

Future unclear

Pomeroy trial date set for new year

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Halton Regional Chair Peter Pomeroy says he's disappointed he won't have a chance to clear his name before the November municipal election.

The first of two trials Pomeroy faces on corruption charges has been set for January 17.

Referring to his reputation, he said, "It's important for me to clear in in any event," outside the courtroom on Thursday (Sept. 1). "Unfortunately, we don't set the agenda."

Pomeroy said he has not yet

decided if he will seek re-appointment as regional chair. The chair is selected by a ballot of the 24 regional councillors subsequent to the fall municipal election. Pomeroy has served in that position since the mid 1980s.

Trial dates for Pomeroy, his wife Halton deputy clerk Pat Crimmins, Halton Hills lawyer Bert Arnold, and developer Ab Tennant were set in Milton general division court.

Arnold will stand trial with



PETER POMEROY

Pomeroy January 17. The case is expected to last 10 days.

A second trial involving Pomeroy, Tennant and Crimmins has been set for February 20. It will continue February 22, 23, and 24.

A date for a possible third trial including all four accused won't be set until January 17.

"Further action may be required on that depending on the resolution of the other matters," said Judge James Carnwath.

Judge Carnwath told the court he couldn't set the trial dates sooner because of the unavailability of judges, as well as scheduling problems among all parties.

Pomeroy is charged with two counts each of breach of trust and accepting a secret commission.

The charges allege that he took a bribe of \$80,000 and shares in a land development company while holding elected office.

Charges were laid last year after more than two years investigation by Project 80, a joint force police team established to probe allegations of municipal government corruption.

Races heat up

Four new candidates have registered with the town clerk's office to run in the upcoming municipal election.

Mayor Russ Miller has entered the race, not for mayor, but for the job of Ward 4 hydro commissioner.

Longtime Georgetown resident Keith Bottomley is running for the position of Ward 4 local councillor.

Bill Hyde is the fourth candidate to enter the race for Ward 3 regional councillor.

Veteran councillor Rick Bonnette has announced his intention to run for his current job of Ward 1 regional councillor.

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Train stopped

A CN freight train was stopped on the tracks at Crewson's Corners in Acton Thursday morning for about seven hours due to a broken axle on one of the train's box cars.

Mike Matthews, CN North America's manager of public affairs, said the train did not derail, but did block the line from 4:30 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. until the axle could be fixed, with the aid of a high rail crane. Matthews said VIA rail trains which use that line had to be diverted to another line that morning.

Brush fire

Halton Hills Fire Department responded to a brush fire call on Churchill Rd. S. Thursday afternoon. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Halton Hills Fire Department was also called to a Mill St. E. Acton residence to assist the ambulance just before 7 a.m. Wednesday. When they arrived a woman had given birth to a boy. The mother and son were taken to hospital by the ambulance.

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Mayor gets in the swing of things



Next week is Square Dance Week, and Mayor Russ Miller got into the act recently as he took time to promenade through the council chambers with some local square dancers, like Flo Street of Pine Valley Squares and Jacqueline and Melbourne Blow of Star Thru Squares of Acton. Pine Valley

dancers meet at George Kennedy and Pineview public schools two nights a week, while Star Thru Square dance in Acton High School cafeteria. Star Thru Stars will also be offering two free nights Sept. 13 and 20 at 8 p.m. for anyone interested.

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