



VOLUNTEERS FETED: The “energy and passion” of Town volunteers was celebrated by Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette at a “Thanks a latte” coffee house-style reception last Tuesday at the Gellert Centre in Georgetown. Once each term of Council - every four years - the Town thanks its volunteers at the event, planned and hosted by Council representatives, community agencies, residents, youth, and Town staff. - Submitted photo

Vacant former car lot sold

In the 24 hours since new “for rent” signs went up in the windows of the vacant former Achilles Mazda dealership in Acton on Monday, the new owners have entertained “a lot of inquiries,” according to one of them, a woman who identified herself as Candida, as she pulled weeds at the Churchill Road/Queen Street site on Tuesday. She said she and her partner, Carlo Lourenco, got the keys on Friday, and hope to “rent it all” including the garage, showrooms, offices and a three-bedroom upstairs apartment.

Lourenco said he’d been negotiating for the site

for the past four years. “We had issues with the previous owner with the environment, and that’s why we took this long (to close the deal),” Lourenco said on Tuesday.

In the spring of 2010, Achilles Mazda relocated to Milton after 33 years in Acton. The business began as a garage, opened by Greek immigrants Achilles (Les) and Litsa Pelitis in 1972. Within two years they opened Achilles Motors, a car repair facility, and they began representing the Mazda brand in 1977.

Their son, Achilles Jr., has been the dealer principal at the family business since 2000.

PC Arnott re-elected seventh time to hold Wellington-Halton Hills

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP dissects what went wrong to give Liberals a majority and cost him a leader

Last Thursday’s Liberal majority election win gave a decisive, if somewhat bittersweet, seventh consecutive victory to Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott. He was handily re-elected, but saw his PC party left with just five seats in the Greater Toronto Area, and with a lame duck leader.

As Arnott was congratulated by a small contingent of proud helpers and loved ones at the Erin Legion after the polls closed, he said

he was “disappointed” they didn’t get to form a government, but wasn’t going to “wallow in self pity,” and would be back at his constituency office desk the next morning.

“Opposition is not the way you want to be, ideally, in the Legislature, but if you accept it, there are opportunities to raise issues and raise concerns and I’ve always been willing to reach across the aisle to work with the others parties to get things done...” Arnott said.

What went wrong? Arnott said it was bad communications from the PC Party, and opposition spin that gave the Liberals the majority. He said they began the campaign with the “wind in our sails,” but the turning point was the platform to cut 100,000 jobs.

“It was difficult for us to explain that at the door,” Arnott said, adding he supported leader Tim Hudak’s platform and tried to explain it the best he could. “U-

imately, it was a failure on our part to communicate it (the job policy,) effectively, but the goal of reducing the size and cost of government such that we can balance the budget, is one I can support,” Arnott said.

Arnott said he will continue to work on local issues including the proposed Morriston bypass, extended all-day GO Train service in Halton Hills, and improved high-speed Internet in rural areas.

** Preliminary results - Not yet official **				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	Δ%
Progressive Conservative	Ted Arnott	22,600	46.68	-8.94
Liberal	Daniel Zister	14,095	29.12	+2.29
New Democratic	Michael Carlucci	6,848	14.15	-0.30
Green	Dave Rodgers	3,566	7.37	+4.27
Libertarian	Jason Cousineau	1,104	2.28	
Freedom	Mitch Sproule	198	0.40	
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