

GRAY, O'HEARN-CZARNOTA ELECTED AS SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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The results are in for the race for the Halton Hills public and Catholic school board trustees.

The Halton District School Board (HDSB) winner was incumbent Jeanne Gray, who received 6,517 votes (74.43 per cent), over Shari White, who garnered 2,239 votes (25.57 per cent).

Halton Hills' Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) trustee for the next four years is Janet O'Hearn-Czarnota, who won with 1,410 votes (54.38 per cent) against Daniel Dragicovic, who received 1,183 votes (45.62 per cent).

The Independent and Free Press (IFP) also received reaction from the new trustee following the



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"I want to be that strong voice. I want to be that conciliatory person," HCDSB trustee candidate Janet O'Hearn-Czarnota said.

outcome of the election.

O'Hearn-Czarnota thanked the Catholic community in north Halton for placing its trust in her, vowing to represent it as a trustee with "my head, my heart and my

faith," she said.

"As I have indicated during my campaign, I promise to represent your view, your voice and your vision at the Halton Catholic District School Board table. This will not change."

Following her re-election to the public board, Gray also spoke to the IFP.

Gray said she is "thrilled" to once again be serving as a trustee on the HDSB and looks forward to working with the other 10 representatives in supporting HDSB's multi-year plan.

"In addition, I will work with the members of the board and the constituents in Halton to request that the Ministry of Education update the education funding formula being used across this province," said Gray.

GARY CARR ENTERS 4TH TERM AS HALTON REGION CHAIR



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Incumbent regional chair Gary Carr was victorious over the only other candidate, Anne Marsden.

Gary Carr was elected to his fourth term as Halton Region Chair, defeating the only other candidate for the job, Anne Marsden. Carr won with 79,775 votes while Marsden had 41,136 votes. The 63-year-old incumbent campaigned on a platform of experience and leadership throughout an almost three-decade political career as an MPP, an MP and legislature speaker, prior to being elected regional chair in 2006.

"We need a regional chair with strong experienced leadership and a proven track record in order to keep Halton Region the best," said Carr.

Halton has the best record in all of Canada in keeping taxes low, investing in infrastructure, programs for people, protecting the environment and creating jobs, he said.

"As chair, we will continue to create jobs."

As Halton prepares to update its official plan, Carr said he has been vocal in meetings with Halton mayors and the province, that the official plan will be a "made-in Halton plan, not one written in Queen's Park."

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