



TOP GRADS: Award-winning St. Joseph's grads pose at the school last Monday. Back row, from left: Tania Le Sarge, Susan Lehman, Erin O'Leary, Melissa Pawlak, Tonya Tonkovich, Adam Clark, Anne-Marie McGeragle, Michael Borrelli, Julianna Scappin. Front: Bronwyn Marshall, Danica Albano, Kevin Dick, Corey Rivers, Michael Gunn. (Doug Harrison photo)

Acton politicians still aren't sure

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

All three Acton councillors are mulling over their political plans following last week's surprise retirement announcement by Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller. So far, only Councillor Norm Elliott has confirmed that he will seek re-election in November's municipal election. He won't say what office he will seek, except to

say that it will not be for mayor. "I have already filed with the clerk to run again for Town Councillor but Russ's announcement has thrown the whole thing into a tailspin," Elliott explained in an interview on Thursday. "A lot of the regional councillors on Halton Hills Council are thinking about running for mayor, and my plans may change depending on their plans," Elliott said.

"It's going to be the most interesting campaign this town has ever seen," Elliott predicted.

Councillor Gerald Rennie said he will "dwell on his plans" over the summer.

"I won't run for the mayor's job," Rennie said in an interview on Wednesday.

"I have one more year to teach before I retire and the mayor's job has become full-time. The fact that I am retiring from teaching in a year will play a part in my decision whether to seek re-election," Rennie said.

"I am looking forward to a quiet, non-scheduled summer where I won't have my day book in front of me all the time. I will probably have made my decision about the election by the time school starts in September," Rennie said.

Councillor Rick Bonnette said he is "keeping all of his options open" concerning the campaign.

"I have no comment on my political plans," Bonnette said in an interview on Thursday. "I am going to let the dust settle before deciding what I plan to do."

So far, there are two declared mayoralty candidates: former northern Ontario councillor and Limehouse resident Rob Barlow and 27-year-old Craig Harrison, a gardener.

Nomination papers must be filed before Friday, Oct. 14.

NEWS SHORTS

Charges after hit-and-run

A Guelph man was charged last Wednesday in connection with a hit-and-run car accident which occurred June 24 at Main and Church Streets in Acton.

The accident involved an Acton woman who told police a black pick-up truck had rear-ended her vehicle then left the scene. Police were able to locate the driver because the front license plate had come off during the accident.

A 28-year-old Guelph man has been charged with failing to remain and careless driving.

Impaired driver charged

A 33-year-old Georgetown man has been charged with impaired driving after police stopped his vehicle on Acton Boulevard last Tuesday evening. Police say the driver was stopped after a complaint was received.

When he was questioned the driver was unsteady on his feet and showed signs of slurred speech. A subsequent breathalyzer test showed a reading of 170mg of alcohol — more than twice the legal limit.

The man was held in custody pending a bail hearing.

Three-car pile-up on Queen

A 60-year-old Guelph woman had to be taken to Georgetown hospital for injuries she received in a three-car accident on Queen Street last Wednesday.

The woman was stopped behind another vehicle when her car was rear-ended and pushed forward. Police say the woman's injuries did not appear to be too serious, and all three cars were not severely damaged.

A 22-year-old man, from Bowmanville, has been charged with careless driving in connection with the incident.

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"We looked at any number of golf courses, but the hospitality and the effort to assist and help us was totally apparent from the moment that we came here."

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