



National Hockey League referee Andy Van Hellemond received a rigorous workout last Wednesday by Donna Lanthier (left) and Laurie Burns, owner of Work That Body located at 232 Guelph Street in Georgetown. This is the fourth year Work That Body staff has been assisting the NHL Officiating staff with its pre-season training camp fitness activities. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

## Acton voters largely undecided

By Irene Markoja

As Kim Campbell prepared to announce the day Canadians hit the polls, (now confirmed as Oct. 25) some Acton residents had already determined how they would vote in the federal election.

During random interviews with 15 Acton urban and rural voters on Labor Day weekend, concerns about not only broken campaign promises, but also unemployment, government misman-

agement and the economy were raised. Decided voters also turned away from the NDP (which, according to recent Gallup and Angus Reid polls, had only eight per cent of decided support) in favor of Conservative, Liberal and Reform parties. However, 47 per cent of those interviewed said they were undecided, with two saying they would not even cast ballots Oct. 25.

Francesca Searle, 51, of

Elgin Street N., is one such voter. A longtime NDP supporter, she now calls the party "N - Early Depression" because of the provincial government's handling of Ontario's economy.

"I've been trying to get a job," the former nurse's aide, now on disability pension, says. "At my age, I can't do this... People want to work. We want jobs. We want to do something. They are laying

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## All Candidates Nights scheduled

With the calling of the federal election for Oct. 25, the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce has announced it will be sponsoring two Meet the Candidates Nights.

The first is scheduled for Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at McKenzie-Smith School in Acton, on Acton Blvd., and the second is scheduled for Sept. 30, at Sacre Coeur Hall, 39 Guelph St. in Georgetown.

Declared candidates for the Halton-Peel federal riding who will be in attendance include; incumbent, Garth Turner, Progressive Conservative party and current

National Revenue Minister; Julian Reed, Liberal party; Hilliard Cox, Libertarian party and Dick MacDuffie, Reform party.

The moderators for the two nights have not yet been selected, but Terry Jackson, general manager of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, has said the moderators will either be members of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce or volunteers chosen by the Chamber.

Further information on the two meetings can be obtained by contacting the Chamber at 877-7113.

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## Johnston backtracks on Ward 3 development

By Oksana Buhel

Halton Hills residents, not totally pleased with the town's previously approved Official Plan Amendments (OPA), are nevertheless warning councillors a withdrawal of support at this time will be seriously damaging.

Moya Johnson, representing the University Women's Club and Georgetown residents, warned councillors at Tuesday evening's general committee meeting, "(that) to stop the OPA process now, or to overturn the Urban Area Study which have both been approved by council, will serve only to undermine council's credibility and weaken your position should any of the proposals be challenged at the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board)."

With the exception of OPAs 48 and 59, dealing with the Memorial Arena/Mill St. area of Georgetown and the Mackenzie/Ferraro property respectively, OPAs were approved by council July 29.

At Tuesday's meeting,

Ward 3 councillor Pam Johnston informed other councillors that after reviewing Official Plan maps for her ward's area, she no longer supported the intensification of development in specific sections of her ward. The areas referred to are bounded by Guelph St. to the west, Mountainview Rd. (for the most part) on the east, the intersection of both roads, to the south, and Glen Williams on the north.

"Implications that development will have on that segment...are horrendous," she said.

Johnston pointed out there are no schools or substantial parkland in the area, and limited potential to develop amenity areas for current and future residents.

Compared to the approximately 300 units proposed in



Pam Johnston

Ward 4, over 600 have been proposed for Ward 3. Johnston also revealed the possibility of 2519 units being built in the area without any OMB intervention.

This influx of development would increase traffic in the area. Johnston admitted the roads could handle the increase but added she was "fearful for the safety of the youthful residents as population and traffic increases."

She also pointed out designating this sized area for intensification should be deferred pending the conclusions of the Recreation Master Plan, which has not yet been completed.

Johnston agreed with Coun. Johnston, but insisted it was too late to change opinions. Johnston said these concerns should have been brought up three years ago, while the

Municipal Housing Statement was being debated, or two years ago, when the Urban Area Study was undertaken, or even last winter, when representative of the Urban Review's citizens advisory committee made presentations regarding the Study's final report.

"The process which has been followed to reach the OPA stage has been a sound one," Johnston insisted. "The density decisions, though not agreed to by everyone, are based on the principles of transit nodes and commercial/employment opportunities."

Johnston made a number recommendations, which she felt would decrease intensification in Ward 3, still allowing council to support the OPAs.

She urged council to demand the highest quality developments from builders, with adequate parking away from children's play area. The play areas must contain playground equipment to dissuade children from crossing

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The Halton Hills United Way announced its new executive last Wednesday at its offices on Trafalgar Road in Georgetown. The new executive officers include, from row, from left; Bev McKee, Secretary, John Oliver, President, and Kathleen Hayward, Executive Director. Back row, from left; Jim Lindsay, First Vice-President, John Gibson, Treasurer, Steve Williamson, Past President, and Ted Fry, Second Vice-President.

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