

Election preparations begin

Whiting carries torch for Tories

Acton resident and real estate agent Dave Whiting is the first candidate to come forward for the Halton North Progressive Conservative nomination.

For weeks the PCs have said there are two candidates interested in the nomination for the provincial riding, Monday Mr. Whiting, who served as a Halton Hills councillor and at Halton Region for five years, made his announcement.

Citing extensive political experience, Mr. Whiting said "leadership and initiative" at the riding level and a willingness to bring a voice from Queen's Park closer to the people, are the two main reasons he has decided to become actively involved.

regional council. For three years he represented the entire north Halton as the provincial designate to the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Mr. Whiting is a past-president of the Acton Chamber of Commerce and is presently a director of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. He has also served on the Acton YM-CA board, the board for Halton Condominium Corporation 20 and is a former member of the Acton Rotary Club. While serving as a regional councillor, Mr. Whiting was chairman of the Acton Implementation Study Group, vice-chairman of Halton's standing committee on Health and Social Services and he chaired the regional space needs review.

Mr. Whiting said his life-long commitment to the Progressive Conservative philosophy was tailored from a high school interest in politics as vice-president of the Sarnia YPC's. He believes that communities benefit from government that understands business needs and implements strong and sensible policies.

"As a member for the past 10 years of the small business community, I am well acquainted with the contributions of the private sector to the overall economic well-being of communities," he said.

He said that issues facing Halton North are both varied and complex. With his personal commitment to the community, his leadership capabilities, and his prior and on-going knowledge of the area and the issues, that he will serve the taxpayers of Halton North well, he said.



Dave Whiting

Mr. Whiting served for ten years with the R.C.M.P. and settled in Halton Hills when transferred to the area in 1975. He left the Force in 1978 and has since been an active member of the business community.

For five years he served as a Halton Hills councillor and also represented Acton on the Halton



A good turnout at the Progressive Conservative annual general meeting for the Halton North riding is a good sign for the party, said president Jim Sheldon. A new executive was elected and they include six people from Halton Hills. Seen here are (front row, left to right) John Callinor, public relations; Leo te Hoekhorst, vice-president; Jim Sheldon president; (middle row) Sarita

Purdy, treasurer; Irene Goodfellow, social director; (back row) Ted Hilton, area director; Roy Woods, area director; Colin Musprat, director of organization and Donna Aitkens, secretary. Absent from the picture are: Carlo Testa, minority relations; Tom Kilmer, fundraising director and Bob Johnston, membership chairman. (Herald photo)

Brandt rallies PC members with platform of hot issues

By DAVE ROWNEY
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Conservative party members in Halton North were given a platform of issues to use against the Liberal government.

Guest speaker Andy Brandt, former PC cabinet minister, spoke to a crowd of around 100 people Thursday evening in Milton. Mr. Brandt told Tory supporters at their riding's annual general meeting that Mr. Peterson has "called an election that no one has demanded."

The Premier's decision is a "knee-jerk" reaction to the end of the Liberal-NDP accord, he said.

Former Premier Bill Davis governed several times in a minority government situation quite successfully, he said.

"Why is Peterson willing to call an election when he doesn't have to," Mr. Brandt asked. It will cost \$50 million or \$5 for every person in Ontario to hold a provincial election, the Sarnia MPP said.

Tom Long speaks out

Tom Long, the president of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, also spoke at the North Halton Tory riding association meeting Thursday.

Below are some excerpts from his prepared speech, not all of which was covered in his talk, which was cut short.

"These are challenging times -- but for those who would doubt this Party's resolve and resilience, I must tell you that Tories in Ontario are in a combative and feisty mood. This Party never has and never will run for second place. There is nothing wrong with this Party that a good campaign can't cure."

"The election campaign that we are entering will not be decided by pollsters, ad men or reporters -- it will be decided the old fashioned way -- we will take our case to the people of Ontario and we will let them decide."

"The question to be faced by the people of this riding and of Ontario in the next election is not who can best manage today's prosperity -- for perhaps even Liberals may be able to govern in good times -- The real issue is who can best plan today to ensure prosperity for tomorrow and through the very challenging decade ahead."



Andy Brandt

issue isn't about free trade versus the status quo, it's about free trade versus protectionism, he said.

The United States has a \$170 billion trade deficit and \$15 billion is with Canada. "Our best hope is to get a trade deal, not to kill a trade deal," he said.

The election is going to be about whether the people want more government that restrains spending, he said.

The Halton North riding must be in a state of campaign readiness, the speaker said. "Give us a good candidate and we will win this riding provincially."

Mr. Brandt predicts Sept. 17 as Mr. Peterson's first choice for an election, followed by Sept. 10 and Sept. 3.

Polls are meaningless, he said. The overconfidence the Conservative party had in '85 is over and the PCs are ready to go back to the people.

The banquet hall at the Bayrischer Hof restaurant was filled with party faithfuls including many present and former local politicians. Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, Regional Councillor Pam Sheldon were in attendance, also former Regional Councillor Dave Whiting, present town councillor Pam Johnston, defeated municipal candidate Ted Hilton and former Regional Councillor Barry Quinn.

Former MPP for the Oakville riding and former Minister of Transport Jim Snow was also along to lend his support.

The president of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party also gave a short speech to the crowd. Tom Long said the Liberals are the highest taxing, biggest spending and "most confrontationalist government in this country."

The Liberal government started off governing badly by hiring an additional 5,000 civil servants. The Conservatives tried to control the civil service and hold back on increasing staff, he said. "The government has no money. It belongs to the people and businesses. As long as government spends wisely we say, hey, that's a good idea."

Government shouldn't create all the jobs. It cost \$250 million to hire the 5,000 extra civil servants, said the former Minister of the Environment. "That's more than will be spent on new schools in the province during the next 12 months," he said.

Mr. Brandt also criticized Mr. Peterson's attitude towards the federal free trade talks with the United States.

When he was Minister of Industry Trade and Commerce with the Frank Miller government, studies indicated 100,000 jobs would be created by a free trade deal, he said.

"There will be winners and losers," but Mr. Peterson "presupposes that jobs will be lost," which is wrong, he said.

The Premier is being naive. The

Economics student seeks Liberal job

A fourth candidate has announced intentions to run for the Halton North Liberal nomination.

Economics student Ben Colabrese will join Walt Elliot, Bruce Hood and Joe Hewitt Aug. 7 in a battle to win the Grit nomination.

The 20-year-old Georgetown resident is majoring in an honors applied economics program at the University of Waterloo. He recently worked with the Town of Halton Hills as a computer programmer during a co-op term.

council candidate. If people are complaining about the system, you should go out there and do something about it, he said.

Though not actively involved in politics since high school, the third-year university student said his career ambition is to become involved in politics.

"It's better to start when I'm young," he said.

The candidate said he considered running for the Liberal nomination in 1985 when Don Knight was acclaimed, but other commitments made it impossible.

He believes his youth and energy can be an asset to the riding. "I won't be hanging onto the past," Mr. Colabrese said the area is growing and further growth can boost the economy, although a happy medium is required.

Not a card-carrying Liberal, Mr. Colabrese said he was first inspired by hearing Pierre Trudeau speak. "I've always been a Liberal," he added.

Mr. Colabrese's father works for the Halton Board of Education while his mother works mostly tending their apple orchard near Stewarttown. He has a sister, a journalism graduate from Ryerson.

There's a new decade just around the corner and it's important to get someone young and refreshing with the will and desire to move ahead progressively, he said.



Ben Colabrese

Mr. Colabrese is a former student council president at Georgetown District High School. "I had the first taste of what it was like (politics) and I liked it," he said.

He said he is running on the same philosophy as when he was a student

NDP still searching

The North Halton Riding Association for the New Democratic Party has not yet found a candidate to run in the fall Provincial election, the main Party office in Toronto said Tuesday.

The NDP has not set a nomination date for this riding. Riding association president Patty Clancy told the Herald two weeks ago that at least two people have expressed an interest in running. Ms. Clancy gave no more information except that one person is from the Milton area and the other is from Georgetown.

Official start

Local dignitaries attended the official sod-turning ceremony for the 22 unit condominium project at the corner of Mountainview Road and King Street July 16.

The \$2 million project will be built on two acres of property. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy by November.

Turning the first piece of sod were Mayor Russ Miller, Ward 3 councillor Pam Johnston and owner Lorne Roberts.

Hotdog days

An event in Acton Aug. 20 will be held to raise funds for the Halton Hills Anti-Drinking and Driving campaign.

Mayor Russ Miller and Regional Councillor Pam Sheldon will be at the IGA parking lot from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. cooking hot dogs.

There will be prizes, balloons handed out along with bumper stickers and scratch 'n' win tickets. Hot dogs will cost 25 cents and drinks also a quarter.

Pump changes

A consulting firm has been hired to do an engineering study on major changes to Georgetown's well pump houses.

Simcoe Engineering Group Limited was hired by the region's Planning and Public Works Committee July 15 at a cost of \$17,600.

Wells 2, 4 and 5 are housed in two separate structures adjacent to each other in buildings over 20 years old. The pumps are in a bad state of repair and they do not meet existing Ministry of Labour or Ministry of Environment standards, a report by region Public Works Director R.J. Moore says.

The region intends to construct one building to house all three wells

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