

# Private meeting held over business concerns

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, along with Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy and the mayors of the three other municipalities in Halton, Roly Bird of Burlington, Ann Mulvale of Oakville and Gordon Krantz of Milton met Wednesday in a private meeting to discuss how to keep and attract new business to Halton.

Chairman Pomeroy announced the meeting occurred following the regular Regional Council meeting.

Mayor Russ Miller said following the council meeting the current downturn in the economy has politicians worried existing businesses will leave Halton and new companies will avoid Halton.

Pointing to the recent expansion of Neilsons and Zellers in Georgetown, Mayor Miller said businesses in Halton Hills are

relatively strong despite a sluggish economy.

In response to questions by Oakville Regional councillor Kevin Flynn that the meeting was triggered by the Oakville-based manufacturing company Tridon leaving the Region, Chairman Pomeroy admitted it was a contributing factor.

At the same time, however, Chairman Pomeroy told councillors, "Halton is well-positioned now and in the future to capture a variety of new business opportunities."

From the private meeting, the mayors and Regional Chairman decided to establish an outreach program in which he and the mayors as a group will start meeting with businesses to determine what Halton must do to attract new business to Halton and

keep them in the Region.

As part of the outreach program the chairman also said the group will start meeting with MPs and MPPs representing ridings in the Region to discuss issues affecting Halton's business community.

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Jamina Jurcic, left, and her friend Rosemary Klander got dressed up for a visit by the new president of the Croatian Republic, Dr. Franjo Trudjman, who spoke at a rally at the Croatian Social and Cultural Centre in Norval last Saturday.

Along with the president's speech, the event featured Croatian dancing and music. (Herald photo)



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