



Ontario Premier David Peterson shakes hands with some of the party faithful at the Liberal nomination meeting Friday at the John Tonelli Sports Centre in Milton. In his speech Mr. Peterson trumpeted Liberal accomplishments over the past two years.

Peterson visits riding to whip up enthusiasm

Ontario Premier David Peterson took advantage of Halton North's Liberal nomination meeting to whip up the enthusiasm of over 800 party supporters in Milton Friday night.

Mr. Peterson was greeted outside the John Tonelli Sports Centre by Rev. Ken Campbell protesting the \$300 million campaign promise by the Ontario government for public and separate school funding when other religious groups are left out.

Mr. Peterson responded in his speech to party supporters saying he doesn't mind people protesting at his speeches. "I invite people to come forward and share their problems (and) their disagreements and let the people of Ontario judge," Mr. Peterson said.

He urged party workers to get on with the nomination and rally behind the winner. "The most pleasant part of politics is not having an internal fight between ourselves to pick a candidate," he said.

The Liberals have approached issues "with courage, with imagination, with vision and with guts," the Premier said.

His government's record "bears up to scrutiny," he said. He cited his government's initiative on banning extra billing, increased funding for post secondary institutions and his \$300 million promise for primary education as Liberal achievements.

He also boasted of his government's acid rain controls. "I say with some pride that we have the toughest acid rain controls in North America. We're seen as a leader," Mr. Peterson said.

Canada's policy of multiculturalism is another proud accomplishment of Canadians, Mr. Peterson said.

"Canadians are doing something that's never been done before," he said.

The pledge of the Liberal Party is to "bring people together all under the banner of Canadians," he said. Halton North is an important riding, he added.

"We are your servants. We are not your masters," he said of the people of Ontario.

Citing the possibility of a Liberal majority government Premier Peterson asked for support "over the next four years, and who knows, maybe over the next 40 years."

200 eligible to vote at NDP nomination

Close to 200 people are registered to vote at tonight's nomination meeting for the New Democratic Party, according to Campaign Coordinator Pat Clancy.

Riding Association officials, however, do not expect candidate Fern Wolf to be challenged for the nomination, the campaign coordinator said.

Unlike the Liberals or the Pro-

PC barn-raising

The Progressive Conservatives plan to boost their coffers with an old fashioned barn social.

The Halton North Tories are selling tickets for a PC barn-raising at the Jim and Betty Snow residence in Hornby. The barn holds up to 300 people and includes a bar. Corn and beef on a bun will be served.

Long line-ups

Not all Liberals may have been aware of it, but there were blue bloods in their midst at Friday's nomination meeting.

At least one Conservative party member, who wishes to remain unidentified, was present at the meeting to keep an eye on things and make sure they stuck to all the rules. The PCs had asked prior to the meeting permission to attend as observers.

And what does a Conservative look out for at a Liberal convention?

"Look, at this," he said pointing to the line up of people waiting to vote. "Why is it taking them so long?"

gressive Conservatives, the New Democrats keep nominations open until the evening of the convention, Mr. Clancy said. But, he has heard of no one interested in running against Georgetown resident Fern Wolf, he added.

Very few of the registered delegates are new members, he said. Delegates must register to vote at the nomination at least 30 days in advance of the meeting, according to NDP rules.

"We don't have those big membership drives that the Liberals or Conservatives have," said Mr. Clancy. "There will be mostly dedicated party members at (tonight's) meeting."

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Election '87

Returning officers off the block

By BILAN MACLEOD

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When Ontario voters step into the polling booths on election day Sept. 10 they may not realize how many hours of organization went in to making their vote possible.

Ontario's Chief Returning Officer Warren Babie put the wheels in motion the minute the election writ was signed.

This time around Ontario has increased from 125 ridings to 130. Most of the increases have occurred in urban areas reflecting the population increases.

In each of the province's 130 ridings a returning officer, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, sets to work on a whole range of activities.

The returning officer for the new riding of Halton North is Don McMillan.

Once the election is called the election officer must first locate and rent office space, install phones and secure the necessary equipment, conduct interviews and hire the support staff to work with during the hectic days preceding the election on Sept. 10.

The Election officer must hire, train and supervise all the election office workers. These workers may include enumerators, deputy returning officers, poll clerks, election clerks, and revision assistants. In some districts, this may involve more than 200 individuals.

In total, there will be some 22,000 polling stations set up throughout Ontario on Sept. 10.

In Halton North there will be 147 polls for this election.

On top of 100 to 200 hours of preliminary work, returning officers often must work well past the regular eight hour day, often six or seven days a week, until the election is over.

The election returning officer then must oversee the enumeration of electors, print and release a list of electors, verify nomination papers, of election candidates, conduct advance polls, respond to inquiries about procedures and monitor the voting process on advance polls and election day.

After the vote, the returning officer must stand by to receive the poll returns from the Deputy Returning Officers.

The day after the election, in most districts, the returning officer, along with the election clerks, will make the official tabulation of the vote, and if no recount is requested, the figures are forwarded to the Chief Election Officer and to the election candidates district.

With those details under wraps, the returning officers must then approve payment of expenses incurred, complete and file election forms and documents with the Ontario

Election Office.

Enumerators will take to the streets in Halton North on Thursday and they must finish their job by Monday.

Advance polling this time will be on Sept. 3, 5 and 7 with one polling booth each in Acton, Milton and Georgetown, said coordinator Kay Lawson.

For those who can attend neither the advance polls nor polling day itself a proxy vote is available.

Such a person names another qualified elector in the same electoral district to cast the vote. A qualified elector may act as proxy

for only two electors.

To vote by proxy, the necessary form must be obtained from the returning officer. The completed form naming the proxy voter must be certified by the returning officer in the electoral district where the voter is to be cast.

The form must be presented by the person chosen to act as proxy no later than 7 p.m. the day preceding polling day.

The returning officer will issue a certificate to the proxy who, in turn, exchanges it for a ballot on election day.

Conservative nomination

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Mr. Whiting couldn't comment on the Liberal candidate Walt Elliot, nominated Friday night. He said he had never met the man.

The PC campaign for Halton North is set to go and is well organized, he said. One of the basic themes of the campaign will be to emphasize the need for a strong representative at Queen's Park, someone who won't be a puppet, the candidate said.

Mr. Whiting said he was happy at the turnout to the nomination meeting and they had attracted some new people to the fold. One of the advantages of an acclaimed candidate is that the party comes out a unified party, he said.

Carlo Testa of Norval was selected as his campaign chairman and Brad Clements of Milton is his campaign manager.

Meanwhile, yesterday campaign offices for the PCs were opened in Milton and Campbellville. The Georgetown office, at the old Guelph Street denture clinic near the Duke of York restaurant will open tomorrow. The Acton office, at 20 Mill Street will also be opening tomorrow (Thursday).



Tory candidate Dave Whiting (left) will carry the PC colors during the North Halton election race. Here he is seen with campaign chairman Carlo Testa. Brad Clements is Mr. Whiting's campaign manager.

Farm museum corn cob capers at Milton site

The golden days of summer play host to the Ontario Agricultural Museum's annual "Family Corn Festival." On Sunday, August 23, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., visitors are invited to enjoy the entertaining activities in celebration of a bountiful corn harvest.

Tempt your taste buds with freshly steamed corn-on-the-cob. A large steam engine cooks the corn with the husks on, sealing in all the fresh green flavour. As you crunch your way through a golden, butter-glistening cob of corn, tap your feet to the sounds of the live musical band. Round up a partner and get in on the square dancing. Watch the shingle making and threshing demonstrations. Plus, there's a host of other lively activities to keep you going!

While at the Museum, be sure to visit this season's feature exhibit, "Multiculturalism: A Rural Perspective." Located in the Museum's Gambrell Barn until September 7th, this display introduces visitors to the contributions of various cultural groups to rural Ontario.

Should Burlington be in Halton?

Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkeiwich said that he wants to make sure area boundaries are part of a provincial review which Regional Councillors approved at their council meeting Wednesday.

Should the City of Burlington remain in the Region of Halton? One regional councillor actually did raise that question.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said after the meeting he wasn't sure Burlington's exclusion from Halton was the purpose of Coun Mulkeiwich's question, but he did offer his opinions on the subject.

"I think we need a city like Burlington within our boundaries because it's our big population (and tax) base," Mayor Miller said.

When regional governments were first introduced in the early 1970's, Burlington councillors fought to stay with Halton, he said.

Mayor Miller said he doesn't understand why Burlington councillors make it difficult for Halton Hills to expand because it would give the Region a bigger tax base, which would be an advantage to all the other area municipalities, including Burlington.

While Halton Hills' boundaries are "the best within Halton" because they are squared off, Milton's boundaries are "the pits," Mr. Miller said.

Milton's boundaries are shaped "almost like an S when you go through the middle," he said.

However, the Mayor said he hopes the size of Regional Council does not expand beyond its already sizeable number of 24.

Spot check

Police arrested one impaired driver last week. A 28-year-old Brampton man was stopped for a routine spot check and it was found he had been drinking. He was stopped Friday at about 2 a.m.

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