

Formal unanimous vote

150 guests watch Halton region inauguration

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Over 150 invited guests watched as the elected regional councillors and chairman made their vows of office last Wednesday afternoon.

At the formal ceremony over which Judge Joseph Scime of Burlington presided, four Halton Hills councillors and the mayor were sworn in for a three-year term of office. They were Couns. Marilyn Serjeantson, John McDonald, Pam Sheldon, Rick

Bonnette and Mayor Russ Miller.

The Halton Region Police Chorus, in their plaid attire, sang several selections after the swearing in of the remaining 20 regional councillors from Milton, Oakville and Burlington.

The audience included several prominent individuals like Peel Regional Chairman Frank Bean, Halton-Burlington MPP Don Knight, GO-Transit board chairman Lou Parsons, and the region's first chairman Allen



Peter Pomeroy

Masson and past chairman Jack Rafits.

Among the public from Halton Hills spotted were Georgetown Chamber president Dave Kentner, lawyer Bert Arnold, Town Administrator Ken Richardson, lawyer Bill Manderson, businessman Paul Campbell, and of course, family members of the councillors.

As expected, there was only one nomination made for the position of regional chairman: Peter Pomeroy. The results of the earlier informal fight between former regional councillor Ann Mulvale and Mr. Pomeroy were ratified by a formal unanimous vote, this time around, for Mr. Pomeroy.

Bible in hand, the regional chairman was sworn in for a second term by Judge Scime.

Recognition was given by the council for retiring councillors Dave Whiting, Jake Kulken, Ann Mulvale, Steven Toth and Harry Barrett.

Burlington Coun. Pat McLaughlin said Coun. Mulvale, who lost Nov. 12 in a bid for Oakville mayor, was one of the best regional councillors Halton had ever had.

"She took on great tasks without even wavering one bit," Coun. McLaughlin observed. "I feel badly

about Ann leaving. I looked upon her not only as a fellow councillor but as a friend."

Coun. Mulvale said her regional experience was something she wouldn't trade for anything and expressed regret not to be serving in the forthcoming term.

Burlington Coun. Steven Toth's 20 years on the local council and seven years on the Halton council were called "dedicated" by Burlington Mayor Roly Bird. "Perhaps my contribution was modest but the number of years did count up," the former councillor admitted.

Halton Hills Mayor Miller said he had become very close friends with former Couns. Whiting and Kulken during their time in office and presented the two with regional mementos.

Retiring Oakville Mayor Harry

Barrett, long known to be a candy lover, was presented with a great big bag of sweets by Chairman Pomeroy as a first contribution to his retirement. He also received a momento plaque that quotes him saying, "What are you guys trying to do, spoil the regional government?" and a three foot cheque for \$48,600, made out to Oakville which still needs the signature of Regional Treasurer Joe Rinaldo. "You neglected to have it certified," the former mayor joked.

He was told to bring the cheque back Dec. 19 when the required signature is to be added.

Following a speech by the regional chairman, councillors were piped out by Ken Alexander of the region's purchasing department, to a wine and nibbles buffet in the adjoining committee room.

IN THE HILL

Major injury

Four people were injured in a car accident on Sideroad 30 and the First Line Saturday at 1:35 a.m. Kenneth Hilditch, 28, and Elizabeth Hilditch, 27, of 196 Churchill Road in Acton were treated and released from the Guelph Hospital after suffering minor injuries. Leslie Richardson, 34, of Willowdale suffered major injuries. Scott Veltch, 29, of Willowdale suffered minimal injuries.

The driver of the 1982 Buick was eastbound on Sideroad 30. The driver approaching the First Line, braked at a yield sign and slid on gravel through the intersection and into the opposite shoulder, police said. Damage to the Buick was \$2,500.

In the kitchen?

So much for women's liberation. It's still hard to swallow for some councillors apparently.

"So many new faces around here, that I have to say, looking around here, who's minding the kitchen?" Coun. Peter Norton said at the conclusion of Monday night's council meeting.

In an attempt to soften the blow against the five female councillors, he quipped, "the best man for the job is often a woman."

"Isn't it nice to sit beside Peter Norton?" Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said, from her new position next to the incumbent.

"You don't know how much," returning a smiling Coun. Norton.

Sigh of relief

Residents of Terry Court can sit back and breathe a sigh of relief.

Monday night, recreation director Tom Shepard said a walkway leading to Cedarvale Park is being used only temporarily by town trucks and other vehicles.

"The only safe access into the park is the Terry Court walkway," Mr. Shepard said. "It's not meant to be a permanent entranceway into the park. It's just that an ambulance or fire truck can't go over the existing bridge (into Cedarvale)."

Million holes

Tenth Line residents aren't happy with the condition of their road, and they signed a petition telling councillors exactly that.

Monday night, councillors agreed to refer the matter to the engineering department for comments during the 1986 budget deliberations.

Jamie Cunningham of Tenth Line said there are 14 houses on that stretch of road, not much gravel "and about a million and one holes in it."

Coun. Peter Norton said he gets many calls from Tenth Line residents complaining about their road and said he would be supporting them when it comes up at the budget committee level.

Alcohol kills

It can be reliably estimated that alcohol is the killer - or at least an accomplice - in one of every 10 Halton deaths.

That information comes from the Addiction Research Foundation.

The ARF in co-operation with CJRT Open College, will be presenting 20 one-hour radio programs on drinking and drugs beginning Jan. 7 on 81.1 FM.

Listeners in Halton region will have the opportunity to attend study group sessions in March on Your Family: Drugs and Alcohol.

The April program is called Drinking and Driving while the topic for May is Seeking Help. For more information call 632-2436.

Fisher probes phasing Sec. 63

Not having forgotten her campaign stand against the former council's passage of a new system of taxation for Halton Hills, Coun. Betty Fisher questioned treasurer Ray King on how to reverse that resolution, Monday night.

"Is there any way, without this council standing on its ear, in which that (Section 63, market value assessment) resolution could be reversed at this point in time?" Coun. Fisher demanded at the first council meeting of the new term.

Treasurer King said it could be done, although it might create some problems.

She wanted to know if phasing in Section 63 was a requirement of the previous council's resolution, and if he was planning to bring a report before council on how phasing-in could be done.

A report on phasing-in the market value assessment of taxation is in the



Betty Fisher

works, Treasurer King said, adding that it was up to council to decide whether there would be any phasing-in. He clarified that the earlier council had made a policy to implement Section 63 and to have a report on the pros and cons of phasing it in.

Mr. King said he's waiting for the town tax impact study before he reports back to council on phasing-in, which is expected shortly.

Four trees spared

Four trees along Mountainview Road are going to be spared at a cost of \$5,000 to Halton region. Mountainview Road, from Highway 7 to the CNR overpass, is slated for widening and reconstruction.

Area resident Mr. K. Dooley of 111 Mountainview Rd. had concerns about this work, as he has two trees in the widening area.

When he aired his concerns, regional staff came up with designs that would save Mr. Dooley's two trees, another tree in front of 109 Mountainview and one in front of 107 Mountainview.

The region's new design includes the installation of ditch inlet catch-basins and regrading in front of 111 and 113 Mountainview Rd.

Although saving the trees is costing the region extra, the region is also saving money in tree clearing and grubbing expenses.

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