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Down to the wire

Alice Winter's eyes widen as the finish line approaches while she attempts to hold off Harrison's Jenna Taylor. Winter, of Limehouse Public School, did get to the line first to win the 9-year-old girls race at the Optimist Club of Georgetown's Cross Country run at Cedarvale Park Wednesday. For results see page 17. Photo by Herb Garbutt

After being charged with impaired driving Day steps down as provincial election Liberal candidate

John Day has withdrawn as the Liberal party's Halton candidate for the next provincial election, just eight months after winning the nod. The announcement comes on the heels of a court appearance by Day in Oshawa Wednesday on an impaired driving charge.

Day announced his withdrawal at a riding association meeting Wednesday evening "for personal and family reasons."

Day, 55, a Halton Hills regional councillor for eight years and a member of the Halton Regional Police Services Board since 1998, was charged by Whitby OPP with impaired driving and having over 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood after being stopped on Hwy. 401 in Clarington on September 11. His licence has been suspended until December 10, and he is to be back in Oshawa court November 6.

Since September 11, Day hasn't attended any Halton Hills (two) or Halton Region council and Health and Social Services committee meetings (three). He also missed a Health and Social Services meeting September 10.

When asked yesterday (Thursday) whether or not the charges were impacting his ability to do his job as councillor, as a member of the police services board, or whether he was considering resigning from those positions, Day said, "my family and I are going through some difficult times right now."

"We would ask that you respect the privacy of my family and myself," said Day, a Georgetown resident since 1975.

"I haven't resigned from anything," said Day. He added he would be attending the Halton Hills council meeting next Tuesday.

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JOHN DAY

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