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## Veterans, neophytes join municipal election race

By Frances Niblock

There was a small flurry of activity on the political front last week as several veteran politicians announced plans to seek re-election in the November municipal vote.

Veteran Acton and Regional Councillor Clark Somerville filed his nomination papers late last week, as did Ward Two (rural Halton Hills) Councillor Joan Robson and Ward Two Councillor Bryan Lewis.

In Ward Three, veteran Councillor Moya Johnson is also running again for one of two seats. Challengers include newcomers Phil McBride, David Adair and Dave Kentner, a former Georgetown caterer with a long history of service



Clark Somerville

club and hockey volunteerism. Incumbent Councillor Mike Davis has not made his intentions known at press time.

Ward Four Councillor Bob Inglis is seeking re-election but will lose his long-time colleague, retiring Councillor Ron Chatten. Nominated candidates include Kevin Duggan, John Duncan and Drew Riedstra.

In Acton neither local Councillor Mike O'Leary or Jon Hurst had filed nomination papers at press time, and Councillor Somerville said he was up for the challenges of the next four years.

He said the last term, his first at the Regional Council table, was an "incredible

learning experience" that will help him deal with the issues of the next term, which just last week became four years, not three with the November vote.

"We face the pressures of growth-related issues in the south part of Halton Hills, and we need a full public process for responsible growth," Somerville said on Monday, adding they also need to focus inward on Acton to ensure it is developed to its potential.

Trustee redistribution with the Halton District School Board results in Halton Hills being represented by two trustees, not one, following the election — one trustee for Wards One and Two (rural and urban Acton), and one for Georgetown.

Gillian Tuck-Kutarna and Mike Parkhill are candidates for the public school board in Halton and incumbent Catholic Board Trustee Irene McCauley is also seeking re-election.

Nomination forms for the Municipal Election may be filed at the Clerk's department at the Civic Centre in Georgetown from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until September 29, at 5:00 p.m.

## Halton names new Police Chief

Halton Police Deputy-chief Gary Crowell has been chosen to succeed retiring Chief Ean Algar and will take over effective June 3.

Chief-designate Crowell, who has seven years experience with Halton police, and 28 years with Peel police and the RCMP, was selected in a nationwide search with the help of a recruitment firm.

Acton and Regional Councillor

Clark Somerville, a member of the Police Services Board that interviewed a "phenomenal" number of candidates from across Canada, said Crowell's experience played a key part in the decision to hire him, along with his commitment to community policing and his leadership skills.

"The fact that we were able to hire from within (the Service) also shows the depth of talent that we have,"

Somerville said on Tuesday.

Deputy Crowell's appointment will leave a vacancy in the position of Deputy Chief (the Halton Service has two Deputy Chiefs), and the Board will begin a selection process to fill that position, but in the short-term an acting Deputy Chief will be named.

Chief designate Crowell will be officially sworn in at a pomp-filled ceremony at the police HG on June 19.

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