



LIBERAL CHOICE: Halton Hills Councillor, John Day is flanked by his nominators at the Liberal nomination meeting last Saturday. Mr. Day was selected to carry the Liberal banner in the next provincial election. Left to right, Rick Bonnette, Carol Lawson, John Day and Jean Marcoux. - submitted photo

Liberals nominate John Day to contest the next election

Halton Liberals have nominated Halton Hills Councillor John Day as the Halton Liberal candidate in the upcoming provincial election, at a meeting on Saturday, January 26.

A professional landscape architect, Mr. Day has served as a municipal councillor since 1994 and also as a Halton Region councillor. He has also been involved in organizations such as chair of the Halton Children's Aid Society, member and vice-chair of the Police Services Board, Halton Youth Advisory Committee, Halton Elderly Service Advisory Committee chair and the Housing Advisory Committee.

Day's nominator was

Carol Lawson and it was seconded by Acton residents Rick Bonnette and Jean Marcoux. The nominators alluded to Mr. Day's integrity and history of work on behalf of his constituents.

Halton riding encompasses

Two suspects nabbed in break-in

Officers from Wellington OPP arrested two suspects while they were in the process of breaking into a French fry wagon on Main Street in Hillsburgh on Sunday at 2:05 am. The suspects cut electrical wires and removed a surveillance camera prior to breaking into the rear shed.

Officers who were nearby apprehended the two suspects

Georgetown and Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya and the areas of Oakville and Burlington north of Upper Middle Road. The riding is presently being served by the Progressive Conservative incumbent Ted Chudleigh.

without incident when they were inside the shed. Ryan Alexander Kerwin, of Hillsburgh, is charged with Break, Enter and Theft and will appear in Guelph Court on March 1. A 16-year-old male from Hillsburgh, also faces a charge of Break, Enter and Theft and will appear in Youth Court in Guelph on February 25 at 9:00am.

Dr. Nather likes Acton practice

The Milton physician who initially came to the Acton Medical Centre to help care for patients of the late Dr. Brian Moore intends to stay in town and accept new patients.

Dr. Nather Alshakarji, known as "Dr. Nather," has expanded his Acton office hours to four half-days a week, and also operates a practice with another doctor in Milton.

A recent survey found Acton needs at least nine more family doctors and two or three of the 20 to 25 patients Dr. Nather sees daily in Acton are new patients.

He said Acton was attractive to him because he was able to step into a well-established practice.

"The people are really nice and easy to get along with and that's what happens if you have an older practice," he said on Monday.

Dr. Nather, 34, an Iraqi, was registered with the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons in August after practising in Newfoundland for three years after coming to Canada.

He trained in Iraq, Britain and Newfoundland before moving to Ontario for "more opportunities to train and a social life."

Last Wednesday, Halton Council approved spending \$150,000 to hire a physician recruitment co-ordinator and establish a Region-wide marketing strategy.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette, a member of the working group looking at the physician shortage, expects an update at a February 13 meeting.

He's confident Acton will show well when presented to doctors as a possible location for their practice.

"You're 20 minutes from Guelph, 30 minutes from the airport and 40 minutes to

downtown Toronto and yet you can still have the hometown type of life," Bonnette said.

At Wednesday's meeting Bonnette gave Halton's medical officer of health, Dr. Bob Nosal, full credit for spearheading the drive to find more general practitioners, with a special emphasis on Acton, which has the most acute need of any Halton community.

"At Council I recounted that Dr. (George) McWilliam told me that when he came to Acton in the early 1970's, he was the eighth doctor to come to town and the population was about 6,000 population," Bonnette said, adding Acton is now almost 8,000 people and Dr. McWilliam is one of two full-time physicians, each carrying huge caseloads.

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