

# Pomeroy won't seek re-election to Region post

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Halton regional chair Peter Pomeroy, amid criticism of taxpayers financing his legal fees under a new regional bylaw, announced Wednesday he won't seek re-election in November, and would step down immediately if council so voted.

Wednesday regional council unanimously voted to revisit the legal fee payback policy. A report will come for-

ward within a month, once outside legal opinions are obtained. Council didn't ask for Pomeroy's resignation.

"I will not be seeking office here in Halton beyond the end of this term," Pomeroy said.

He then made reference to bids by various councillors at the Wednesday meeting aimed at altering the legal fee compensation bylaw. "As well, if I have become such a liability as some of those motions may lead you to believe, if by a majority vote of coun-

cil you feel I should resign, I'll resign at your convenience."

Awaiting trial on charges of criminal breach of trust and accepting a secret commission, Pomeroy said his announcement came earlier than planned.

"I enjoy a fight but I'm getting tired. I would prefer it if council was to look me straight in the eye and vote me out. I'll resign today. You tell me, but please have the decency to debate the merits of the decision publicly."

Declaring conflicts of interest on the legal fee compensation bylaw changes, and a flurry of associated motions, Pomeroy took the podium as a delegation before council saying, "Get your seatbelts on."

Apologizing for councillors having to "suffer through this current malaise that permeates this region," Pomeroy added, "I have never seen anything in my experience to rival what's happening at this time."

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## News

### Digest

#### Fair continues

The Acton Fair continues at the fairgrounds today (Sunday), with several activities and events planned for the day.

The fairgrounds open at 9 a.m. and the English hunter show begins at 10 a.m. The midway, poultry barn and Spot in the Park open at noon, and the western horse show, dairy cattle show, antique tractor pull and 4x4 truck pull all get underway at noon.

Sunday afternoon from noon to about 4 p.m. several entertainers will perform on the Showcase Stage just inside the main gates. The pet show, sheep dog demonstration and remote control car races begin at 1 p.m., followed by the pedal tractor pull at 2 p.m.

The fair is set to close at 4:30 p.m.

#### False alarms

The Halton Hills Fire Department was called to four false alarms last week.

Firefighters were called to Georgetown Hospital at 4:20 p.m. Monday afternoon. There were then two false alarms at 21 Raylawn Cr., an apartment building, one at 11:21 a.m. Tuesday and the second at 4:12 a.m. Wednesday. The other false alarm was also Wednesday at 8 Durham St. at 11:43 a.m.

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## On the run!



Participants in the annual Terry Fox Runs around Halton Hills will be lacing up their shoes to raise funds for cancer research. Terry Fox committee chairmen, Bruce Moncrieff (left) of Georgetown and Jon Hurst of Acton will be holding their runs today (Sunday). The Acton run starts at 8 a.m. at Acton High School. The Georgetown run will take place at Fairgrounds from 9 to 11 a.m.  
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## MP Reed will attend opening of new armory

The outcome of a meeting with David Collette, minister of National Defence has prompted Halton-Peel MP Julian Reed to attend the opening of the Georgetown Armory this Sunday.

Reed had originally decided he would not attend because the air cadets were not able to use the facility. But at a recent meeting in Ottawa Reed said he received a commitment from the Minister of National Defence "that he would do everything in his power to achieve a successful outcome for the air cadets."

"The minister's commitment has moved the issue forward sufficiently to allow my attendance," said Reed.

Since the beginning of the year Reed had been attempting to get an assurance from the Ministry of National Defence that the air cadets would be accommodated at the new facility on Todd Road.

He said defence includes all branches of the armed forces and they should all be treated equally. He added the air cadets are just as much in need of a facility as the army cadets.

## Currie, Heaton in — Rutherford retiring

Ward 3 councillors Anne Currie and Gail Rutherford, and Ward 2 councillor Rob Heaton have announced their intentions for the upcoming election.

Currie, who has served two terms on local council, will run again in the November 14 election.

Rutherford, who is finishing her first term on local council, has decided she will not be running.

Rutherford cited work and family commitments as reasons why she won't seek re-election. She said being a councillor should be a full-time job. She has a full-time job (teaching Grade 1/2 at St. Francis of Assisi) and doesn't believe she has the time to commit to the council position.

Rob Heaton, who has served two terms on local council, has decided to seek re-election.



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