

## I N F O R M A T I O N



## TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

ELECTION '94

**NOTICE TO ELECTORS**

A municipal election will be held for the offices of:

- Mayor
- Regional Councillors
- Local Councillors
- Public School Board Trustees
- Separate School Board Trustees
- Hydro Commissioners

**POLLING DAY?**

- POLLING DAY is **MONDAY NOV. 14, 1994.**
- The Polls will be open from **10:00 am until 8:00 pm.**
- A notice has been mailed to qualified electors advising of the location of their polling place.

**ADVANCE POLLS?**

- Advance Polls are held for the convenience of those electors who are not able to vote on Polling Day (Nov. 14, 1994).
- Dates are **SAT., NOV. 5, 1994** and **WED., NOV. 9, 1994.**
- These polls will be open from **10:00 am to 8:00pm.**
- Held only at two (2) locations:

**WARD 1** and **WARD 2** electors vote at:

**The Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 197  
15 Wright Ave.  
Acton**

**WARD 2, WARD 3** and **WARD 4** electors vote at:

**Civic Centre  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Georgetown**

**ACCESSIBLE?**

- All Polling locations are accessible to the disabled.

**UNABLE TO VOTE?**

- Subject to certain conditions, an elector may appoint a proxy to vote on his or her behalf.
- The proxy must be an eligible voter.
- Obtain the necessary form from the Clerk's Department and complete it.
- The proxy must attend **IN PERSON** at the Clerk's Department and present the necessary form.
- Proxy Vote Forms will **ONLY** be accepted:
  - between Oct. 17 and Nov. 14, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
  - on Sat., Nov. 5 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Dated this 26th day of Oct., 1994.

Janet Lunn Stewart,  
Town Clerk and  
Returning Officer

1 HALTON HILLS DRIVE, P.O. BOX 128, HALTON HILLS (Georgetown), ONTARIO, L7G 5G2 (905) 873-2600

**COMMENT**

With Hartley Coles

**Shedding light on the mayoral race**

Residents of Halton Hills stand on the threshold of another election in less than two weeks, in what is the most confusing vote for the mayoralty post in the Town's short two-decade history.

Eight candidates have declared their intention to seek the mayor's \$61,000-a-year job and at least half, and maybe as many as five of them, are serious contenders who should receive substantial support.

The issue is not so confusing in Acton (Ward 1) where Jean Hilborn has challenged veteran Rick Bonnette for the \$30,000 Regional council post, and incumbent councillors Norm Elliott and Gerald Rennie are hoping to retain their seats on local council from newcomer Rebecca Drotos.

In Ward 2, which is the old Township of Esquesing and comprised mainly of rural voters, Robert Heaton and Kathy Gastle, the incumbents, face three contenders in Joy Jackson, Kevin Kuiack and Carol Walraven for the two local council seats. Bill Robson, meanwhile, is defending his Ward 2 Regional seat against former councillor Peter Norton.

Perhaps one of the most surprising developments of the election was the decision of retiring mayor Russ Miller to challenge veteran Hydro commissioner Bill Smith for the Ward 4 Hydro commission seat. Smith was the last mayor of Georgetown and both he and Miller have served on the commission over the last term.

There is obviously some friction here but it is worthwhile knowing that Smith did not support making Acton the headquarters for Halton Hills Hydro.

Surprisingly, no one has challenged incumbent Dave Whiting for the Ward 1 and 2 seat on the Halton Board of Education, suggesting residents are quite satisfied with his performance in the \$13,000-a-year post.

Meanwhile the chair of the Halton Catholic Board of Ed, Irene

McCauley, a veteran of 14 years, is being challenged for the Halton Hills seat by newcomer Georgina Marko-Matthew.

All wards vote for the \$12,500-a-year position.

Most of the Ward races are clear-cut, but the plethora of candidates for the mayor's job is certainly a challenge for voters.

Three of the candidates have considerable municipal experience with Marilyn Serjeantson's 17 years on council, nine of them at the Region, the most prolific.

Pam Johnston has nine years, six of them at the Region, while personable Mike Armstrong has 13 years under his belt both at the local and Regional levels.

The contender for the mayor's job with the strongest qualifications from among the other five candidates is Bob Malcolmson, who has a high profile from his work with the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, his business experience with Thomson newspapers and service with many Georgetown community groups.

Rob Barlow, the only non-resident of Georgetown, ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 1991. A Limehouse resident, he served for two years as a councillor in Deep River.

Most of the other contenders have various qualifications in areas other than municipal work, with Colin Gibson well known for his writing as managing editor of the now defunct Halton Hills Herald. Ironically he is running against his former boss, Bob Malcolmson, who was publisher of The Herald when Thomson newspapers pulled the rug out from under them.

Naturally, from among all eight candidates, voters here are most interested in the one who will deal the fairest with Acton. Mayor Russ Miller has a record of promoting Acton's interests. He managed to maintain a balance between the conflicting interests of

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**HALTON NORTH  
PROVINCIAL P.C. RIDING ASSOCIATION**

**CANDIDATE  
NOMINATION MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1994  
7:30 PM**

**Nassagaweya Community Centre  
(Brookville Hall)**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT 854-1414**