

Election fever

Town councillor enters the fray

A Ward 2 town councillor has entered his name on the slate as a candidate for the North Halton Liberals.

Joe Hewitt will be vying for retiring Don Knight's position as MPP. First he must win the riding association nomination, set for Aug. 7 (check this) in Milton and then a general provincial election.



Joe Hewitt

Mr. Hewitt is a 15-year resident of Halton Hills who is a Mississauga firefighter and town councillor.

He is married to Sue and they have three children, ages 14, 11, 10. The 33-year-old is a Business Marketing

graduate from Humber College and has taken programs at Humber such as Institute of Law Clerks, Credit and Collection and Fire Protection Technology.

The RR2 Georgetown resident is involved in the community, active with the Pineview Soccer Club, Hornby Baseball Association and is a vice-president of the North Halton District Boy Scouts.

He is an Optimist service club member, part of the founding families at Hornby Nursery School and former Halton school board consolidation committee member.

As a town councillor served on the committees he has served on include: pits and quarries, seniors advisory, development review, energy from waste and budget.

Mr. Hewitt said he wants to run because he strongly believes in the Liberal party and the David Peterson government. The candidate said his political experience as a councillor for Halton Hills places him "in a good position to understand provincial and riding issues and the need for sensitivity in dealing with constituents' problems."



NEW GOALS - United Way campaign workers are preparing for the 1987 fund-raising campaign. The group hopes to raise \$140,000 this year. (Front) Connie Nieuwhof (left) is heading volunteer recruitment; John Wickens is campaign chairman. (Back) Jack Boulet (left) is in charge of the corporate-industrial canvassing and Dave Ashbee is in charge of professional canvassing. (Herald photo)

17 agencies supported in UW's first campaign

In its first year in 1986, the Halton Hills United Way supported 17 local and national non-profit agencies.

As the United Way continues to grow, President Jim Kinnear is confident more groups will join. It relieves service groups from the burden of fundraising, he said.

Members of the United Way are divided into four categories - family support, counselling and rehabilitation community development and medical services - reaching a wide variety of Halton Hills residents every day.

Local agencies such as the Halton Hills Distress Centre, the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, and the Halton Recovery House benefit by their association with a national organization. The United Way also contributes annually to local affiliates of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Red Cross and the Victorian Order Nurses.

Last year, the 17 member agencies received about 17 per cent of what they asked for, said current fundraising chairman John Wickens. The United Way is aiming to raise about \$140,000 for 1987, and thus increase the amount of money given to each member.

Council debates fencing

It may soon be illegal for homeowners in Halton Hills to put up a fence higher than six feet.

Councillors examined a draft by-law Monday limiting fences to six feet high between residences and three feet high at the front of a residence. Educational, commercial or industrial fences would be allowed to put up a fence no higher than eight feet.

The penalty for not conforming to the by-law would carry a maximum fine of \$2,000.

The by-law was intended to apply to the urban areas of Halton Hills but councillor Joe Hewitt pushed to have the regulation uniform throughout the municipality.

By-law enforcement officer R.J. Ustrzycki was instructed to look at ways to make the by-law apply to rural areas as well.

But farmers would be exempt from the new regulation, Mr. Hewitt said.

The move is in response to a June 22 petition by residents of Poplar Avenue in Acton complaining about an eight foot high fence at 100 Poplar Ave.

The fence has a single strand of barbed wire on top and to the inside rear.

Mr. Ustrzycki said the new by-law is flexible. It may only be forced in cases of dispute between neighbors, he said.

Neighbors can agree to put up a fence which does not conform to the by-law with no problems, the by-law enforcement officer said.

But any disputes would be handed to the Fence Viewers authority and they would settle any arguments by enacting the by-law, Mr. Ustrzycki said.

The by-law would also be retroactive. That means all existing fences would have to conform to the new regulation.

Barbed wire would only be allowed on fences in the urban area of Halton Hills industrial or commercial property.

Mayor Russ Miller asked what would happen if two neighbors agreed to put up a non-conforming fence and one moved away only to have the new occupant ask that the fence be taken down.

In such cases the dispute would be handed to the fence viewers, Mr. Ustrzycki said.

The case in Poplar Avenue involves a dispute, coun. Gerald Renne said. "They wouldn't even talk to each other."

Accident reports

2 vehicle fires

Firefighters put out two vehicle fires last week.

On Thursday at 5:40 p.m. the fire department was called to extinguish a tractor fire at lot 21, concession 7 in Georgetown. Damage to the tractor is estimated at \$15,000. The owner of the vehicle is Donald Lindsay.

Firefighters also put out a car fire at 140 Mill St., Acton Friday at 10:38 p.m. Damage to the vehicle is estimated to be \$5,000.

Distress call

Area One firefighters answered a distress call for a woman experiencing chest pains and having trouble breathing Sunday at 4:40 p.m. at 5 Main St., Acton. Firefighters administered oxygen until an ambulance arrived to take her to hospital.

False alarms

Smoke and dust from a construction saw activated the smoke detector at Georgetown District High School Monday at 10:30 a.m.

The fire department responded to three false alarms last week on Thursday and Saturday. At 12:44 a.m. Thursday an alarm was activated at lot 19, concession 2.

Saturday at 12:26 p.m. a false alarm sounded at Cantell Tower at the Halton Hills-Milton Town Line. Another false alarm sounded Saturday at 9:02 p.m. at St. Joseph's School in Acton.

Nominee opposed Jim Snow twice

A long-time member of the Liberal party and former candidate for Oakville in two elections is entering the Halton North riding nomination race.

Walt Elliot announced his candidacy Monday. The Milton resident is currently a member of the riding association's executive, serving as executive vice-president.



Walt Elliot

The 53-year-old teacher is the head of mathematics at Scarborough High School and has taught for 27 years. He holds a Masters in Educational Administration from Brock University. His wife Anne is a painter and former high school

teacher. They have two children.

Mr. Elliot said he wants to emphasize that he is an experienced, hard-working Liberal who has worked for the party for the past 25 years.

The timing of the opening is suitable for him, said Mr. Elliot. "I've been preparing myself for this for the past 25 years."

He worked federally for the Liberals for many years while in Orangeville at a time when school districts in the rural areas were a concern. "I've kept involved over the last 15 years," he said.

The Tremaine road resident was born in the rural community of Chesley, Ontario. He and his wife once owned and operated their own farm in Amaranth Township.

During the mid-'70s he founded an importing company in Oakville called Paul Maybee Antiques Ltd. which was eventually sold.

He is a former Rotary Club member, president of the Oakville Arts Society and a United Way canvasser.

Mr. Elliot first ran as a Liberal candidate in Peel Dufferin Simcoe in 1971 and again twice in Oakville against Jim Snow in 1977 and 1981.

Tories ready themselves

A flurry of political activity has taken place since Halton-Burlington MPP Don Knight's decision not to seek re-election was made public a week ago.

But this time all three political parties have gotten into the fray.

Georgetown's Joe Hewitt, a member of Halton Hills Council has announced his candidacy for the Liberal nomination to be held Aug. 7 in Milton. Former NHL official Bruce Hood and Milton teacher Walt Elliot are also seeking the nomination.

Other names, such as former MP Rud Whiting and Mr. Knight's executive assistant David Blaney have drawn attention but both have said they will not seek the Liberal nomination.

"I've received many many calls from Liberals asking me to run and I thought about it quite seriously," Mr. Whiting said.

"I've carved out a life for myself right now," he said of his work in real estate.

Mr. Blaney's decision was based on different circumstances. "There's a crowd of competent people out there and that's fine with me," he said.

"I might have run under other circumstances," the Norval resident added.

Meanwhile, the Progressive Conservatives are readying themselves. They have set their nomination meeting for Aug. 10 in Milton and Halton North riding president Jim Sheldon said two people have in-

dicated they are interested in running for the Conservative nomination. He would not release their names but he said one possible candidate is from Milton and the other is from the "rural area."

The Conservatives "haven't gotten up to speed since Don Knight (said he won't run)," Mr. Sheldon said.

However, he sees little advantage to his resignation for the Conservatives. "I don't think it changes the party's chances. I feel we had a good chance of defeating Mr. Knight anyway," he said.

Mr. Sheldon is looking for a fall election, but "later rather than sooner."

He believes Premier David Peterson is looking for a big voter turnout to support the Liberals and a later election would help.

Local NDP officials had said several weeks ago that there were

candidates ready to step in and seek the New Democratic Party nomination but they were not available for comment at press time.

NHL experience a plus: candidate

Former NHL referee Bruce Hood thinks his 21 year career in hockey will be a major factor in his favor at the Liberal nomination meeting Aug. 7 at E.C. Drury School in Milton.

Mr. Hood announced he will seek the provincial Liberal nomination for the new riding of Halton North Thursday in a press conference at his Milton Travel business.



Bruce Hood

Mr. Hood also works as a television analyst for the Buffalo Sabres and as a columnist for the Hockey News.

Mr. Hood anticipates a fall election although one other candidate, Walt Elliot has thrown his hat into the Liberal political arena he said, about three other names have also been bandied about in discussions.

Mr. Hood said he hasn't talked to retiring Liberal incumbent Don Knight but he chose the governing party because "you should be with the team that's going to do something for the future and the province."

Mr. Hood has yet to take a stance on any local issues mainly because he has yet to determine what those issues are.

"I haven't looked at the big issues yet. I think that's a plus. I can go in with an open mind," he said.

"I think (working in the NHL) will (help) a tremendous amount. When you're on the ice when you make a decision you live or die with it. The difference is it's a split second. In (politics) there is more time. I think in a lot of cases politicians take too much time," the Freelon, Ontario native said.

Mr. Hood's refereeing career has also taken him to the heights of the World Hockey Championships and the Canada Cup. He was a member of Otto Jelinek's Fair Play in Sport Commission and chairman of the Downtown Business Improvement Area in Milton.

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