



**Swing your partner**

Swing your partner 'round and 'round even if your partner is a puppet. Chris Henderson (right) is seen above dancing up a storm with puppeteer Jim Sober, (left), and Oscar, before Mr. Sober and the rest of the Kingston-based Purple Dragon Puppet Troupe put on the puppet show, "The Selfish Giant" at the Georgetown Library Wednesday. The show was sponsored by Halton Hills Public Libraries. (Herald photo)

**Homeless can vote**

Municipal Affairs Minister Dave Cooke introduced changes to the Municipal Elections Act that will allow homeless people to vote in municipal elections.

"Homeless people have been disenfranchised by the current system," Mr. Cooke said. "The changes I am introducing will provide new ways for people without a fixed address to meet residency requirements."

The legislation will also restrict election contributions and the use of surplus campaign funds. And it will make it easier for electors to have alleged campaign financing irregularities investigated.

Under the legislation, a candidate's surplus campaign funds will be held in trust by the municipal clerk for use during the next municipal election or applied against past election debts.

A \$5,000 limit will be placed on the total amount a contributor can give to all candidates for a single municipality, school board or local board.

A new enforcement system will eliminate the need for individual electors to take legal action if they believe election campaign financing laws have been broken.

The new system will demand the municipality, school board or local board act on voters' complaints. If the municipality or board fails to take appropriate action, the provincial Commission on Election Finances can intervene.

The legislation includes a number of other amendments - allowing municipalities to provide election information in languages other than English and French and providing an alternative form of ballot for visually impaired electors.

"The credibility of any government starts with the way in which it is elected," Mr. Cooke said. "That's why the election process must be as fair and open as we can make it. These amendments will be a big step toward that goal."

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