

Turner appointed to Campbell's cabinet

By JANET BAINE
Staff writer

Prime Minister Kim Campbell has appointed Garth Turner as Minister of National Revenue.

"I'm quite honored to be in cabinet," Turner told this newspaper Friday morning. He was the last of 24 cabinet ministers to be sworn in at 11 a.m. Friday.

Turner will be taking over the posi-

tion from Oakville-Milton MP Otto Jelinek, who is retiring from politics. Turner, who once led tax revolts on Parliament Hill, will now be the guy in charge of collecting taxes.

Turner was informed of the appointment Thursday night, he said, upon his return to Ottawa. He had spent the first part of the week in Halton Hills.

The cabinet has been significantly downsized to 25 cabinet ministers (including Kim Campbell) from 35 and



GARTH TURNER

there are no junior ministers, Turner said.

"I have accepted this new job because it will provide me important opportunities to pursue some of those things I spoke about during the recent leadership contest," he said, adding he plans to put his duties as a MP for Halton-Peel first.

Turner expects it will take a few weeks for him to master the workings of his large department. He made an

immediate call for suggestions on how the tax system can operate in a better way, treating individuals more equitably and helping businesses create jobs.

"I'm particularly pleased to be part of a government that better reflects what people want," he said. "My constituents have been clear that they desire less bureaucracy and more efficiency, and I completely agree. Today they start getting that from Ottawa."

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Oh, Canada!

A survey conducted by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce indicates not many businesses will be open around Canada Day. Of 35 surveys returned to the chamber, five said they will close Thursday and Friday, 15 said they would be closed Thursday only, and 14 said they would be closed Friday, July 2 instead of July 1st. Only one of the businesses said it would be open both July 1 and 2.

No parking

At Monday's committee meeting Ward 3 councillor Pam Johnston asked town staff if they could investigate the possibility of putting a "No Parking" sign in front of her home on Gardiner Dr. Johnston's home backs onto the fairgrounds. She said that often times, particularly during the summer months, her driveway is blocked and she can't get her car in and out. That was the situation on Monday night. Director of Recreation and Parks Tom Shepard said they have noticed a parking problem on that road, particularly during baseball season, in light of the fact there are ball diamonds on the fairgrounds. Town staff said they would look into the matter.

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Scouts' honor

Two local scouts received Chief Scout Awards when Central Escarpment Region held the awards ceremony in Brampton. Kevin Patey of 2nd Georgetown Scout Troop (second right) and Geoffrey Tomkinson of the 4th Georgetown Scout Troop (middle) received their Chief Scout Awards from

Olympic bronze medal swimmer, and former scout, Stephen Clarke of Brampton (left). Also on hand for the occasion were Troop Scouter Dave Dubreuil (second left) of 2nd Georgetown and Troop Scouter John Rothwell (second right) of 4th Georgetown.

Pomeroy to get his day in court

By ANGELA BLACKBURN

Special to the Independent/Free Press

A preliminary hearing has been set for next March to determine whether there is enough evidence to proceed to trial on corruption charges against Halton Regional chairman Peter Pomeroy.

The preliminary hearing for March 16, 1994 was set in Oakville Provincial Court, Tuesday. The hearing is expected to take eight

days.

Pomeroy was charged in mid-May with two counts of breach of trust and two counts of accepting a secret commission. Just prior to yesterday's court appearance, however, Pomeroy was charged with a third count of breach of trust.

Also charged were Pomeroy's wife of six months, Pat Crimmins, the regional deputy-clerk, former Halton Hills developer Ab Tennant

and Georgetown lawyer Bert Arnold. Each faces a charge of offering a secret commission. Those three were also remanded to the March 16 preliminary hearing.

The charges were laid in connection to Project 80 investigation into possible corruption in southwestern Ontario municipalities.

Based on the investigation, police allege Pomeroy accepted an \$80,000 bribe and shares in an

investment company involved in land development in Halton. According to court documents released last month, Pomeroy is alleged to have committed a breach of trust by accepting 50 shares of Albefins Investments Ltd. from Arnold. The documents also allege Pomeroy committed a breach of trust as regional chairman by accepting an unclaimed benefit of \$80,000 from Tennant in 1990.

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