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Still in the political arena McDermid elects to run in Brampton

A couple of very pertinent questions regarding the political future of MP John McDermid were answered Saturday.

First of all, Mr. McDermid has no intentions of retiring from politics at this time.

Secondly, in the next federal election, he intends to be the Progressive Conservative candidate for the new riding of Brampton.

His decision, announced Saturday at a press conference in Brampton, came after a great deal of "soul-searching" he said, and his wife Elaine played a big role in the process.

"We decided - both made the decision - that I will run again, with great enthusiasm," Mr. McDermid said.

With the redistribution of the Brampton-Georgetown federal riding, Mr. McDermid also had to decide which of the new ridings - Brampton, Halton-Peel, or Brampton-Milton - he would run in.

He went with his heart.

"I decided on Brampton because this is where I was raised. I was educated here, and I've lived most of my life here."

Halton-Peel was certainly in the running as a choice. Four generations of McDermids grew up in Georgetown, and Mr. McDermid still owns a cottage in the Georgetown area.

In terms of popularity, Mr. McDermid says it really wasn't a factor. "My support came from all over the riding," he said of the last federal election. He also indicated all three of the new ridings had invited him to be a candidate.

Aside from his wife's role in the decision-making process, Mr. McDermid said he also conferred with Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark, and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, himself. Both were very supportive, and the prime minister was "very persuasive", he said.

Mrs. McDermid said the decision she and her husband came to was the result of running the gamut of "mental gymnastics."

She realizes that her role will continue to be an important one in their relationship, particularly since her husband will have to spend so much time in Ottawa. Often she must stand in for the absent MP.

"With this type of job," she said, "if John can't be there, people will welcome my substitution."

Mr. McDermid accepts the fact that riding has grown far too large for one member of parliament to attend to. On one occasion, he recalled being invited to five different functions in one evening, which kept him and his wife busy until after midnight.

The Brampton riding will still, however, be one of the largest federal ridings in Canada.

No date has been set for the riding nomination meeting.

In retrospect, Mr. McDermid feels he has given "yeoman service" as MP of the Brampton-Georgetown riding, and he hopes to maintain the friendships he has developed over his almost 10 years serving Georgetown.

And until the federal election, he says he will continue to serve the Brampton and Georgetown area as their representative.



John McDermid announced Saturday that he will be running in the next election, in the Brampton riding. The decision came after a

great deal of "soul-searching" and Mr. McDermid's wife, Elaine played a big role in the decision-making process. (Herald photo)

Noted artist dies

Georgetown's art community lost one of its most active members May 12 when Frank Black passed away in his 95th year.

Mr. Black was born in England in 1895 and he moved to Toronto when he was 16 years old. He became an apprentice doing commercial and art designs at a lithographic company.

Mr. Black grew up with a talent for art and most of his paintings were landscapes and seascapes.

He was acquainted with the Group of Seven's Arthur Lismer as well as the last surviving member of that group, Casson.

He was responsible for starting up the Palette and Pencil Club which still operates today in

Georgetown. Gallery House Sol owner John Sommer said Mr. Black will be missed.

"He was a marvelous teacher, talkative... could tell very funny stories," said Mr. Sommer.

"He was a great delight to talk to and it is a terrible shock for all of us who knew him to see him go."

Mr. Black used to visit Gallery House Sol to paint.

Mr. Sommer said Georgetown needs an art museum so work of local artists like Mr. Black can be put on display for everyone to appreciate.

"It's something to push for and to focus our minds on for the near future," he said.



Headed for a win

The Minor Soccer season officially got under way Saturday at Cedarvale Park, with a full slate of games for the day. A hotly-contested Minor Atom game saw M

and M Pro Sports edge Andrew Murray Motors 2-1, and the expressions on the faces of these players show just how intense action was. (Herald photo)



Heavy Artillery

Sgt. James Chapman holds a sawed off shotgun similar to the one used in the bank holdup of the Canada Trust May 11. Police searched a house in Acton and a field in Milton and recovered a massive arsenal of weapons and ammunition stolen from a Milton sporting goods store earlier in the week. The stash was valued at over \$17,000. Police say seven guns are still missing. The three robbers, two men and a woman from the Montreal area, were remanded in custody until their bail hearing yesterday. Sgt. Ron Welsh coordinated the investigation which also included Sgt. Chapman, Detective Constable Murray Drinkwater and Detective Constable Robert Andrews. (Herald photos)



Tom Shepard

Rec centre put on hold

Negotiations by the town to rent Howard Wigglesworth School from the Halton Board of Education have fallen through.

The two sides could not agree on the length of the lease and a "no opt-out" clause requested by the YMCA was rejected by the Board.

The town was going to rent the school, then sublet it to the YMCA, which in turn would sublet it to community organizations.

One wing of the school was going to be provided for a seniors' recreational centre.

Recreation Director Tom Shepard said Monday that the YMCA wanted a 10-year lease with a "no opt-out" clause for either party.

But the Board of Education balked on that deal and the YMCA was then prepared to negotiate a five-year deal, again with the "no opt-out" clause, said Mr. Shepard.



The deal would also include a buy out option for the school by the YMCA.

But the Board of Education thinks expansion of Georgetown is imminent and the school may be needed in the near future, he said.

"With all of the proposed development in Halton Hills now appearing to take place sooner than originally anticipated, the Board of Education for obvious reasons are not prepared nor anxious to tie themselves to any kind of extended lease that they can't opt out of, nor are they interested in selling the facility in the near future," said Mr. Shepard.

As well, some seniors in town have recently said they are no longer interested in the Wigglesworth project, said Mr. Shepard.

"As they were the primary reason for the town's initial involvement, I see no valid reason for the town to rent the entire facility at this time."

But Coun. John McDonald, who chairs the town's seniors' advisory committee, said there was some "bad information" circulated which turned seniors off the project.

A task force organized by the town is now preparing a survey on what seniors want to have in the town for recreational facilities, said Coun. McDonald.

The survey will be along the same lines as the survey recently conducted in Acton, said Mr. Shepard.

Deadlines

Due to the Victoria Day holiday on Monday, May 23, the Herald has been forced to move its regular deadlines ahead.

Advertising and editorial material for submission in the May 23 edition of the newspaper should be submitted to this office no later than Friday, May 20 at 4 p.m.

Have a happy and safe Victoria Day weekend.

Robbery suspects arraigned

Police recover arsenal

Police displayed an impressive array of rifles, shotguns, ammunition and hunting gear Friday, after two men and a woman were arrested following a hold-up at Canada Trust on Main Street in Georgetown May 11.

Louis Jean Longpre, 36, Pierre Milot, 24 and Lorraine Brideau, 24, all of the Greater Montreal area, were apprehended in their compact car on College Street at John Street after police blocked off their getaway route.

The three were held in custody until a bail hearing yesterday (Tuesday).

The other charges stem from a hold-up of the Acton Credit Union May 5 and a break-and-enter in the Halton Outdoor Shop at 158 Main Street in Milton May 10.

Over \$17,000 in guns and ammunition were taken from the outdoor store.

Uniformed and plain clothed police moved in after a phone call from a witness revealed the robbery was in progress, said Sgt. Ron Welsh.

The robbers surrendered without a fight. Mr. Longpre and Mr. Milot are currently on parole for an armed robbery conviction in Quebec.

The robberies in Acton and Georgetown were very similar. In both cases two men went into the banks armed with at least one sawed-off rifle and ordered customers and employees to lie down on the floor. One robber trained his weapon on the people while the other scooped cash from the bank's drawers.

Halton Outdoor Shop owner Brian Farrell said the robbers forced the lock open on the front door in his shop on Tuesday and made off with a large number of guns and ammunition that included rifles, shotguns, knives, hunting clothes, flashlights, batteries,

gloves, hats, shirts, axes, arrows, crossbows, and over 300 pounds of ammunition.

At least seven guns and some ammunition are still missing, said Mr. Farrell.

Acting on a tip police obtained a warrant to search a house on Yonge Street in Acton. Much of the ammunition was found there and more was found in a vacant field on Sideroad 5 in Milton, said Sgt. Welsh.

The investigation was coordinated by Sgt. Welsh but it included Detective Constable Murray Drinkwater of the Major Crime Bureau in Oakville, Sgt. James Chapman and Detective Constable Bob Andrews.

The stash of ammunition is the biggest array of illegal arms recovered in Halton for several years, said Sgt. Welsh.

Police are still trying to find the missing weapons.

MOE differs on dump perspective

Consultant challenged

The Ministry of the Environment is disputing some of the information supplied by Eco Logic Laboratories on the Acton quarry dump proposal including the idea that groundwater flows into the dump from all sides.

The Ministry reviewed five reports submitted by consultants for Reclamation Systems Inc., the dump proponents, in a report written in February.

The review has 77 points of concern about the reports.

Eco Logic President Douglas Hallett said water flows into the dump from all sides. But the MOE said: "this is probably true for the south end of the landfill, but it is doubtful for the north end of the site."

Hydrogeologist Vern Dixon told the Acton quarry dump study group last week that inward flow "is a very important phenomenon."

Mr. Hallett said Monday that further discussions with the MOE will explain the contradictory reports. He said there are "different levels of understanding" between some of the experts at the MOE.

The review commends the authors of the environmental impact assessment document saying it is "well done" and is "probably adequate" to fulfill the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act.

Although all of Halton Hills draws its water from the Amabel aquifer the MOE review says: "This may be one landfill site proposal where the hydrogeological factors, while very important, may not be the critical factors."

The review said there is very scant data in some critical areas of the documents.

In one crucial area the MOE said the permeability of the upper layer

of the Cabot Head, the shale bedrock which is supposed to confine the leachate produced at the dump, is much higher than the lower part. The review said "some infiltration (of leachate) into the Cabot Head formation will take place."

That contradicts Eco Logic's assumption that "no leachate drains into the Cabot Head shales from the floor of the site."

In some areas the review said the consultants misread their own data about the Cabot Head.

As well some of the tests may be inaccurate due to technical problems, the review said.

"This casts some doubt on the reliability of the samples as being truly representative."

In some areas conclusions are "misleading" the review said. The consultant's report talks about a low average water conductivity or permeability in the bedrock but the upper layer is distinctly more permeable, the review said.

The report questions water direction flows, the effects of a new quarry and blasting across the road, proposed slope gradients, buffer zones, setbacks for local residences, and a variety of other claims made by the consultants.

In one case, the review said there is no analysis for chlorides in the water sampling, even though MOE documents show chlorides are known to be in excess of acceptable levels in Black Creek.

Also, the proposal says it will be possible to pump leachate directly into Black Creek.

"This is unacceptable," the review says.

Another concern raised in the review is setbacks of houses. Some

houses are within 30 metres of where the dump will be once quarrying is complete, the report says.

MOE minimum standards are between 300 and 500 metres, according to the report. "Clearly, houses 30 metres from the landfill face are unacceptable, and the proponent should provide a much greater buffer zone."

Mr. Hallett said either the dump will have to shrink in size, between 10 and 20 per cent, or the proponents will have to "come to some agreement" with the residents.

The neighboring properties could be "heavily impacted by dust, wind-blown paper and possibly vermin," the review said.

But Mr. Hallett is not disturbed by the review.

The permeability of the upper layer of the Cabot Head "did concern us" but further discussions with the MOE will solve the problems, he said.

"You would expect them to misunderstand a few things," in such a complex document, he said.

Most of the concerns were calls for more information, said Mr. Hallett.

The 77 points raised in the review "is not a lot of comments on something as complex as this," he said.

"There is nothing to say that the assessment we've done so far has been wrong."

Mr. Hallett said the main problem is with water quantity for the neighboring five households, not water quality.

"The impacts (of a landfill site on Halton Hills) are minimal and can be controlled. There is a very, very low risk if any at all of any environmental impact."