

# Somerville and Frizzell win Acton seats

Incumbent Clark Somerville and former hydro commissioner Dobbie Frizzell will represent Acton during the next term of office.

With a 39 per cent voter turnout, Somerville won his seat handily, receiving 1,473 votes, followed by Frizzell with 913. Former town councillor Jake Kuiken was 100 votes behind Frizzell with 813 with political

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newcomers Stephen Grasby and Diane Biggs tallying 211 and 174 respectively.

"I'm humbled and honored," said Somerville at the Civic Centre Monday night. "I will do the very best I can because with Norm (Elliott) retiring I have big shoes to fill."

Somerville said key issues for Acton in the coming term will be getting a splash pad and skateboard park. He also plans to keep the pressure on Halton Region to ensure the upgrades are done to Acton's water and wastewater management plant so that development can get going in that community.

Frizzell, who battled with Jake Kuiken for second spot, thanked the Acton community for their support. "I will enjoy working for the people of Acton," he said.

Kuiken said he was not disappointed he lost, adding it will not stop him from being heard on three key issues such as vandalism, noisy corners, and weed control bylaws.

Stephen Grasby also said he wasn't disappointed by the result, noting that this first attempt at politicking was "just a start".

Diane Biggs said she had to deal with a number of family emergencies during the campaign and "that put a damper on everything and took up my time rather than going door to door."



Wards 1/2 Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette (left) and Ward 1 Councillor Clark Somerville monitor the returns at the Civic Centre.



Newly elected Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis and incumbent Ward 3 Councillor Moya Johnson discuss the results with defeated Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson (centre). Photos by Ted Brown

# Gastle takes mayor's chair

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"I feel proud of what I've have done as mayor," Serjeantson said. "It's a great job."

She said major accomplishments during this term included the introduction of fibre optics throughout Halton Hills and the local motion campaign. Challenges for the new council, she said, will be balancing the budget and completing the new recreational facilities.

Serjeantson couldn't point to a single issue that may have led to her downfall. "If I looked at the polls, the areas where I knocked on doors I did very well. I spent too much time doing my job instead of knocking on doors."

Heaton said he achieved his goal in the election—to see Serjeantson defeated because he feels she has been fiscally irresponsible at the region and town.

"I think it's great," said Heaton. "The mayor's gone and now Kathy is going to be exposed to the public so people can see what she really is, because she has been hiding behind my shadow for the last 12 years. I've had to take the heat for the hot issues while she hid in the corner."

# Savoline rolls to victory

Joyce Savoline, re-elected as regional chair, says it's time to forge ahead in new directions in the areas of pressing concern, most notably economic trade and transportation.

Savoline, 55, was returned to begin her seventh year, and third term. She garnered 40,131 votes across Halton out of 65,676 cast in the first-ever vote for the position. That translated to 61 per cent in her favour compared to 14,375 (22 per cent) votes cast for Anne Marsden and the 11,170 for first-time candidate Lisa Cooper (17 per cent).

In Halton Hills, Savoline drew 6,984 votes, Marsden 2,383 and Cooper 2,290.

# McCauley retains trustee's job

Irene McCauley is Halton Hills' longest serving elected official after retaining her separate school board trustee position in Monday's election.

McCauley, who has served as trustee for 20 years, defeated challenger Paul McDougall 1,376 to 732.

"I've tried to live up to expectations and I hope to do as good a job in the next three years," McCauley said.

"I was up against a pretty seasoned person," said McDougall. "They've got two schools going up. It's a tough mountain to climb," he said.

The chair of the Bishop Reding school council, McDougall had no regrets about running.

# Newcomers oust Kuiack

Two new local councillors will represent Ward 2 residents as a result of Monday's election.

Incumbent Kevin Kuiack was knocked out of the three-way race by political newcomers Bryan Lewis and Joan Robson.

Lewis, a NHL hockey operations consultant, took an early lead and by the end of the night had 2,000 votes. Robson, an interior designer/decorator, ended up not far behind with 1,628 votes. Kuiack, a vice-principal who has represented the ward for five years, garnered only 1,319 votes.

"The other two candidates ran a great campaign and I think they

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deserve the win," said Kuiack. "I think the things I've done in the past did have some merit, but I appreciate that the electorate perhaps wants a change and I'm quite willing to let them be the judge."

"I'm pleased," said Lewis. "There was never a day that I coasted." He added he had help from lots of people.

"There's going to be a learning curve, but I think you can learn and still work," said Lewis.

"I knew that the people in Ward 2 would support me," said Robson. "I'm very proud of the trust they've placed in me. I look forward to working toward their goals."

# Bonnette returned

Rick Bonnette is back for a seventh term on council after taking 81 per cent of the vote in the Wards 1 and 2 regional councillor race

Bonnette defeated Rita Landry by a margin of 4,116 to 983.

"I felt comfortable in Acton but I've also tried to work hard in Glen Williams with the secondary plan and with the issues in Hornby, Limehouse and Norval," said Bonnette.

Landry said she didn't expect to beat Bonnette but was pleased she played an important role in the election process.

"From the all-candidates' meetings, people really did have questions they wanted answers to. Now things have been said and they will have to be honored," she said.

## Wards 1/2

# Fogal, Johnson returned

Both Ward 3 incumbents Jane Fogal and Moya Johnson held on to their seats Monday night.

Fogal, who said her occupation is full-time councillor, took an early lead in the race and garnered 1,961 votes. Johnson, a clinical educator with six years on council, was close behind her with 1,933 votes and former Halton Hills Hydro commissioner and self-employed engineer Mike Davis finished with a respectable 1,178 votes.

"I'm extremely pleased with the result," said Fogal. "I expected to do well, I thought I had worked hard over the last three years."

"I'm looking forward to another term," said Johnson, who was pleased with the results.

"I never predict. I just put my name in and see what happens." She said during the next term she is going to push to get the bypass study back on the table.

"I didn't know what the results would be," said Davis. "I did the best I possibly could."

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# Incumbents win easily

Ron Chatten and Bob Inglis will be back at the council table representing Ward 4 residents for another three years.

Retired principal Chatten earned the most votes in the ward Monday night — 2,944. Inglis, a technical advisor, ended the night with 2,756 and political newcomer retired business owner Derrick Williams garnered 1,244.

"Bob and I work well together," said Chatten who has represented Ward 4 for nine years. "I was hoping that the people would return us to carry on with what we were doing."

"I was really pleased with what happened in my ward," said Inglis. He said he did a lot of campaigning and did a little better than he thought he would.

"Ron has been good to be partnered with," said Inglis.

"Georgetown got what they deserve — nothing," said Williams who added he ran to ensure the incumbents weren't acclaimed.

"I'm happy now that I don't have to go in because the town is broke and I don't think I could have corrected the problem, but I don't think anyone else can either."

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