

Local issues matter: Pomeroy

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A bid for the regional chairman's job doesn't mean he's lost interest in Halton Hills' municipal affairs, Mayor Pomeroy said in an interview Wednesday.

"The connection between local and regional government is still very close," Mayor Pomeroy said. "The region really is the link between the local level and the province."

Mayor Pomeroy commented that he would work to improve relations with the province if he's elected by fellow regional councillors

next week.

The provincial government provides funds for a number of regional programs, particularly for social services and public works.

At times, Mayor Pomeroy said, the region-province relationship has been one of mistrust. Other areas he wants to work on as regional chairman include Halton's solid waste management problems and the amount of debt the region incurs when it borrows money.

FULL-TIME
Under the Region of Halton Act, a mayor or councillor appointed by



Regional councillors will vote Wednesday to choose a replacement for regional chairman Jack Raftis who retired last week.

his peers to the regional chairman's post must resign from their elected positions.

Mayor Pomeroy said he would devote full-time to chairman's job. Jack Raftis, in his letter to councillors last week, explained that he was retiring from Halton's top job because of business and family commitments.

"I questioned a lot of close friends to find out what they thought about my running for chairman and the response they gave me was all very positive, Mayor Pomeroy said.

Asked about the chance that he may leave council as it con-

siders ways in which the town can afford a municipal centre, Mayor Pomeroy said he's not abandoning support for council's future plans in this area.

"I'd be just as enthusiastic about it from a taxpayer's point of

view," Mayor Pomeroy maintained. "To me, the (purchase of land on Maple Avenue) is the only way to accomplish a municipal administration building."

You can be sure I'll be visible right through the completion of it."

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this Wednesday. A formal vote will be held Dec. 7.

But Coun. Whiting said he would withdraw from the campaign in light of Mayor Pomeroy's decision to run.

MORE EXPERIENCE

"I've been encouraging (Mayor Pomeroy) to go after the job," Coun. Whiting said, "and I've said that if someone came out whom I thought was a better candidate I'd step down."

"Pete's had more experience and could do a better job of handling that council."

Contacted by The Herald yesterday (Thursday) morning, Coun. Armstrong said he plans to remain in the campaign. "I have no intention of backing out," Coun. Armstrong said.

Coun. Clements said he's made no decision to withdraw from the regional chairman's campaign, adding that "I'm leaving my options open".

Concert planned

There's more than one way to warm up a cold November afternoon, especially if you're in Acton this Sunday. There are two concerts planned at the Acton Band Hall on Wallace

Street featuring flutist Anne Monkhouse, Pianist Valerie Nichol and bassoonist Nancy Patterson. They are experienced musicians — Ms. Monkhouse is from Guelph and Ms. Nichol and Ms. Patterson are Acton residents — and they've prepared solo performances for the

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