

# Candidates stress business growth

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Dawkins bullied Barlow into saying he would resign office if subsequent legal affidavits showed he was not telling the truth.

Acton public school trustee and Halton Board chair Dave Whiting, acclaimed to another term, asked for and received a commitment from all of the mayoralty candidates that they would immediately deal with the issue of the removal of several crossing guards, including two in Acton, if elected.

In answer to a question about how the Town could become "business friendly," Malcolmson suggested the Town set up a business development department, a suggestion rejected by Armstrong,

who said it was the Mayor's job to attract growth.

Serjeantson said she would ask businesses how to improve the system and Johnson listed several suggestions including encouraging businesses to tender, giving development charge exemptions and setting up a mentor's network.

Colin Gibson called for a more aggressive Town marketing plan along with an emphasis on tourism and Barlow called for a commission to lure growth.

Slavica Ozgeylani said she had interviewed department heads to determine how business development could be improved and called for planning reform.

All of the mayoralty candidates stressed that tourism must play an active role in Acton's future and spoke confidently that Acton would grow to 10,000 people.

In her summation Serjeantson stressed that she has the experience and expertise to lead, and promised to streamline the system and to always have an open door.

Malcolmson acknowledged his lack of political experience but asked if voters wanted the same

old political turmoil or someone who has proven leadership ability through involvement with local, provincial and federal committees.

Johnston noted that she had more reports accepted by Council than any other member on issues including police, safety, planning and waste management.

Gibson detailed his interest and involvement in Acton during the years that he was a reporter in the area and promised Acton would have a strong voice at Council.

Barlow said, as a Limehouse resident, he would be able to treat both Acton and Georgetown fairly and said he had the skills and ability to put together a team to create the community that voters want.

Mike Armstrong had the last words of the night as he said that Acton had lost its vital spirit and received the short end of the stick but he would work for Acton.

There was a sour note to the meeting as many voters questioned an electoral system that allowed candidate Craig Harrison, who disgraced himself with sexist remarks and talk of an Acton casino and brothel, to waste their time.

# NEWS SHORTS

## No arrests yet, police want help

Police have not made any arrests following the four Devil's Night fires last Sunday in Acton, but investigations are continuing. "We have interviewed several witnesses," reported Halton Regional officer Jackie Gordon on Monday.

"Both Acton residents and the police are very concerned about the fires in town; they were quite serious," commented Gordon. "We're looking to solve this as soon as possible and we're asking any witnesses to contact us."

Gordon advised witnesses to contact the force's criminal investigation bureau at 878-5511 (ext. 2416) or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards to callers who provide information that leads to arrests.

## Arrests follow break-in

A 19-year-old Acton man and a young offender, 15, were arrested last week after an ongoing investigation into a break-and-enter at a Kingham Road home on Oct. 8.

The older man — who was also charged with breach of probation — was arrested at his home on Wednesday, while the young offender was apprehended by police a day later, also at his home.

The suspects have been released upon a "promise to appear" in court on Nov. 28 and Dec. 2.

## Van-dalism on Division Street

A 1991 Ford Aerostar van was badly scratched by vandals overnight on Halloween.

The owner of the van, which was parked on Division Street, reported the incident to police last Tuesday morning, and police are asking for witnesses to call information in to 11 Division at 878-5511.

The scratches caused some \$800 damage to the vehicle.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You can't grumble if you don't pick someone to grumble at! If you don't vote you haven't taken an interest in where you live."


— Lorraine Manson, Acton resident, Page 7

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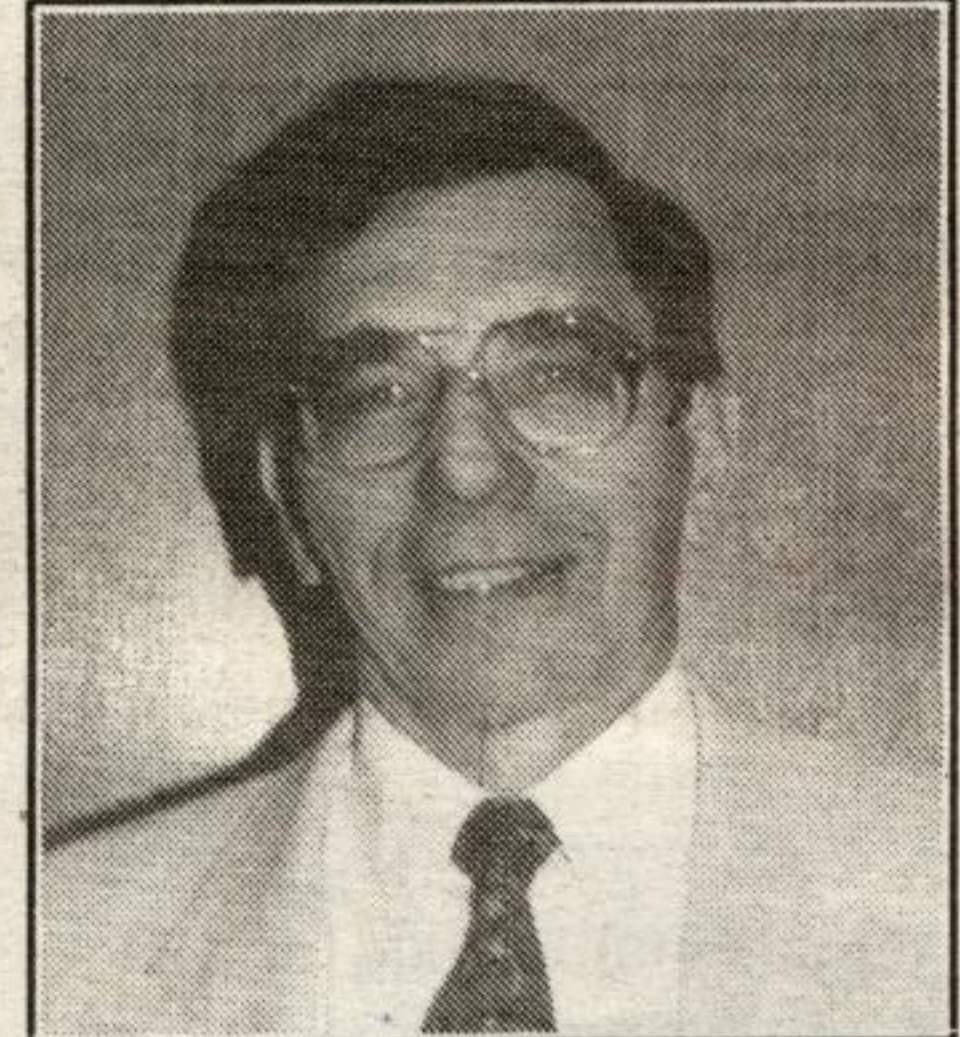
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**ACTON HIGH SCHOOL MID-TERM REPORTS**

Will be distributed to students on **Thursday, Nov. 10, 1994**

Information regarding Parents' Night will accompany the subject reports.

**PARENTS' NIGHT** has been scheduled for **Thursday, Nov. 17, 1994**

Grade 9 Healthy Sexuality Presentation - 6:00 pm in the Cafetorium - All parents welcome.  
Parent Interviews - 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
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