

## ELECTION UPDATE

### Micro owner a candidate

After working on election campaigns for others, Georgetown's Pam Johnston has decided it's time to kick off her own campaign. The 36-year-old mother of four is running for Ward 3 local councillor.



PAM JOHNSTON

"I've been considering it seriously for over a year," Mrs. Johnston said. "It's difficult to run against people you know, except that I do believe I have something to give."

A former teacher, Mrs. Johnston is now involved in work dealing with micro computers and financial analysis.

Two years ago, she opened her own business, The Micro Manager, which operates out of her home. Mrs. Johnston sells small business systems and does consulting in the area of system analysis and design. She has one full-time and one part-time employee.

As well, Mrs. Johnston teaches computer programming and micro management courses at Sheridan College. She was asked to teach night school even before graduating from the college's micro management course.

"I'm very good with figures, and I enjoy it," she smiled.

The Georgetown born and raised woman has been a long time volunteer in the community, working with organizations like the Georgetown Memorial Hospital, Canadian Cancer Society, Red Cross, churches and schools.

For the past six years, Mrs. Johnston has organized church services, banquets, fall color tours and entertainment evenings for seniors in the community.

She said her mother Bea Clark will be managing her campaign, and her brother Dave Clark will be assisting with media coverage and scheduling.

This is her first time running for public office.

### 6th hopeful for Ward 1

Norm Elliott, Chairman of the Halton Hills Library Board, is the sixth candidate running for town council in Ward 1. Mr. Elliott has lived in Acton all but one of his 41 years.



NORM ELLIOTT

Currently he lives at 112 Elmore Dr. with his wife Kate and his three children. "There was never any reason to move away. I was born here and my wife's family have roots in Acton," he said.

As a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Mr. Elliott hopes to have members of the society visit Acton to speak about Halley's Comet as a library presentation.

Between 1970 and 1973, before Halton Hills was created, Mr. Elliott was on Acton's last town council. "I've always been a concerned citizen," he said.

Mr. Elliott was on the committee of those opposed to the purchase of the Steven's Estate, purchased in March of 1984 for \$600,000 to build a municipal complex, he said.

"This time around there are a lot of issues. Three years ago you had to look for an issue," he said.

"A major concern of mine is the resolution of the tax disparity within Halton Hills," he said. Acton's taxes are highest.

As many incumbents step down this election there will be a new council which might neglect some of the old issues like tax equalization, Mr. Elliott said. "The best I can do is get on council and do my arguing from the inside," he added.

Limited growth, a 25 per cent increase in Acton's population, is another of his concerns. "Everyone in Acton wants to see development to boost the town."

### Police Sgt. enters fray

Metropolitan Toronto Police Sergeant Ted Hilton has filed his papers, making him eligible as a Ward 2 (Esquering) town council candidate. The father of two teenagers has been a resident of Esquering since 1978. His daughter Dawn is a student at Acton High School while Gordon attends McKenzie-Smith Middle School. With his wife Dorothy, they live in a house the candidate built, located on Highway 7 between the Fourth and Fifth Line.



TED HILTON

Mr. Hilton said he decided to run because he feels Esquering needs a representative who lives in the Ward and who will have Esquering's interests in mind.

Born and raised in Toronto, Mr. Hilton, 44, has lived in Kitchener and the Maritimes before coming to Halton Hills. He has been with the Toronto Metropolitan Police for 22 years. The candidate is currently a supervisor in downtown Toronto.

In his spare time Mr. Hilton is a photography buff and a part-time farmer. He is also active as a member of the Acton Baptist Church, the Acton Fall Fair Board and he is a volunteer worker in an area nursing home.

He has been a part of a citizen's group involved with the needs of area youth and has also assisted in minor sports.

Mr. Hilton said his background, which includes a working knowledge of the agricultural community, understanding of urban needs and appreciation of the rural-urban uniqueness, will help him if he is elected.

The candidate said he has experience in listening to and dealing with the needs of people - including the ability to identify concerns and act on them.



### CHALLENGE BEGINS

It's getting closer to the date. To remind us Nov. 12 isn't too far away, mayoralty candidate Mike Armstrong held a ribbon cutting Monday to officially open his campaign office at 285 Guelph Street. Needing a mayor to cut the ribbon, former mayor Steamer Emmerson agreed to do the chores. Seen here are (left to right)

Mike Armstrong, Steamer Emmerson and Paul Armstrong, campaign manager. In the next few weeks Mr. Armstrong said he will be out contacting as many people as possible. The campaign office number is 873-1833. (Herald photo)

### Keeps pets out

If you have 36 cats crawling over your living room furniture, they may be a few too many.

Coun. Marly Serjeantson wants to see an animal control bylaw on the town books.

## Pitch for advanced computers

To match his heavy commitment to communication, Halton region is being asked to spend almost half a million dollars on a new word processing and office automation system.

The region's manager of systems and accounting, Cecil Mascarenhas, made a pitch for the AES Data Systems Ltd. equipment last week, explaining how it came out tops in a detailed evaluation.

The region's leasing arrangements for word processing with Microm came to an end in January 1985.

The regional treasurer said the system is sufficient for Halton's needs in the next two years and possibly four years.

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### Appraiser wants Ward 2 town council seat

Another Ward 2 candidate has thrown his hat into the ring for the Nov. 12 elections.



ROBERT HEATON

Robert Heaton, 27, a volunteer ambulance attendant and an appraiser for Canadian Standards Association, talked to The Herald late Monday night.

Mr. Heaton is single and a resident of Tweedie Street in Glen Williams. Born and raised in Glen Williams, he

attended Georgetown District High School, Sheridan College and he's taking part-time social sciences at York University.

At Sheridan College he was trained in electrical electronic technology. The Rexdale firm he works for tests various equipment to ensure proper safety standards are maintained.

Mr. Heaton said he decided to run because "Ward 2 needs someone to attend their meetings and better speak on their behalf - to provide a balance."

He said he understands the problems, concerns and opinions from talking to the friends and peers he has grown up with. As a commuter, Mr. Heaton said he understands their

problems when there isn't enough local industry to support more work here.

Mr. Heaton has been a member of the volunteer ambulance department for six years and he is a St. Alban's Church member. He has been involved in North Halton Scouts and played baseball, hockey and soccer as a youth in Glen Williams.

The candidate offered some topics which he feels will be important to discuss by the new council: problems with garbage at all levels, United Way, the Bennett farm, a two year arts policy.

Mr. Heaton said he recently went on a Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee farm tour and was able to glean some viewpoints from a variety of different farmers.

## Region talks pensions to be like 'the others'

Should municipal politicians have a pension plan at work? Peel regional councillors say yes. After all, their provincial and federal counterparts do.

They're circulating a resolution asking the Minister of Municipal Affairs to talk about pension plans for municipal politicians.

Last week, members of Halton region's administration and finance committee supported the Peel resolution and having continuing talks about council pensions.

Halton Hills Coun. Mike Armstrong thinks a pension plan for municipal politicians makes a lot of sense.

He noted a number of the regional and local councillors do their job full time, some in excess of 40 hours a week.

"I think we're being political if we don't look at this," Coun. Armstrong said. "We all have the right to go ahead and prepare for our own financial destiny in the future."

Twenty years from now, the federal government isn't going to have any money to pay for its aged, the councillor warned.

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### Sign isn't effective

The stop sign on Wildwood Road isn't having much effect on some drivers, apparently.

Coun. Phil Carney said a trucker had brought the news of several infractions to the traffic sign to his attention.

Coun. Pam Sheldon said she had spoken to the police about it already. She noted the transportation study approved this summer by the town said that once a stop sign is put up on Wildwood it be closely monitored by police to be effective.

"I'd like them (police) to keep an eye on it," Coun. Carney said.

"I've had a number of people tell me how ridiculous they think a stop sign is, there, and I agree with them," Coun. Mike Armstrong said.

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