

Perfect attendance for John Day

If Town council gave out gold stars for perfect attendance at council and general committee meetings, only Georgetown Councillor John Day would get one for last year.

A review of attendance records for 22 council and 15 general committee meetings in 2001 shows Day attended every scheduled meeting.

Georgetown Councillor Ron Chatten had the worst attendance at council meetings – he missed five council and one general committee meeting.

Day, who was surprised by his perfect attendance record, said he sees attending council and committee meetings as an "obligation," and wouldn't miss a meeting unless he or



John Day

his family was ill.

Councillor Chatten was also surprised to learn he'd missed so many meetings, but said his attendance record didn't hurt his effectiveness.

"I'm not even aware (of the record)," Chatten said on Monday, adding, "it wouldn't concern me, because if there

was an issue that I had – like I'd have to know where I was and what I was doing, but I don't miss many meetings totally, and general committee is as important as council," he said.

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville missed one council meeting, but had perfect attendance at the general committee meetings.

Both Acton Councillors Rick Bonnette and Dobbie Frizzell missed just one council and one general committee meeting each last year.

Georgetown Councillor Jane Fogal missed two council and one general committee meetings, according to information supplied by the clerk's office.

Georgetown Councillor Bob Inglis also had perfect attendance at council meetings and missed just one general committee meeting, while Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson missed two council and one general committee meetings.

Ward Two Councillor Joan Robson missed two council meetings, but attended all of the general committee meetings last year. Her Ward Two colleague, Councillor Bryan Lewis, only missed one council meeting.

Mayor Kathy Gastle's attendance record showed she missed two general committee meetings and one council meeting in her first year in office.

The seat of a member of council becomes vacant if the member is absent for three successive months without authorization of council.



TASTE TESTING: Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle prepared to judge the seven pots of chili entered in the United Way of Halton Hills' chili contest at the Legion on Saturday. Helping the mayor were United Way campaign east chair Chris Miller and campaign west chair Dean Haughe. – Frances Niblock photo

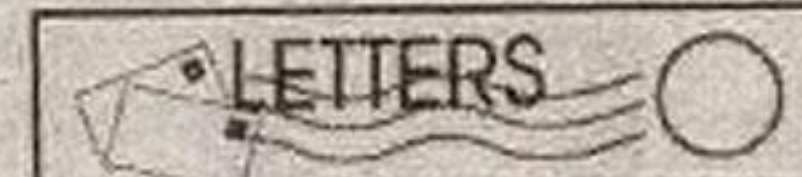
Why not Acton plant?

Dear Editor:

Subject: Upgrade Georgetown purification plant.

I read with interest and anger the story of the new purification plant for Georgetown in the January 10, 2002 issue of The New Tanner.

I live in Acton and during



the summer of 2001 we experienced yellow/brown water every week. I called the Water Department and complained that the water was yellow and was told that it was the manganese and that

it did not cause any adverse impact on human health, however, when I offered the people, whom the Region sent to look into the problem, a glass of the 'no adverse impact on human health' water not one of them took me up on my offer – funny how people shy away from brownish/yellow drinking water. Here are some of the band-aids that were suggested by the Region:

1) Run the water until it is clear – this took an average 15-30 minutes of running the water full blast (remember we pay for water and this was at a time when the Region had a water use restriction in place AND it did not solve the base problem of the manganese).

2) Then when I explained that the laundry was discoloured they gave me two bottles of Red-B-Gone to use in the washing machine. Good idea for the wash load where a bleacher is used, however, not all items can be bleached and the washing machine is an automatic so when the rinse cycle started the machine filled up with manganese water and I was back to yellow/beige/grey laundry. Not to mention that the discoloured water did not always show up in the first couple of loads – then all of a sudden, HELLO here we go again – doing the laundry twice or more or having to wait a couple of days until the water clears is not acceptable...

3) Use a Brita – I killed a plethora of Brita water filters in the quest to have clear, clean drinking water. Curious the Region did not offer us a 'home filtration kit.'

So now you see why I read the article and felt anger – we wasted a large amount of water and paid for it, the laundry was ruined, any place where there was standing water (ie. Toilet bowls, the porcelain was discoloured), we didn't have clear water to drink and the Region basically said we'd have to live with the manganese. BUT Georgetown is to get "a filtration process, using catalytic media filters to remove manganese, followed by chlorination. The result will be an end to the discolouration problems that Georgetown residents have been experiencing due to the high levels of manganese in the local water source."...So when is Acton going to get a system so that we can be manganese free?

L. Smith, Acton.

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and for the election of Officers and Directors.

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