PC leadership delegates chosen

By Rosaleen Garneau

The Halton-Peel federal Progressive Conservative Riding Association held its annual general meeting in conjunction with the party leadership delegate selection meeting at Georgetown District High School Wednesday evening.

Garth Turner, Halton-Peel MP, a leadership candidate, was guest speaker.

The general meeting was dealt with quickly to allow for the selection of nine delegates (three youths, six seniors) to take place.

There will be nine delegates selected from each riding in Canada totaling about 4,000 who will meet in Ottawa for the convention June 9-13 to choose the new leader of the party.

All delegates must be members of the PC Party as of April 17, 1993 and be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada.

A youth delegate is a person under the age of 30. There were six nominated Thursday evening and all gave short speeches pledging support for Turner. The result of a secret vote declared Brad Wilson, 27. Dave Hinca, 21 and Gary Gillespie, 29, the youth representatives for Halton-Peel riding.

Eight nominations were received for the senior division of whom at least two had to be women and at least two had to be men. Once again, all those nominated supported Turner. The delegates chosen include Bernadette Shaw, Deborah Naylor, Gary Brand, John Duncan and Ian Burke.

There were also four (two youth and two senior) alternates chosen in case a delegate should become ill and not be able to perform his or her duties. Alternate youth dele-

continued, "People are expecting

cuts, they want cuts...we are fed up

with all the promises."

gates: Robin Fraser and Christine Carter. Senior alternate delegates: Arthur Lindop and Ralph Ransom.

Bob Malcolmson, Membership Chairman for the Halton-Peel Association, estimated there were 115-120 - or one-third of the members - present. President Don Naylor thought the turnout was "excellent, the best since the riding's inception five years ago." Naylor credited Turner for creating the grass roots interest.

Gillespie, youth delegate and treasurer of the association, said he joined the Conservatives just over a year ago "more for Garth than the party".

Brad Wilson and Dave Hinca were asked if they saw this as the beginning of a long political career. Wilson denied any sort of ambition, only support, for Turner.

Hinca, a recent graduate of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario, in London, was looking for options. He said, "Politics is not just a job, it is a lifestyle" - one which he indicated he could get used to.

Turner knocks delegate system didn't do what I wanted it to do". He

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PC leadership candidate, Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner, told a very supportive group of riding members Wednesday evening at Georgetown District High School, he is dissatisfied with the leadership delegate selection process presently in place within his party.

He said, "I hope this is the last time we ever do it this way and that in the future every single individual who joins a political party will have the right to vote for the leader."

The meeting to select delegates who will go to Ottawa in June to elect the new leader of the party, also attracted a crew from CBC Prime Time Live and Glenn Powell, national reporter for CBC radio.

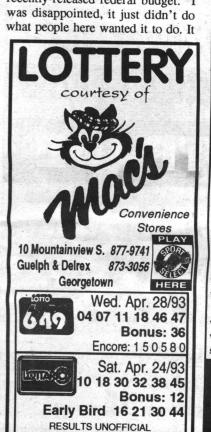
As guest speaker, Turner was greeted with a standing ovation. He quipped, "I feel like Kim Campbell, getting an ovation before I say anything".

He went on to discuss familiar themes of his campaign such as the restoration of property rights, the introduction of a law to balance the budget, the downsizing of cabinet and a moratorium on taxes.

He made reference to his publication "The Turner Plan" which outlines how he would deal with the issues above. Turner described himself as a populist, saying, "I believe very much in what common people say, average people, that's where our real sense is".

He also stressed the importance of becoming involved and that he wanted to make politics "open and accessible to everyone".

Turner briefly touched on the recently-released federal budget. "I



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