

Dick MacDuffee earns Reform Party nomination

By LISA TALLYN
Staff writer

Caledon resident Dick MacDuffee will be the Reform party candidate for the Halton/Peel riding in the next federal election.

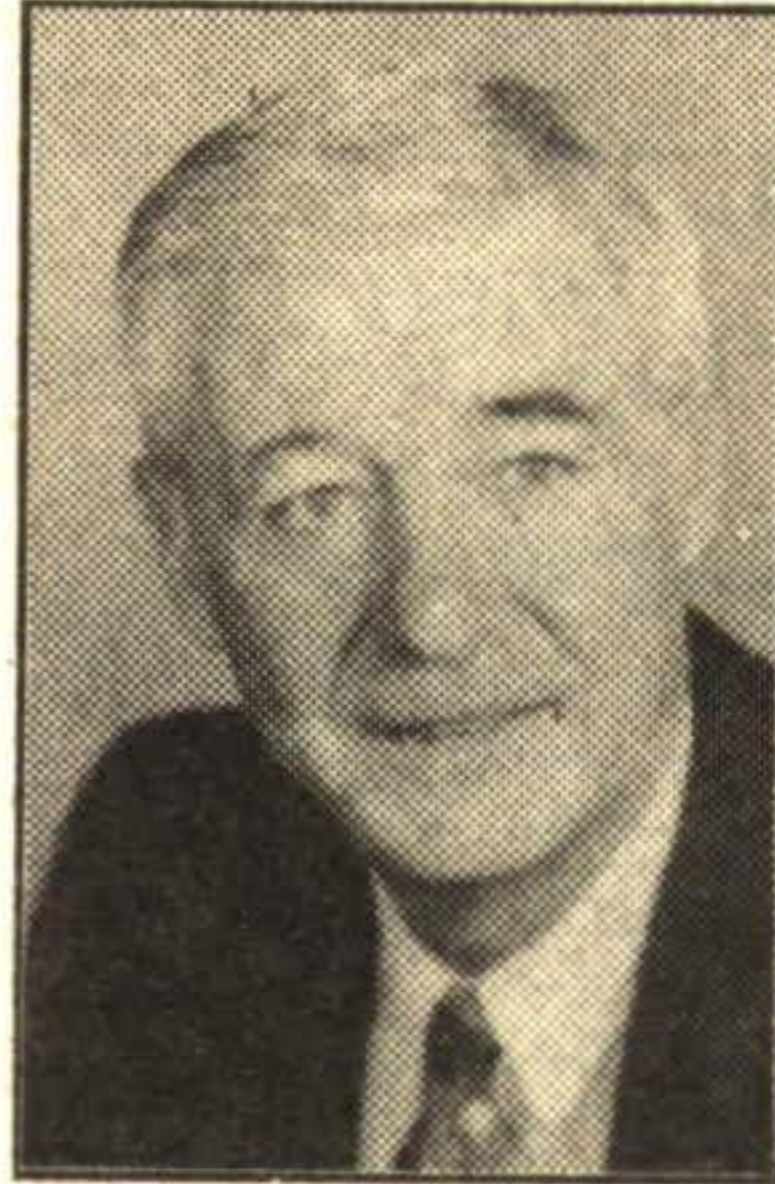
MacDuffee won the nomination from a field of five at a meeting held at Georgetown District High School Wednesday night. Just over 300 members of the party voted at the meeting.

"I was never sure that I would win," said MacDuffee. "There was a great bunch of candidates."

Moffatt resident and lawyer

Timothy Sinnott took second in the voting with 89 party members selecting him as their first choice compared to 140 who chose MacDuffee first. Campbell McLeish of Terra Cotta placed third, Rick Malboeuf of Milton fourth and Don Pelz of Milton placed fifth. Last place candidates were eliminated in two rounds and their votes were redistributed until MacDuffee had netted 159 votes.

MacDuffee, who has four children with his wife Kathryn, has been involved with the party in the riding since its inception and was instrumental in organizing the



DICK MacDUFFEE

become a candidate.

MacDuffee is no stranger to the election process. He represented

party in Halton/Peel. He was chosen president at the party's founding meeting in May 1991. Since then the party has grown from about 100 members to 750.

He stepped down from the presidency to become a candidate.

Caledon as a trustee on the Peel Board of Education from 1976 through 1985.

He has a B.A. in business administration from the University of Western Ontario and is president of Sun-Glo Household Products Inc. of Bolton which he founded in 1979. He has worked in sales for IBM, AGF Management and Bristol-Myers Canada.

"I decided to run because I'm totally disenchanted with the way this country is run," said MacDuffee in his candidate's speech. "There is far too much government in this country."

He told party members that "the special rules for different groups have got us at each other's throats."

He said that battling Garth Turner (Turner hasn't announced yet he will run) will be a tough fight in the next election. He said that Turner's biggest handicap will be his leader, Brian Mulroney. He reiterated the party's policies, including the introduction of more free votes in parliament, more referendums in the country and a recall procedure for MPs who aren't representing the interests of their constituents.

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Final meeting

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner has announced an additional, and final, public meeting on the Oct. 26 referendum on proposals to change Canada's constitution.

The meeting, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. at North Halton Golf Club, comes after one held earlier this month which drew almost 200 people.

"Obviously voters want more information, and an opportunity to ask questions about the referendum issue," Turner says. "I was struck by the fact that scores of people at the last Georgetown meeting could not even get in the door."

Lions work

Acton Lions Club members will be rolling up their sleeves and going to work in Acton for the United Way.

To do its bit of fundraising for the United Way, the Lions Club will be coordinating a door to door canvassing campaign this month.

Those interested in helping out can call Dave Pyke at Young and Company, 853-4534. Canvassing kits will be available at the Acton Legion on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The Acton Lions Club members are actively involved in many community events.

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Apple picking time

It's apple picking time. Just ask seven year-old Brennek Gaudet. The youngster was caught in the midst of a tree full of the juicy red ones last week at Chudleigh's on Highway 25, north of Milton. There are several pick your own orchards in the area for those who like to venture out and choose for themselves.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Willow Park OMB decision leaves both sides claiming victory

By STUART JOHNSTON

Staff writer

Both sides are claiming victory over last week's ruling by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) that Norval's Willow Park families must be paid compensation for being evicted by provincial and local authorities.

In a 21-page document, OMB officers ordered the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) and the town to pay anywhere between \$18,000 to \$49,000 to the trailer park's 24 families, past and present.

Just over four years ago, the CVCA expropriated the park, located on the banks of the Credit River, citing potential threat to life and property by flooding.

The residents, most of whom own their mobile homes but rent space on the property, were ordered to move out. They were given a deadline, which was continually pushed back because the families had nowhere to relocate.

Originally, they were each given anywhere from \$1,000 to \$8,245 in moving expenses, but they fought back, arguing the money wasn't nearly enough compensation for the loss of their homes.

Last year, they took their battle to the OMB, which ruled last Friday that additional compensation is required. Once they receive their cheques, the residents have three and a half months to vacate the Norval property once and for all.

Both CVCA and local officials are calling the decision a victory, despite being ordered to pay the money. Willow Park residents, however, do not see it that way.

"We are certainly elated," Willow Park spokesperson Heather Croft told this newspaper. "We did win our case, but we have lost our homes...From what we can see, it was a victory for us. We won the point that (the CVCA) just can't expropriate and then tell people to leave. The money wasn't the whole thing, it was the principle we were fighting for."

"The money helps, but it doesn't replace what we are losing. No matter where we go, Willow Park will always be our home. We are now giving up our homes, and our community."

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