

Acton could lose its Regional representative

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The future of Acton's voice on Halton Regional Council promises to be generate hot debate at next Monday's Halton Hills Council meeting.

On the agenda is a review by three Halton Hills Councillors of a controversial Regional report which includes the recommendation that Halton Hills have four, not five, representatives on Regional Council.

Currently the Mayor and four Halton Hills Councillors, one from

Acton, sit on Regional council and it's committees.

Although there is no suggestion that the Acton Councillor be the one that is cut, Acton Councillors believe it is naive to assume that anything else would occur.

"It stinks." That's Councillor Norm Elliott's assessment of the possibility that Acton would not have a representative on Halton Council.

"We don't know that it would be Acton that would lose a seat at the Region, but if they go to the Mayor and three councillors then

it could happen," Elliott said.

"Regional government was sold in Acton on the promise that the Town would always have a voice at Regional Council. We were promised that there would not be a loss of grass roots input and now twenty years later, because of population growth and a change in demographics, we are being told that it is time to restructure Regional government." Elliott said.

"Well, they are in for a fight if the suggestion is that Acton not have a representative at Halton," Elliott warned.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie said that despite huge population growths in the south of Halton, the north must maintain its current level of representation.

"We need the mayor and four Councillors at Halton to keep an eye on our interests," Rennie said in an interview on Thursday. "Acton is going to grow and so is Georgetown and the current level of representation is necessary to give Halton Hills the voice it needs at the Region."

Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette said that Halton Hills —

particularly Acton, must maintain the current level of representation at Halton Council.

"The work load at the Region is too great for four people to handle. We must have five voices to look after our interests.

"This was an issue in the last election that Acton would always have a seat at the Region," Bonnette said.

The Halton Hills Councillors who reviewed the regional report, reluctantly support the suggestion to reduce Halton Hills' representation on Regional Council.

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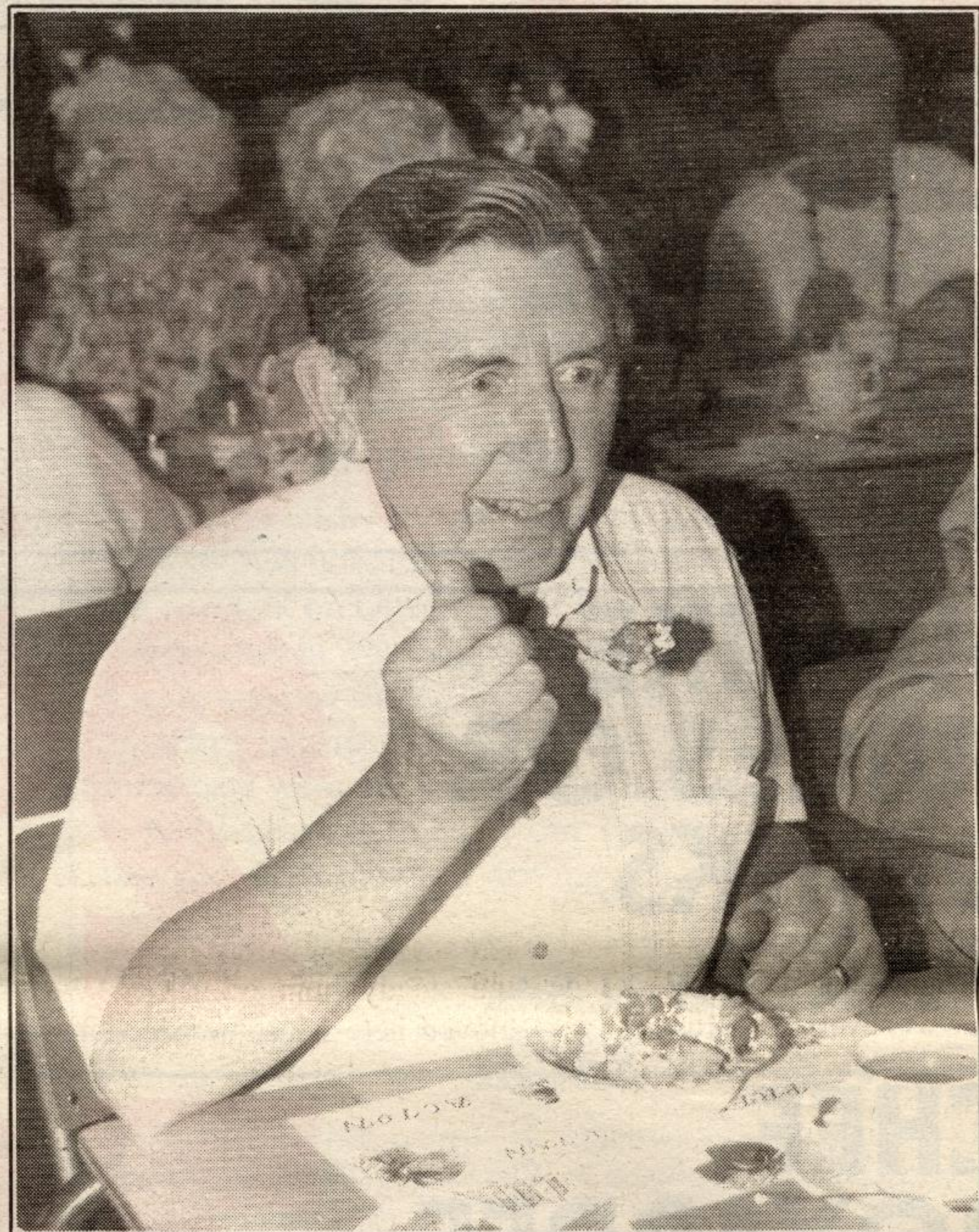
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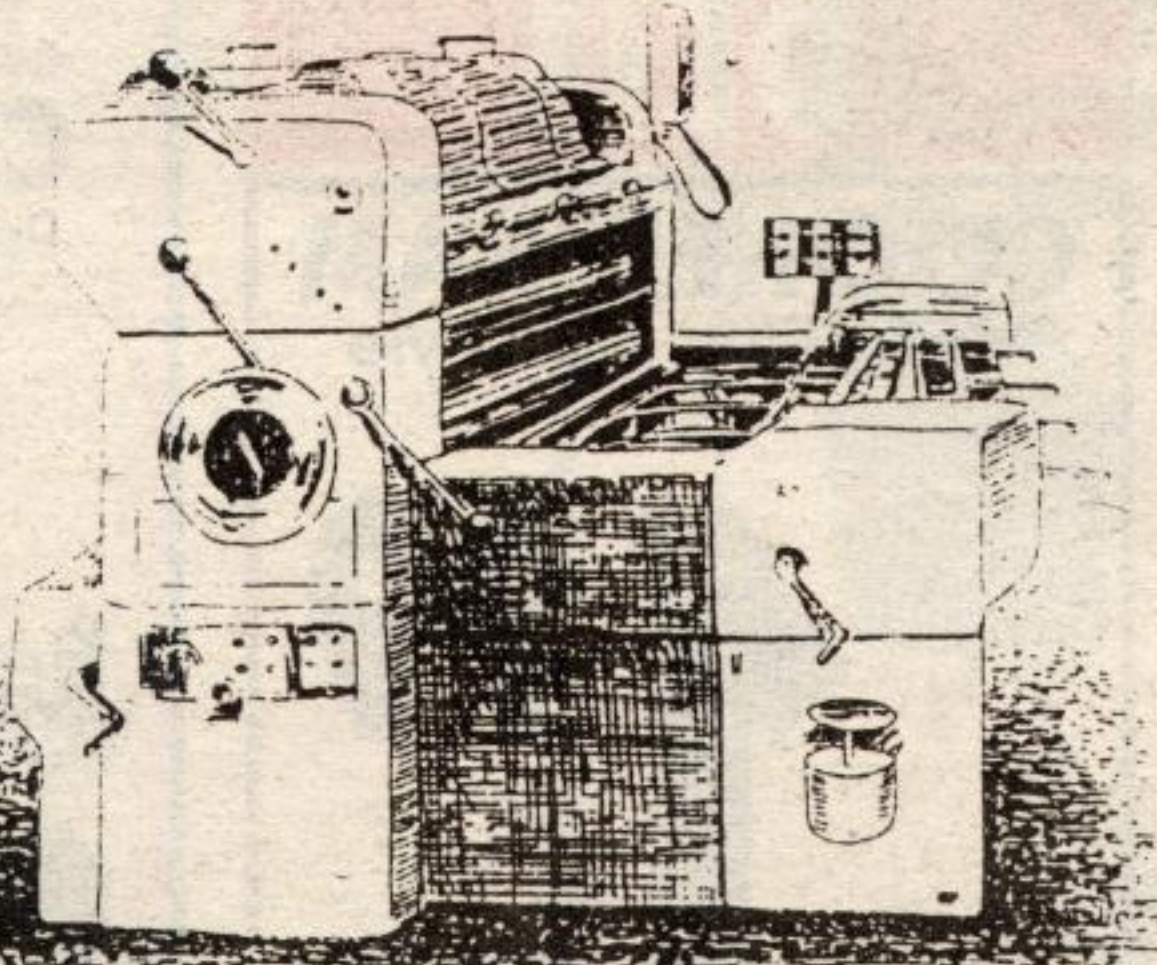
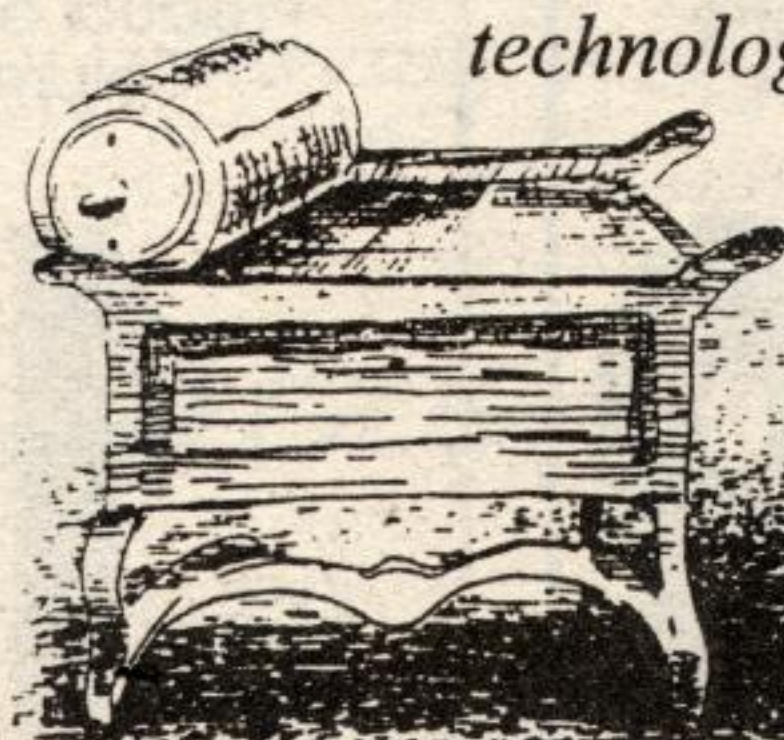
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Acton FoodShare is cutting back hours for the summer months, according to acting coordinator Joan Waldie.

"Our numbers are down slightly and the directors decided that, for the summer months, we could be open on Tuesday mornings only," reported Waldie yesterday (Tuesday).

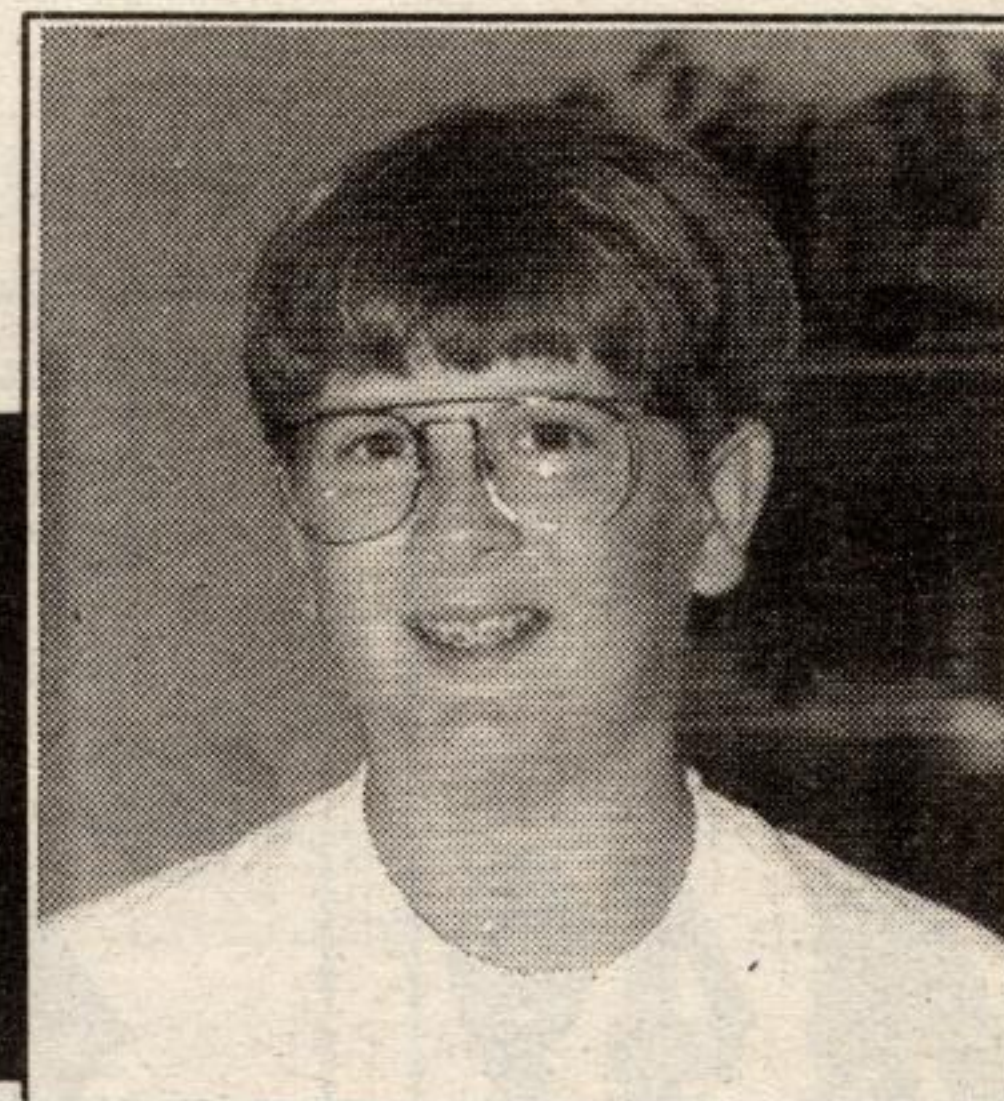
The food bank, located at 153 Perth St., will be open from 9 am to 2 pm.

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