

No wrong doing says Ministry, but Walton to continue battle

By STUART JOHNSTON
The Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) has informally dismissed Regional candidate Linda Walton's charges of illegal campaign practices by Mayor Russ Miller and councillors Marilyn Serjeantson and Al Cook.

But that has Walton steaming mad, and she vows to pursue the matter further. Walton and Al Pilutti are challenging Serjeantson for the Ward 4 Regional Council seat. "This is absolute rubbish — it's the kind of bureaucratic garbage that makes people in this country so furious," Walton said in an interview Wednesday. "If anybody thinks I'm going to hang my head and slink away, then they've got another think coming."

"I will not stop just because the ministry said something isn't wrong. I think it's wrong, and so does the electorate... This was mishandled by the ministry, but it was people at Municipal Affairs that told me to file a complaint in the first place."

Walton had filed a formal complaint with the Ontario Commission on Election Finances and MMA over two public meetings hosted by the three incumbents in Georgetown South last week.

Walton charges that the meetings were an abuse of the system by Miller, Cook and Serjeantson, believing it to be an "obvious election ploy, and a good way to expose themselves to a whole raft of new voters."

Also, Walton questioned why the incumbents held the meetings

in the sales office of Fernbrook Homes, "in the middle of the formal election period," noting it would have been more appropriate to hold them before or after the election.

But according to a letter from MMA to Walton this week, "it would appear to us that there has been no contravention of provincial legislation, nor have the incumbent

members of council...acted in an inappropriate manner.

"The meeting in question would appear to have been one to discuss municipal business."

The letter concluded that councillors are entitled to hold meetings with constituents at any time throughout their term of office, at any appropriate location.

Miller, Cook and Serjeantson happy with Ministry decision

In an interview, Ward 4 Regional Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said she was not surprised at Ministry of Municipal Affairs's conclusions, adding if she were to do it over again, she would.

A bewildered Serjeantson said the meetings were held in the Fernbrook Homes sales office because it is the "only available building" in the Georgetown South community. She reasoned the office is in a convenient location for the majority of residents in the area.

"I thought about what people may think about us using a developer's office, but it didn't matter — holding the information meeting for the people was more important to me," she added.

Asked why the meetings were held during an election

campaign, Serjeantson replied that she attempted to organize them in late August and September, but received the residents' responses much later. She didn't want to wait until after the election, in case she wasn't voted back into office, she said.

"If I didn't hold them, it would have represented a broken promise," she added.

Both Mayor Russ Miller and Ward 4 town councillor Al Cook agreed with Serjeantson in an interview. Miller added the ministry's decision is "just what I expected it to be," adding they were just conducting "business as usual."

"If we shut the town down two months before every election, then who's going to run it?" he said.

Sisters meet Princess Di

By JANET DUVAL

A pair of Georgetown sisters had a date with fame, and the Princess of Wales, in Toronto last Sunday.

Nine-year-old Ashley Johnson and her teenage sister Jody appeared in a half-page photograph in Monday's Toronto Star, thrusting flowers upon the visiting Princess.

"Both girls were ecstatic," says their father, Ron Johnson. "They were so pleased to have the chance to meet her."

By 9 a.m., in the rain and mist of Sunday morning, they had taken up a position on the steps outside St. James Cathedral, where the Royal Family would be attending worship. It wasn't until noon that the Royals finally

emerged to greet thousands of onlookers.

Prince Charles moved to speak to people on his right, while Diana turned left and strode directly to Ashley and Jody.

She only spoke for a few seconds, they report. As they recall it, her words were, "How nice of you to give me some flowers."

Unaware they were being photographed, Ashley and Jody were amazed to find themselves featured in the largest picture printed by the Star during the entire

Royal Tour. It appears on page A6, under the heading, "Princess Di Charms Young Petal Pushers."

The girls are no strangers to fame themselves. Ashley has appeared in local newspapers as a performer in annual Talent Nights at the John Elliott Theatre, and Jody is a regular in the Sports pages. She was featured as Athlete of the Week recently, for her performance as a Halton cross-country running finalist.

The princess is "absolutely beautiful," they say. Ashley adds, "She's as nice as I thought she'd be."

RCMP moves to Milton in '93

It's official, Milton will be the home of a new Royal Canadian Mounted Police office.

About 200 members of the RCMP will move here from Toronto by the spring of 1993.

Oakville-Milton MP Otto Jelinek recently made the announcement.

"This is great news for the community of Milton and the RCMP who will be able to call Milton home," he said. "It makes good economic sense for both the community and the RCMP."

The new office space will accommodate approximately 194 operational and support employees. The Milton move is part of a relocation plan announced earlier this year. The headquarters of the RCMP is being moved from Toronto to London.

Car totalled

A car was totalled and the driver sustained minor injuries in an accident Wednesday morning. At 8:40 a.m., a Rockwood woman was driving south on Town Line Rd. near 17 Sdrd. when she lost control on the gravel road and went off the road. The car rolled over twice and came to a rest. She was taken to Milton Hospital by her husband.



GDHS Student Council President Tanya Dale-Johnson dropped by the United Way office recently to donate some money raised by Halloween activities around the high school. Campaign chairman Ted Fry accepted the cheque for \$100 along with Executive director Arlene Bruce.

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