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## TIME FOR A NEW LINEUP!

### BRASS TACKS – Editorial

## Rookie Regional Councillors must rely veteran Lee

Rural garbage pickup, public transit, quarry expansion and extended water extraction are just a few examples of the contentious issues the Region of Halton must deal with in the immediate future.

With three out of four regional councillors new to the job in north Halton, here's hoping they're wise enough to rely on grizzled veteran Barry Lee, long-time Regional Councillor for Wards 1 and 3, Town of Milton, at least until they fully understand the issues.

Although all three councillors, Fogal, Somerville and Furik, have extensive local experience, they'll quickly find out it's a whole new game at this level. It's one thing to represent a ward at a local level, but a much tougher level of competition to represent the interests of two wards, the

interests of their respective Towns and, last but not least, the overall interests of north Halton.

What's good for Milton is usually good for Halton Hills and vice versa.

North Halton has been well represented at the Region by good team players in the past. Mayor Krantz's long service and new Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette's past experience at Regional Council can only help in Fogal, Somerville and Furik's transition from fresh-faced rookies to game-hardened veterans that can be relied on to look at the bigger picture of Regional politics.

Let's hope they remember to listen to their peers and leave the grandstanding for local council.

North Halton needs a team of regional councillors all playing from the same game plan.



With the Municipal Election of 2003 now over, The Compass has made a decision to follow a new editorial direction.

It became apparent over the last few months leading up to the election that there was much duplication by local media outlets operating in north Halton over coverage of local councillors and town-specific issues.

Beginning in this issue, The Compass will concentrate on matters at a regional level and how these issues directly affect its readers.

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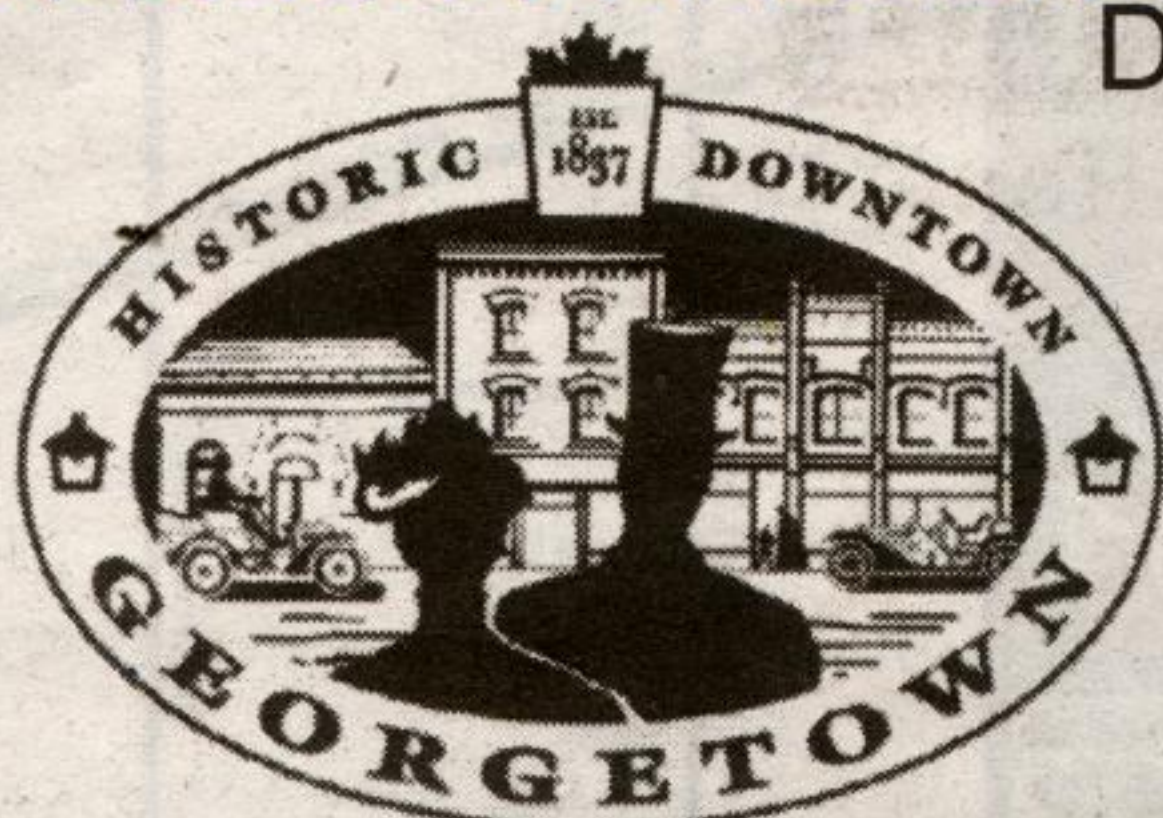
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