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Municipal election heats up

Three more area residents have declared their candidacy in the upcoming Nov. 12 municipal election.

Len Medland and Dorson Frizzell are running for hydro commissioner in Acton's Ward 1 and Georgetown's Ward 2 respectively, while Dave Whiting is running for Halton Public School Board Trustee in Acton.

Contacted Monday Acton resident Mr. Frizzell, 60, said his experience in the hydro field is the reason behind his seeking a hydro commissioner position.

"I think my 42 years experience means I can add to the cause in making hydro-related decisions," said Mr. Frizzell.

Mr. Frizzell worked with Ontario

Hydro as a Journeyman for 10 years; as a Foreman for Acton Hydro for 25 years before Regionalization; as a Foreman for Halton Hills Hydro for two years.

Asked what he considers the issues will be in the upcoming election, Mr. Frizzell was undecided.

Only when he gets involved with the commission would he be able to identify the issues, said Mr. Frizzell. To do otherwise would be unfair to the public, he said.

However, Mr. Frizzell, who has never before run for political office, said his extensive general knowledge in the field will provide him with the necessary knowledge to grasp the issues and act appropriately.

Asked what he thought of the performance of the current commission, Mr. Frizzell said, some of the commissioners have been in office too long. He wouldn't provide specific names.

Ward 2 Hydro Commissioner candidate Len Medland couldn't be reached for comment at press time.

Acton resident Dave Whiting decided to run for public school board trustee in Acton after incumbent Acton trustee Arlene Bruce announced she wouldn't be seeking re-election.

"A number of people approached me to run when Ms. Bruce said she was stepping down. They wanted somebody with a track record," said Mr. Whiting during an interview Monday.

Mr. Whiting was a Halton Regional councillor from 1980 to 1985 and a Niagara Escarpment Commissioner from 1983 to 1986. He unsuccessfully ran as the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party candidate for North-Halton in the last provincial election.

The school board budget will be a major issue in He makes this claim on the basis that the school board budget accounts for the largest chunk of peoples' tax dollar.

Aside from wanting to keep school taxes as low as possible, Mr. Whiting wants to ensure people get value for their education dollar.

"We all know cases exist where high school graduates have problems with reading, writing, spelling, and mathematics," said Mr. Whiting.

The longtime Acton resident has four children in the school system.

To improve the education system in Halton, Mr. Whiting advocates standardized curriculum and testing across the province. Students should be able to move from one school board to another without missing a stride, he said.

Mr. Whiting, 43, also supports focusing education on teaching students how to think for themselves. Available jobs in the next century will go to those graduates who can participate in the decision making process, he explained.

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Reed wins round one

By Ben Dummett
the Herald

Longtime Norval resident Julian Reed has come out ahead, at least for now, in his dispute with the Town of Halton Hills over an issue of littering.

A littering charge laid against Mr. Reed by the Town has been dismissed by a Milton court judge. The judge deemed two large pieces of metal located on Mr. Reed's property didn't constitute unlawful littering.

According to Town Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bob Ustrzycki, the Town charged Mr. Reed under its littering bylaw for not removing two pieces of a "mangled metal" plunked on the bank of the Credit River located on Mr. Reed's property.

"We laid the charge because there was no positive indication Mr. Reed would move the material or put it into use," said Mr. Ustrzycki.

Disappointed with the judge's decision, Mr. Ustrzycki said "We (the Town) are considering filing an appeal." If an appeal is filed then it will be based on whether certain evidence should have been admissible during the first hearing, explained Mr. Ustrzycki.

When told of the possible appeal, Mr. Reed said, "I would have filed an appeal if I had lost the decision."

Chuckling to himself, Mr. Reed said, "I would have been surprised if the judge had gone any other way. I don't know where these guys, (the Town), get their ideas."

The two pieces of scrap metal, which according to Mr. Reed each weigh approximately over six tonnes are original parts of the dam located in the Credit running through Mr. Reed's property. They were removed from the river in 1954 when the dam was severely damaged by the infamous Hurricane Hazel.

It's Mr. Reed's intention to repair the gates for reuse in the dam. He estimates it will take him two years to complete the project. However



Julian Reed

he is quick to point out the judge didn't hold him to that schedule.

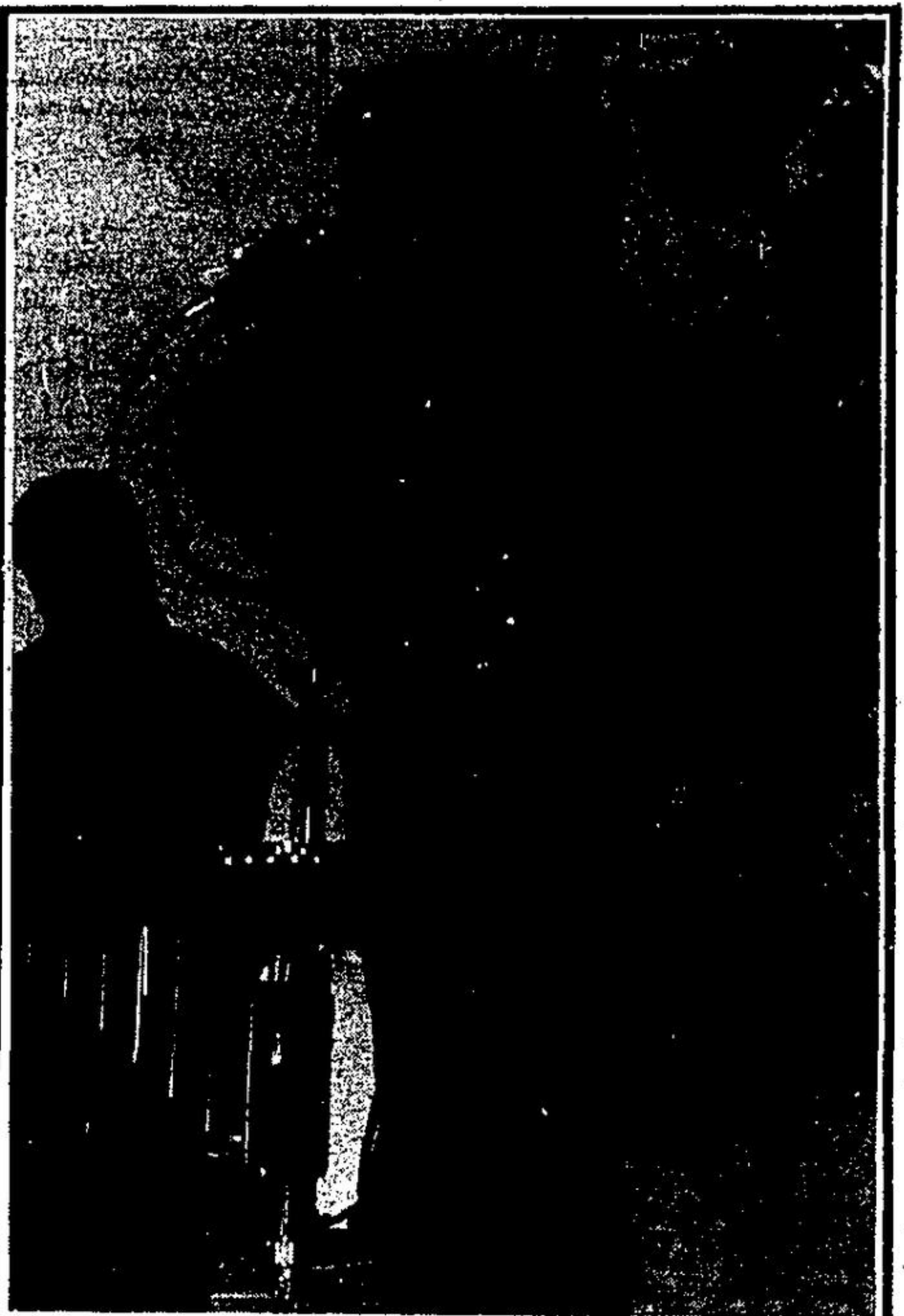
Mr. Ustrzycki said no charges would have been laid if Mr. Reed had removed the gates from public view.

Asked why he didn't remove the metal, Mr. Reed replied, "it's a matter of \$2,000." That's the cost, said Mr. Reed, it would cost him to move the two gate pieces.

If the judge had ruled in the Town's favor it would have been a further indication of the rights of individual's being eroded at breakneck speed, he said.

Mr. Reed called the favorable decision a victory for area farmers. If the court had ruled in the Town's favor then farmers throughout Halton Hills would be required to remove all sorts of equipment from their property, said Mr. Reed. Mr. Reed owns a farm in Norval. He is also planning to run for the Liberal nomination in the Halton-Peel riding in the next Federal election.

Halton Hills Regional Councillor Joe Hewitt appeared before the hearing as a witness for the defense. Contacted after the hearing, Mr. Hewitt reserved comment, only saying he told the judge about his understanding of the Town's litter bylaw.



Baker highlights Fair

Country and western singer Carroll Baker was the highlight of this year's Georgetown Fall Fair. Performing Saturday evening, hundreds of Halton Hills residents enjoyed every musical minute of her show.

Halton Hills leads the way

By Ben Dummett
the Herald

While building activity in Halton has been slow, a turnaround is on the horizon with Halton Hills leading the way.

Halton Hills was the only community in the Region to show an increase in total building permit values during the first six months of 1991, wrote Brent Kearse, Halton Business Development Commissioner, in a recently released report.

The report is scheduled to go before Regional Council today, (Wednesday).

According to Mr. Kearse, overall building activity in Halton Hills increased 129 per cent over the January to June period in 1990. Comparatively, the value of total building permits granted in Halton Region from January to June this year was 14.3 per cent lower over the same period in 1990, said Mr. Kearse.

The overall regional decrease can be mostly attributed to a substantial decline in the value of building permits issued for industrial and commercial construction. The value of industrial and commercial building permits dropped 59 per cent and 56 per cent respectively during the past six months compared to the same period last year, Mr. Kearse wrote.

On a more positive note, he highlights the value of residential building permits issued from January to June increased 14.5 per cent over the first six months of 1990.

"This trend reflects the fact that the residential sector is traditionally the first construction sector to show signs of economic

recovery," said Mr. Kearse.

It's in the residential sector that construction activity in Halton Hills really took off during the first six months of this year. According to Mr. Kearse, house construction in Halton Hills from January to June doubled over the same period last year. And most of the construction activity took place in Georgetown South.

The total value of residential building permits issued in Halton Hills from January to June 1991 was \$30.6 million. Comparatively only \$2.7 million worth of building permits were issued for commercial and industrial construction in Town during the same time period.

Mr. Kearse is optimistic commercial and industrial activity will soon pick-up both in Halton Hills and throughout the region. However, the growth won't happen for six months to a year, he predicted.

When growth does occur, it will likely come in the form of an expansion of existing businesses.

"There won't be a lot of new industry coming to the Region," predicted Mr. Kearse.

Found guilty

Stephen Woodbridge, 27, of Halton Hills was found guilty of assault causing bodily harm in Milton Court Thursday, Sept. 5. He will be sentenced Oct. 7.

A charge of forcible confinement was dropped by the court.

Halton Regional Police officers charged Mr. Woodbridge Feb. 18 when he surrendered himself to police after severely assaulting a woman.

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