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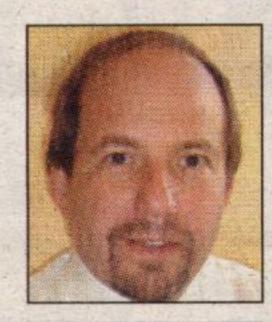
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2003 election results

(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)
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	Mike O'Leary1,
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	Betty R Renner

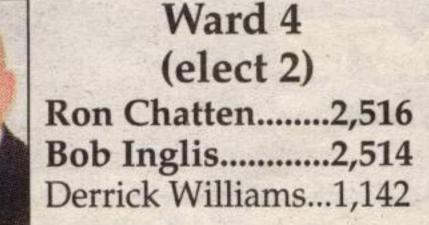


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Ward 3 (elect 2) Moya Johnson.....2,192 Mike Davis......2,095 Dawn E. Falls......1,307 Gerald Parker.....1,022







(elect 1)	
Joyce Savoline	7,164
Robert Heaton	
Brian Burton	
Anne Marsden	1,025
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Regional chair*



Bonnette cruises to mayor's office

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

Te took the lead early, held on to it, and by the time the Inight 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 Photo by Ted Brown Marilyn Serjeantson was fourth.

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."

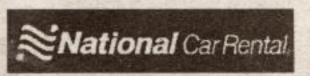
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