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COUNCIL NEWCOMERS EAGER TO SERVE TOWN

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cinsky has a party to plan to thank his volunteers and supporters.

"I'm really pleased, overjoyed," the 20-year-old said. "Now we get to the hard part."

Racinsky earned 771 votes, second to Jason Brass, who earned the other Ward 2 seat with 854 votes, and 122 votes ahead of his nearest rival, Matt Kindbom. In earning the seat, Racinsky took the title of the town's youngest councillor from retiring mayor Rick Bonnette, who was 27 when he was first elected to council.

Racinsky said his age was brought up at times, but said his job will be to bring residents' concerns to the table.

"If they wanted someone with energy and enthusiasm, that's why people voted for me. If age was a concern, they probably didn't," he said. "A councillor should be a listener. They're not meant to be an expert. We have town staff for that."

Racinsky will be one of six new councillors on the 11-member council, along with Alex Hilson (Ward 1), Brass (Ward 2), Chantal Garneau and Ron Norris (Ward 3) and D'Arcy Keene



Joseph Racinsky photo At 20, Joseph Racinsky is the youngest-ever member of Halton Hills Council.

(Ward 4).

"Knowing there was going to be such a changeover, (voters) wanted people committed to the town," Norris said. "Alex Hilson in Acton. Joseph Racinsky and Jason Brass in (Ward 2), I think that's what they got."

Norris said he's been volunteering in the town for 35 years, and being a councillor is just a much more public way of being involved.

Brass doesn't anticipate the number of new councillors being an obstacle. He said orientation has already been scheduled for the firsttime councillors.

"With the mayor being an experienced councillor and an intelligent group of people coming in, I think we'll get up to speed pretty quickly," Brass said. "I'm looking forward to getting started and moving the ball

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forward."

After coming close in the 2018 election, Keene was elected along with incumbent Bob Inglis.

"I got started early and reached out to a lot more people," he said. "I'm going to make a strong effort for consistent communication and make that a priority over the next four years, not just at election time."

He said he will also push for a return to in-person council meetings in the evening to improve access for residents

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