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'BEST JOB ANYONE CAN HAVE'

LONGTIME MAYOR WON'T BE SEEKING REELECTION

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When Rick Bonnette decided to break out a Green Day song to end his remarks at the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Lunch, you had to know something was up.

Widely known as "Time of Your Life," Bonnette borrowed from the chorus to describe "the best job anyone can have." Then he announced after four decades on council and 19 years as Halton Hills' mayor, he will not be seeking re-election, drawing some audible gasps from the crowd.

"With my wife (Josey) being retired, and me still being in good health, I'm 66 and I hope to have another 15 or so years of good health," Bonnette said during the Dec. 14 luncheon. "I didn't want to spend another four years working 60 to 70 hours a week."

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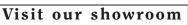


Rick Bonnette says it's time for someone else to take over as mayor of Halton Hills.

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