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2003 election results

(unofficial)

Mayor (elect 1)

Rick Bonnette.....5,035
John Day.....4,022
Kathy Gastle.....2,206
Marilyn Serjeantson.....1,295



Wards 1 and 2 Regional councillor (elect 1)

Clark A. Somerville...3,226
Drew Riedstra.....1,340

Wards 3 and 4 Regional councillor (elect 1)

Jane Fogal.....5,388
Stephen G. Grasby.....1,796



Ward 1 (elect 2)

Jon Hurst.....1,313
Mike O'Leary.....1,069
Deb Fendley.....643
Dobbie Frizzell.....537
Betty R. Renner.....253
John W. Lamberink.....247
Sean Haefner.....218
Michael Roy.....164



Ward 3 (elect 2)

Moya Johnson.....2,192
Mike Davis.....2,095
Dawn E. Falls.....1,307
Gerald Parker.....1,022



Ward 4 (elect 2)

Ron Chatten.....2,516
Bob Inglis.....2,514
Derrick Williams...1,142



Regional chair* (elect 1)

Joyce Savoline.....7,164
Robert Heaton.....1,714
Brian Burton.....1,514
Anne Marsden.....1,025



*Halton Hills totals only

Bonnette cruises to mayor's office

Acton councillor tops three rivals to win by more than 1,000 votes

He took the lead early, held on to it, and by the time the night was over long-time Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette was the new mayor of Halton Hills, defeating his closest challenger, John Day, by more than 1,000 votes.

Incumbent Kathy Gastle finished a distant third, garnering 2,206 votes (17.6 per cent of the popular vote) compared to Bonnette's 5,035 (40.1 per cent) and Day's 4,022 (32 per cent). Former Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson trailed with 1,423 votes (10.3 per cent).

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"(For) 30 years we've been the Town of Halton Hills, and when a guy from Acton can become the mayor, it really tells you, we are a town," said a jubilant Bonnette late Monday from

Acton's Station Hotel where he celebrated his victory with supporters, many sporting bright yellow Rick Bonnette T-shirts.

"I've got to admit I was the underdog going in back in May, but we picked up momentum the last three weeks," said Bonnette, who was appreciative of all his support.

"I had people from Glen Williams, from Georgetown, from Acton, Hornby, all come forward after I first declared and said, 'How can I help?'" said Bonnette. "I couldn't have done it without my wife Josey and a lot of other helpers."

As election results trickled in sporadically at the Civic Centre, due to a computer problem, it was clear early on that it was a two-man race for the mayor's job. However, Bonnette and Day maintained their 1-2 spots respec-



Halton Hills Mayor-elect Rick Bonnette gets a congratulatory kiss from wife Josey after he stormed to an easy win in Monday's municipal election. Bonnette topped nearest rival John Day by more than 1,000 votes and incumbent Mayor Kathy Gastle by more than 1,800. Former mayor Marilyn Serjeantson was fourth. Photo by Ted Brown

tively throughout the night.

Day, who gathered with family and supporters at The Shepherd's Crook in Georgetown, took the outcome positively.

"If I win or lose, I think we still won," said Day. "We made countless friends through a sometimes difficult

campaign."

Day said he took Wards 3 and 4 handily, and believes his downfall was Acton.

"We did work in Acton. I knew Rick would probably take a chunk of it but not to the extent that he did."

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