### Community News

### **Municipal Election**

# McCarthy tosses hat in regional ring

In a press release issued to the Herald, Councillor Pat McCarthy has announced his candidacy for the Regional position in Ward 3, Georgetown.

The release notes his experience as a member of local boards and committees has given him practical knowledge of our local and regional governments while representing Ward 3, Georgetown at Town Council.

"In this election, the voters will be asked to judge which candidate is able to consistently and responsibly represent our local

concerns at Halton Region," Pat McCarthy said. "Ratepayers will decide who will work in the best interests of their community's. development."

In promising to continue to work to ensure the protection of our natural environment, Pat

McCarthy said, "The Silver Creek Valley (which winds its way from Ontario Street through town to Norval) must continue to 'be protected. This unspoiled valley has been a natural playground for generations of Georgetown youngsters.

Taxes will be an issue in this campaign, stated the press release. Pat McCarthy stood alone voting against the 1990 town budget, a budget containing an almost 10 per cent increase in taxes.

"Every local representative must remember that each dollar spent by government came from an individual taxpayer. We must be responsible to their need for affordability."

According to the press release, many of the main issues in this

campaign will be economic. Local employment, taxes and clean industrial development. Pat McCarthy will continually remind Halton Region's business development department of Georgetown's unique features and strengths. The region must be responsible to all areas, not just that part south of Highway 5. "The town seems to have no trouble attracting Toronto or Mississauga-based residential developers. Their desire to put up houses must be balanced with their responsibility to ensure attractive employment for the residents of Halton Hills. Business must be encouraged to

locate in our area, and share the tax load with residential ratepayers and contribute to our community."

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## Veteran Halton police officer steadies distraught youth

pond to anyone and, according to

Det. Sgt. Eacrett, did not appear

Acting Sergeant Steve Bate of the Halton Regional Police will be recommended for a commendation due to his "tremendous job" in persuading a Georgetown teenager not to jump off a two storey building Friday afternoon, according to Detective Sergeant Michael Eacrett.

"He (Sergeant Bate) did a tremendous job. The boy would not respond to anyone else. Sergeant Bate gained his confidence, talked to him for about two-and-a-half hours, convinced him to leave the roof area, and accompanied him to the hospital, said Det. Sgt. Eacrett.

Det. Sgt. Eacrett stated Sgt. Bate, 33, is a 14-year veteran of the Halton Regional Police Department and has little training in negotiating procedures except basic training at the Ontario Police College. He also commented on the great job done by all Halton Regional Police on the scene.

Police received a call shortly after 4 p.m. Friday that a youth was standing on the roof of a twostorey building and threatening to jump. The youth would not res-

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to be listening to anyone either. After lengthy talks with Sgt. Bate and Halton Regional Police, the Georgetown boy was persuaded to leave the roof area.

The youth was then taken to Georgetown and District Hospital for assessment.

Police officers released him shortly after when he was considered to be low risk to others or himself.

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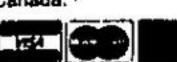
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