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## Julian dances his last political waltz

By ROSEMARY CINO  
Queen's Park Bureau  
TORONTO—Queen's Park colleagues of all sides have applause for Julian Reed's long running performance on the province's political stage.

The Halton-Burlington MPP has said he will vacate his seat in the legislature when the upcoming provincial election is called.

After nine years, Mr. Reed said he wants to devote his time to his acting career and his farm operation in Norval.

Mr. Reed's announcement last week was no surprise here.

His boss, Liberal leader David Peterson said the two discussed Mr. Reed's intention to quit last fall, but it was put on hold when former Premier Bill Davis unexpectedly resigned instead of calling an election.

Mr. Peterson said while he regrets losing Mr. Reed, he can appreciate his career decision.

The Liberal leader dismissed any suggestion that Mr. Reed's leaving was more than a personal choice and has anything to do with the party's current fortunes.

Neighboring Wellington South MPP Harry

### What the critics say:

What does Julian Reed's decision not to seek re-election mean to you?

**DOLLIE MOULDEN** - Liberal Party member for Halton-Burlington: "That Halton Burlington has lost a creative, productive member of the legislature. The Liberal who replaces him will have a wide path to follow."

**BERT ARNOLD** - Campaign chairman for Pete Pomeroy: "It doesn't change the campaign we're going to run. We feel we've got a candidate who can serve the people and hope to get that out to the electorate in the next election."

**FRAN BAINES** - PC candidate for Halton Burlington in 1981: "He's given a heck of a lot of public service. Not just his time, but his family's time and more than most people give. He was a worthy and gentlemanly opponent."

**RIC MORROW** - PC party member for Halton Burlington: "I think that will be best shown by the results of the next election. It will be decided by the people themselves. Julian was a fine representative. He would have been a formidable candidate (for re-election)."



RIC MORROW  
FRAN BAINES  
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BERT ARNOLD

Worton agreed.  
Mr. Worton, with 30 years service is the longest sitting member of the legislature and at 64 has also decided to retire when the next provincial election is called.

He said he believes Mr. Reed has chosen to pursue other interests.  
"He has certainly been a valued member and it is always sad to see friends leave politics," Mr. Worton said.

The veteran Grit described Mr. Reed as a "versatile and talented MPP...who was quick to adapt to any portfolio he was given."

In particular, Mr. Worton said he gives Mr. Reed credit for supporting small hydro electric power plants including the Guelph dam.

But across the floor, both conservative and NDP party spokesmen see Mr. Reed's leaving as part of a wider scenario of Liberal party misfortunes.

Another neighboring member, Jack Johnson, Tory MPP for Wellington-Dufferin-Peel, said the loss of Mr. Reed, Mr. Worton and Kitchener MPP Jim Breithaupt who resigned last fall "is a loss of three good solid members for central Ontario and a blow to the party."

Partisan politics aside, Mr. Johnson had praise for Mr. Reed's efforts on several committees "where we fought many battles together on many issues - the Niagara Escarpment, gravel..."

Meanwhile NDP leader Bob Rae also reads more meaning into Mr. Reed's decision.

"I think it's a sign of a sense of frustration among Liberals," Mr. Rae said, noting Mr. Reed is the eighth to pull out since 1981.

Mr. Rae recalls Mr. Reed's speech against censorship in the House last fall as "one of the best debate nights I've seen here. He (Reed) disagreed with his party and gave an eloquent speech."

Describing Mr. Reed as a "warm, natural person," Mr. Rae said, "he is leaving the theatre of the absurd for another theatre."

### Decision opens a new chapter

By DAVE ROWNEY  
Herald Staff

Julian Reed talked about the possibility of stepping down as MPP for Halton-Burlington as early as 14 months ago.

Mr. Reed finally reached his decision last week when he announced at a press conference March 13 he would not seek re-election.

"I was at the point where I had to make a decision about a political career on a permanent basis," Mr. Reed said.

"In the fall I was persuaded to stay but I said I would rethink my position in another year," he said.

"My decision not to seek re-election is purely personal. It is simply a time at the age of 49 to open a new chapter in the book. My experience has always hinged on the element of improbability and seeking new challenges is a part of that life experience."

The ten year veteran of the Ontario legislature said he will be spending more time performing as an actor and working on special projects.

One is an interest in developing hydro electric power on a commercial basis from his farm in Norval.

As a Liberal member since 1975, Mr. Reed said he enjoyed his role as a member of the opposition.

"Sometimes you can accomplish more as the opposition," he said. However, "it would have been very exciting as a minister of energy," he added.

He served as the energy critic and most recently as the natural resources critic under Liberal leader David Peterson.

When a government comes to a decision that

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MPP Julian Reed is seen here with his wife Deanna after his 1981 election victory. It was to be his third and last political campaign.

### Don't forget Reed in luncheon farewell

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

Don't forget Julian Reed, reminded Halton Hills regional councillor Mike Armstrong last week.

The region's administration and finance committee was approving luncheon receptions for retiring Oakville MPP Jim Snow and Burlington South MPP George Kerr.

Coun. Armstrong thought it only fair to give the same treatment to retiring Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed too, "although his political stripe is not the same as George's and Jim's."

Mr. Reed is a Liberal while both Mr. Kerr and Mr. Snow are Progressive Conservatives.

Coun. Armstrong noted all three men have served as MPP for Halton Hills, as the riding boundaries have changed over the years due to population growth.

The three men have announced they will be retiring from their Queen's Park seats when the next provincial election is called.

Mr. Snow and Mr. Kerr were said to be extremely helpful to Halton in securing funding for municipal programs that are jointly funded by the province and the municipalities.

Oakville council is to be invited to join with Halton in sponsoring this luncheon for Mr. Snow, to take place April 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Burlington council is to be invited to join in the reception for Mr. Kerr to be held in May.

Burlington Coun. James Grieve said Mr. Reed has been "an excellent MPP."

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### \$1,000 pension awaits MPP

By ROSEMARY CINO  
Queen's Park Bureau

TORONTO—MPP's pension cheques are too small, not too large, says retiring Halton-Burlington Liberal Julian Reed.

Mr. Reed, who last week announced he won't seek re-election in the upcoming bout after nine years in the Ontario Legislature, will start picking up more than \$1,000 monthly in pension benefits as soon as he officially leaves Queen's Park.

Mr. Reed said he disagrees with recent criticism by a citizen's group that both federal and provincial pension plans for former members are too generous.

As far as Ontario's Plan is concerned, "I don't think it's big enough," he said.

Politicians often spend their potentially highest earning years in office and so they need "a safety net" to offset their possible financial losses, Mr. Reed said.

"The question is do you want to attract the kind of representatives that people want," Mr. Reed said.

But a spokesman for the national citizen's coalition describes politicians' pension plans as "a sweet package."

David Sommerville, coalition vice-president, says "what we have is yet another group who acts in self-interest, using tax dollars for a sweet package that sets them up as a privileged elite."

Currently, MPPs who are elected twice and serve six years qualify for benefits for which they contribute.

They can collect immediately on leaving office if their years of service and their age totals 55. If not, a former member can take a reduced pension or wait to reach the magic 55 figure.

Former politicians who have more than 20 years of service, qualify for a maximum pension equal to 75 per cent of their best three years earnings. Those with under 20 years receive a percentage up to the 75 per cent limit.

For example, former Premier Bill Davis now collects about \$50,000 and retiring Wellington South MPP Harry Worton, with 30 years service will receive \$22,500 when he retires later this year.

Mr. Reed said what has become known as "double dipping", in the public pot may need review.

In addition, Mr. Reed will receive half of this year's basic annual salary or \$17,404 in severance pay which is given to MPPs whether they quit, are defeated, or retire.

## The battle that never was: Friends linked to ice hockey days as Norval Hornets

By DAVE ROWNEY  
Herald Staff

Two of the most famous Norval Hornets will never face off in the same political arena.

As school aged chums and members of the same feared minor hockey team, Pete Pomeroy and Julian Reed grew up and learned some of the same childhood lessons together on the Credit River.

The Hornets were a disciplined bunch of bantam-aged kids from Norval who collected wins from neighboring hockey teams in Georgetown and Glen Williams. Picture what it would have been like 40 years ago, during the childhood days of Pete Pomeroy and Julian Reed.

Both men were influenced by what they learned on the ice, at Sunday school and at home.

Rev. Len Self was their mentor when it came to hockey.

The Hornets won games on their desire and robust style of playing, not on their physical size, Rev. Self said.

Julian was an obvious choice for goal, because he couldn't skate that well, he said. But the future MPP would listen and put into practice his teachings and ended up a fine goaltender, Rev. Self said.

"He was always reading. He sought to be educated and put into practice what he had learned," his former coach said.

A quiet lad on the ice, Julian was called "goog" by his coach for dressing so slowly before a game.

On the other hand, Pete Pomeroy was a go-getter and "interested in coming into the top," Rev. Self said.

At left wing, the future regional chairman was a player who wanted action and excitement. "He wanted to go."

If there had been an election fight between the two Norval natives it would have been a good battle, the Reverend said.

Describing them both as gentlemen, he said, "they respect people and have a respect for life. They've both earned the trust of the people."

"I've been up to Queen's Park and he's (Julian Reed) highly respected there," he said.

Julian Reed admits it would have been a hard fight to retain his Halton-Burlington seat against challenger Pete Pomeroy, but that politics shouldn't interfere with a private friendship. "Politics is politics and friendship is friendship," he said.

Pete Pomeroy remembers his hockey days with Len Self as having a great influence on him. The Hornets were highly motivated to win, he said.

Because he and Julian has been friends for years, there wouldn't have been any animosity between them during an election, but he did say both he and his former teammate are strong-willed.

"You have to win within the rules of the game," Mr. Pomeroy said.

"Smokey" Doug Richardson was one of the Norval Hornets who had the talent of a young Gretzky. He believes those days at the rink had a profound influence on their lives because you were on your own playing with no one around to help.

He's not surprised that Mr. Reed jumped into politics because of his exposure to television commercials.

But Mr. Richardson said he didn't think Mr. Pomeroy would be that outgoing. "Politics is a different game," he said.

Another Norval Paul Barber who works at Varian said his fellow Norvalites didn't have a lot of talent but "we all played with our heart."

He remembers it being a character builder just getting to the river to play shabby. "When we used to travel down to Glen Williams you had to fight your way there and back," he said.

The boys on the river were protective of their ice surface and didn't want to give it up to those from Georgetown, he said.

Back then you got to where you were not because of your parents, but because you had earned it. It was a lesson well learned, Mr. Barber said.

"You got to where you were because you had natural abilities and the backing of your coaches," he said.

Another Norval skater Paul Barber never thought either Mr. Reed or Mr. Pomeroy would seek a career in politics. Julian's pattern was probably more directed that way, he said.

As an overall comment about those days with the Norval Hornets, Mr. Armstrong said, "you did the best with what you had."



Growing up as young and eager hockey players who practised on the Credit River Julian Reed (left) and Pete Pomeroy learned that sportsmanship was as important as winning. Both had impressive records as politicians, but the two would never meet for a battle to win the Halton-Burlington provincial seat.

(Cartoon by Brian Lemay)

The Ontario premier will be back in Halton Burlington before the next provincial vote, Liberal MPP for the riding Julian Reed speculates.  
"I'd be surprised if he didn't," Mr. Reed said.  
He noted Premier Bill Davis came up at least a couple of times before the last provincial election in 1981.