

Pomeroy sees garbage woes as major issue

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ince."

He said he believes the province will eventually decide to build an energy from waste plant with federal government co-operation. The plant would take garbage from more than one region.

Under his administration in Halton Hills and working with region, Mayor Pomeroy said he helped shelve a \$27 million lawsuit which faced the town and the region in the late 1970s (a large developer with holdings in Georgetown maintained that regional and

town planning concerns were delaying land development agreed to by former Georgetown councils.)

He added that he was successful in explaining the region's deficit crisis in 1980 to Halton Hills residents who headed to the polls in the election

later that year.

Four out of five regional councillors returned to their office through acclamations, he noted.

GOODING NOMINATED

Coun. Gooding was nominated by Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett and Coun. Keith Bird.

A regional councillor since 1979 and a local councillor for two years before that, Coun. Gooding, Mayor Barrett maintained, "has always been one to step where other's feared to tread".

Coun. Gooding said a regional chairman has

to be able to "effectively bargain with senior levels of government" and get the most out of regional staff, which was re-organized following a management review two years ago.

She said she recognizes life style diversities among the region's four

area municipalities, but pledged to "improve the image of the region in the community".

A regional chairman, she concluded, must be prepared to devote time have tact and understanding and have the "strength and determination" to deal with issues.

Russ Miller, Ric Morrow, will be mayoralty candidates

Two municipal council veterans have confirmed they would like to succeed Pete Pomeroy as mayor of Halton Hills following Mayor Pomeroy's election yesterday as the new chairman of Halton region.

Halton Hills regional Coun. Russ Miller and former councillor Ric Morrow told The Herald that they will be candidates if a mayoralty by-election is called.

If Halton Hills council chooses to fill the vacant mayor's seat by an appointment — an option offered under the province's Municipal Act —

each man said he would stand as a possible appointee.

"I'm not going to let anybody else walk into it," Coun. Miller said at a reception after regional councillors chose Mayor Pomeroy over Oakville's Carol Gooding to succeed Jack Raftis. "I want it and I'm going after it."

Mr. Raftis, a Burlington resident, retired recently as regional chairman, a post he held since 1978.

'DEMOCRATIC'

A former Halton regional chairman himself, Mr. Morrow said he

"fully expects the democratic process will be pursued and that a by-election will be held."

The sudden changes in Halton's political scene come two years before province-wide municipal elections to be held.

Mr. Morrow commented that the lengthy balance of the term demands a by-election to fill the vacant mayoralty in Halton Hills.

"It will be a mockery of the system if we do not have an election," he said.

Mayor Pomeroy, who is expected to formally resign as mayor shortly, told reports that he doesn't favor a by-election in Halton Hills to choose his successors. "It could cost \$50,000 plus if (town) council goes for a by-election," Mayor Pomeroy said. "I think they should ap-

point a mayor until the end of the term."

Provincial law prevents an elected official from holding the regional chairman's job unless he first resigns. If a councillor succeeds Mayor Pomeroy, another by-election may be held to find a replacement for the councillor.

Last month, voters in the town's rural area voted in a by-election, choosing Jake Kuiken as a replacement for former councillor Tom Hill who died in September.

Acton regional Coun. Dave Whiting said he's not interested in the mayor's job. He added that he believed council will find a replacement by holding a by-election.

Georgetown regional Coun. Mike Armstrong declined to discuss his political plans for the future.

Other candidates not nominated

Although several regional councillors were touted as possible successors to retiring regional chairman Jack Raftis, Oakville's Carol Gooding and Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy were the only two contenders when nominations closed Wednesday.

Halton Hills' Mike Armstrong, Milton's Brad Clements and Burlington Councillors Walter Mulkewich and Pat McLaughlin were not nominated in the unofficial vote, although they had previously campaigned for support among their colleagues on council.

One councillor said the four discussed the election among themselves and opted not to split the vote, possibly forcing a series of ballots before a clear winner could be determined.



Two-year-old Joey Field munches on a giant chocolate chip cookies this mom, Cheryl, bought for him at the Legion Bazaar, put on Saturday by the Legion Ladies.

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