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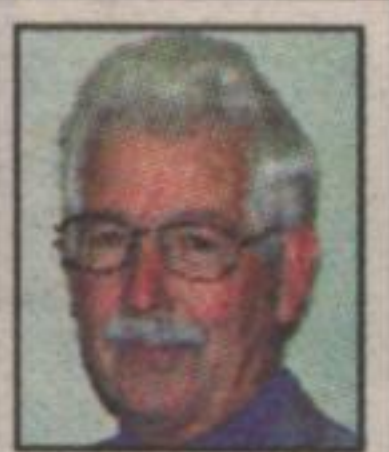
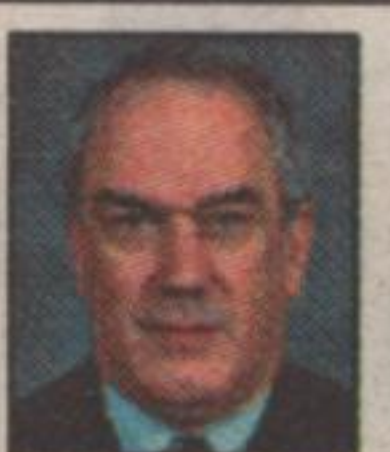


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<p>Final results (unofficial)</p>	<p>Mayor</p> <p>Gastle.....6,016 Serjeantson.....5,516 Heaton.....1,509</p>	 KATHY GASTLE	<p>Ward 1 (two seats)</p> <p>Somerville.....1,473 Frizzell.....913 Kuiken.....813 Grasby.....211 Biggs.....174</p>	 CLARK SOMERVILLE	 DOBBIE FRIZZELL	<p>Ward 2 (two seats)</p> <p>Lewis.....2,000 Robson.....1,628 Kuiack.....1,319</p>	 BRYAN LEWIS	 JOAN ROBSON	<p>Wards 1/2 (regional)</p> <p>Bonnette.....4,116 Landry.....983</p>	 RICK BONNETTE
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Newly-elected Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle gets a congratulatory hug from husband George after she defeated incumbent Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson by 500 votes in Monday's municipal election. Photo by Ted Brown

It's Mayor Gastle!

Ward 2 councillor defeats Marilyn Serjeantson by 500 votes

With a 36 per cent voter turnout, Kathy Gastle won the job as the next mayor of Halton Hills in Monday's 2000 municipal election.

The Ward 2 councillor defeated incumbent Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson who held the job since 1994.

Gastle led Serjeantson the entire night with the final (unofficial) count being a 500-vote margin: Gastle: 6,016, Serjeantson, 5,516. Third mayoralty candidate Robert Heaton was a distant third at 1,509.

"I feel great," said an excited Gastle, the former Ward 2 councillor, Monday night. "I am grateful to the many constituents of Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing for their confidence in selecting me mayor for Halton Hills. I'm really looking forward to working with the new council and establishing a new level of excellence."

Gastle said she had always felt positive during the campaign. "I think people were looking for more vision for the town and stronger leadership and that's what I ran my campaign on."

She said felt her messages of bringing

more industrial growth to the town and preserving the small town quality of Halton Hills resonated with the voters.



Top priorities for Gastle in the next three years will be economic development such as finding more industrial land, solving town transportation problems, and ensuring that during the Official Plan review there are policies and protections in place to manage growth and the environment in a positive way.

Gastle celebrated her victory with well-wishers packing St. Paul's Hall in Norval, and did not come to the Civic Centre to acknowledge the results as most of the other candidates did.

A dejected Serjeantson, surrounded by family members, came to the Civic Centre shortly after 10 p.m. to offer her congratulations to the new mayor, but was left waiting and eventually conceded her job to Gastle via a phone conversation.

"Congratulations Kathy, you ran a good campaign," Serjeantson told Gastle. "I know you will enjoy being mayor, I did."

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<p>Ward 3 (two seats)</p> <p>Fogal.....1,961 Johnson.....1,933 Davis.....1,178</p>	 JANE FOGAL	 MOYNA JOHNSON	<p>Ward 4 (two seats)</p> <p>Chatten.....2,944 Inglis.....2,756 Williams.....1,244</p>	 RON CHATTEN	 BOB INGLIS	<p>Region chair</p> <p>Savoline.....6,984 Marsden.....2,383 Cooper.....2,290</p>	 JOYCE SAVOLINE	<p>Halton Catholic school trustee</p> <p>McCauley...1,376 McDougall.....732</p>	 IRENE McCAULEY	<p><i>Full election coverage on page 3</i></p>
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