at by council in the coming term, he

said, urging new councillors to attend a special housing workshop sponsored by the region in February.

Council, he added, will work to reform provincial aggregate policies which have upset residents, particularly in Milton and Halton Hills. And, he hopes that the region will

be able to solve its sanitary landfill site problem before the Burlington garbage dump is filled to capacity by 1984.

The regional police force must seek the same kind of cost efficiency in its operations as the region wants, Mr. Raftis said. It must also become "more accessible and responsible

to the needs of the residents in Halton," he added, suggesting that this can be achieved through citizen participation in crime prevention programs.

Several special guests attended the inauguration, including Georgetown's Dorothy Stone, the designer of Halton region's coat of arms (as well as

the Halton Hills crest); Lea Jansen, an artisan who contributed a large rug-hanging of the region's coat of arms to the council chambers; Peel regional chairman Frank Bean; Halton board of education director Wally Beever; new and separate school board chairman Rev. James Mihm.



Halton region's 1982-85 council was officially inaugurated last Wednesday at special ceremonies presided over by provincial court Judge John Robinson. It will be the first time Halton's council, like others across the province will serve for a three-year term. The new council members are (front row, left to right) Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz; Burlington's Joan Little and Walter Mulkeewich; Oakville's Ann Mulvale; regional chairman Jack Raftis; Oakville's Carol Gooding; Burlington's Jim Grieve; new Burlington Coun. Jackie Cutmore; Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy; (middle row) Milton's Brad Clements, chairman of the region's health and social services committee; Halton Hills' newcomer Coun. John McDonald; Milton's Bill Johnson, chairman of the planning and public works committee; Oakville's Peter Arch; Burlington newcomers Barry Quinn and Joyce Savoline; Halton Hills' Russ Miller, chairman of the solid waste management sub-committee; Halton Hills' Dave Whiting; Oakville's Fred Oliver; Burlington's Steve Toth and Mayor Roly Bird; (back row) Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett; Halton Hills' Mike Armstrong; Oakville's Keith Bird, chairman of the finance and administration committee; Burlington's Rob Forbes and Pat McLaughlin. The new council posed earlier for a picture session with a professional photographer.

NOTES FROM THE INAUGURATION

Pomeroy for chairman?

Having already selected Jack Raftis as Halton's regional chairman for a third term in an unofficial straw vote a few weeks ago, all that remained for regional council was to confirm the decision at its inauguration. But the normally routine proceedings last Wednesday raised an eyebrow or two moment-

arily; Oakville's Fred Oliver, apparently in jest, nominated Mayor Pete Pomeroy for the job, an irony because Mayor Pomeroy, along with Halton Hills' Russ Miller and Oakville's Ann Mulvale, had nominated Mr. Raftis in the first place. Mayor Pomeroy respectfully declined the position and council went on to unanimously support Mr. Raftis.

Committee choices

Besides reading volumes of material each week and attending regular council meetings, regional councillors must participate in policy-making committees. Halton Hills' John McDonald, a freshman on council, will be among the representatives working on the health and social services committee headed by Milton's Brad Clements and, in his absence, Acton regional coun. Dave Whiting. Coun. Russ Miller resumes his duties as chief of the

solid waste management sub-committee, which has the thorny task of finding ways to keep recyclable junk out of landfill sites. Coun. Mike Armstrong will represent Halton Hills' interests on the administration and finance committee, generally considered the most powerful of the region's three major committees. Mayor Pete Pomeroy has moved from the finance committee to the planning and public-works committee.

Painting taken

Last Wednesday's regional council inauguration ended on a rather sour note. Someone discovered that one of a number of paintings borrowed to decorate the council chamber of the region's Oakville headquarters had been stolen. The painting by John Vanderhart, 36 inches by 28 inches in size

and worth about \$1,200, was later recovered Sunday in a home, but Halton regional police have not released any names or laid charges. A police spokesman in Oakville said the incident is still being investigated.



ASTRO ADVICE

by Eugenia Witham

Stay behind the scenes

Dear Eugenia,
Could you please write up charts for both my husband and me? He was born Oct. 24, 1948 at 5 p.m. in Toronto. I was born Nov. 6, 1954 at 11:58 a.m. in Montreal.

D.B.
Your husband is a Scorpio, giving him a great deal of intensity, especially where partnerships are concerned. He has staying power and will see matters through to the end. Weakness is something he despises in himself as well as others. He can be very generous and compassionate, but he'll also express his feelings with unfiltered truthfulness.

Good communication and happiness in relationships are essential to him. He is attracted to people with good manners, honest reputations, and refined minds, and is concerned about what others think. He sets high standards and has a tendency to be too critical of those he loves which can make them feel self-conscious and inhibited. A great deal of energy and persistence are expended in getting things accomplished.

He should be fond of travel and would do well in such business activities as public relations, travel agencies and communications field. Worry and overwork could lead to ill health and he must take a break once in a while.

He has been somewhat impulsive causing outbursts of temper and a danger of accidents due to carelessness since December, 1981. This aspect will continue on and off until Nov. 6, 1983. It can also lead to ulterior motives and mistrust where relationships and associates are concerned.

Since Nov. 12, 1982, he has needed a great deal of patience and discipline where relationships are concerned and it is a time for serious self-evaluation. He must show caution in self-expression and

speculation. This will continue periodically until Sept. 24, 1983.

Your chart has a great deal of Scorpio in it, making you somewhat more intense, which can lead to possessiveness at times. You possess penetrating eyes and a personal mystique and magnetism. You are able to tune into the thoughts of those around you easily. Your imagination is vivid, giving you artistic ability. You're sympathetic and sensitive and because of this you can easily be hurt. Although your chart indicates consideration in communication you can be stern where principles are involved.

You are fond of travel in pursuit of knowledge and curious about foreign countries and cultures. Your sexual desires are strong and passionate, which can lead to an all or nothing attitude and a great deal of pride. You would do best in a profession related to the arts, or working with children.

You have reformist tendencies and demand the freedom to do things your own way and learn by your own mistakes. You are prone to having secret enemies and must watch what you say to whom as you could easily be misinterpreted or slandered, however you also have a desire for revenge and an inability to forget past emotional injuries.

From Oct. 10, 1982, periodically until Sept. 15, 1983, you will experience mental worry and anxiety where professional decisions and communications are concerned. There could also be some serious legal matters which you must treat cautiously. You will have poor timing, conflicts and lack support.

There will also be disruptions of normal routines and mistrust and ulterior motives in friendships. The best way to handle this situation is to stay behind the scenes and work on your major goals and objectives until the fall of 1983, when the coast will be clear for advancement.

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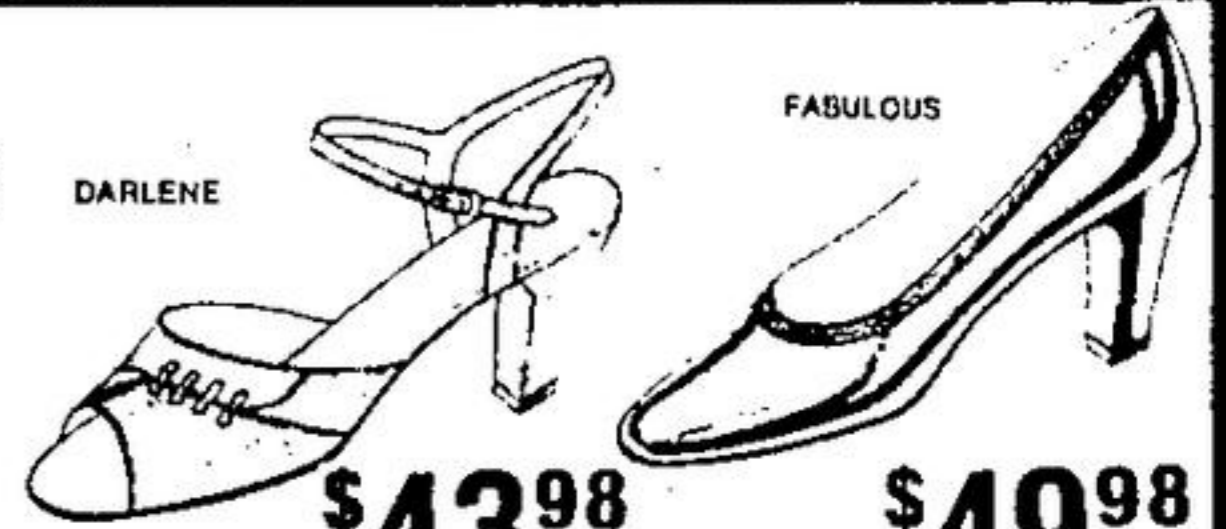
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