

EDITORIAL

with Hartley Coles

Focus now on municipal election

Now the provincial election is all done except for cheering from the Liberals, we can focus on the municipal elections.

With eight candidates running for the two seats in Ward One (Acton), a four-way race for mayor and a two way contest for the Ward One and Two Regional seat, the election is beginning to resemble the California governor's race. On a smaller scale, of course.

It's the policy of this newspaper not to run a preferred list of candidates for mayor, region or council. Some would say it's the coward's way out but we think the voters are intelligent enough to make their own decisions. We don't have any inside knowledge of who would make the best mayor or councillor but each of us at The New Tanner has their own favourites for the seats.

The three cornered mayor's race was thrown into a loop when ex-mayor Marilyn Serjeantson threw her hat in the ring just before nominations closed. She brings years of experience into the contest after enjoying a three year sabbatical. However, she is running against three veteran members of council with Acton's Rick Bonnette the one with the most years under his belt.

Mayor Kathy Gastle is running on her record over the last three years while John Day who's spent several years in a councillor's beat would like to direct operations. He feels he is bringing a moderating voice into the race.

Rick Bonnette, of course is the only Acton candidate and this will certainly help him in this neck of the woods. He also brings his experience on the Regional seat into the contest for both wards One and Two. Bonnette worked well at Halton Region and this community has obviously benefitted from his advocacy and ability to work with Regional chairman Joyce Savoline who is being challenged for the regional chair by Georgetown's Ric Morrow, a former chairman and two other candidates.

Councillor Clark Somerville is being challenged for the Ward One and Two regional seat, vacated by Rick Bonnette, by Drew Reidstra. Somerville has served his apprenticeship on local council and feels he has the experience and knowledge to step up into regional politics.

The race for the two Acton (Ward One) seats on council is, of course, the one that has generated the most interest here, followed closely by the four candidates running for the mayor's chair. We would hesitate to pick winners from either one.

With a change of government at Queen's Park the municipal elections across the province are going to be more important than ever. There's no lack of good candidates for all the positions. Now it is up to us to get out and vote for strong representation at all levels of municipal government.



MORNING REFLECTIONS: The southwest arm of Fairy Lake glistened like a giant mirror on a recent sunny morning. Barely a ripple broke the surface of the water which flows into the lake from Beaver Meadow on the other side of Mill St. West.

Taste in movies can be resolved

Sometimes the simplest tasks can be the most frustrating.

When it comes to movies, the Dude and I seem to have different tastes. The first time we went to the movies, we tried a lengthy, one you could say was a historical action flick. I thought it was perfect for a guy and a girl to see together. ... a good story mixed with a romance sub-plot and just enough fighting and blood for the testosterone. At the time, I was given the impression we both liked the movie, however I later discovered he wasn't overly thrilled with it.

Since then we've tried many different types of films, from comedies to dramas, from renting DVDs to going to the movies and my track record for picking movies we both like, as the Dude says, "sucks."

Part of the problem is, I'm not a good person to watch a movie with. I am the dreaded person who will turn a two hour movie into one just over an hour by fast forwarding through parts that I think are unnecessary to watch. Consequently by doing this, I can turn a bad movie into a tolerable one.



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The Dude isn't the greatest one to watch one with either. I like to think of him as having obsessive compulsive movie disorder. Watching a movie once is not enough for him. For over a week it seemed each time he had a few minutes to himself, he was watching the same movie. He'll watch every frame until he can almost repeat every line from the movie. If we're watching a movie he's watched before he sometimes starts saying the actor's lines before they do. It drives me crazy.

During the summer we were on a rent-a-movie roll. We found ways to compromise. I promised not to fast forward and we picked movies to which he didn't know the lines. Yet, like any good thing, our rental days stopped when my bad movie picks reached its pinnacle, when I picked one too many bad movies in a row. This particular one was so bad we stopped watch-

ing it in 20 minutes.

This weekend, I wanted to rent a movie, so we headed to the new video store. I bee-lined to the movie, "Bend it Like Beckham," about a young woman's dream to play soccer. "That's a kid's movie," he grumbled. "It's not," I argued and suggested he pick a movie as well. With that he stayed true to male form and chose Anger Management, a comedy with Adam Sandler. It was definitely not one that I would have picked.

Then checking out, a perfect solution was offered like a gift from above. "They're due back at 4 p.m. on Monday," the girl said. "You can extend the one night rental to a seven night rental for 99 cents."

Monday morning dressed in my flannel pj's and snuggled under a blanket I watched my movie all by myself. I happily fast-forwarded through the non-essential parts and returned it by 4 p.m. The Dude has his movie for the entire week where after we watch it, he can watch it over and over again. A happy ending for everybody. After all, it's all about compromise.



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