



MP Michael Chong

Chong quits federal cabinet

It was principle over politics for Wellington-Halton MP Michael Chong on Monday as he stunned Parliament Hill with his sudden resignation from cabinet just hours before a House of Commons vote to support Prime Minister Harper's controversial

Couldn't stomach nation motion

resolution to outmanoeuvre separatists by formally recognizing the Quebecois as a nation within Canada.

Chong, whose portfolio with intergovernmental af-

airs included the unity file, said at a press conference that he could not support the Prime Minister's plan to counter a Bloc Quebecois motion.

Unable to reconcile his personal views with the support Harper demanded from his cabinet ministers, Chong resigned as President of the Queen's Privy Council for

Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister for Sport and did not vote. He will sit as a backbencher.

"I believe in one nation, undivided, called Canada. This is a fundamental prin-

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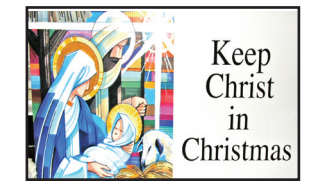
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Vow to improve election process



DOUBLE DUTY: Acton twins Marge Winter (left) and Phyllis Gibbs, 91, gave Santa Claus their wish lists when he visited the Legion on Tuesday night during the annual Rotary/Legion seniors' dinner. - Frances Niblock photo

Clearer signage and better voting locations

By Frances Niblock
Clearer signage and better voting locations will be discussed when Town staff holds a debriefing following the November 13 municipal vote.

Town clerk Karen Landry, who was the returning officer, urged everyone to submit suggestions to improve the election process for the 2010 election, and the voter turnout, which was 31.6 per cent in this election.

Defeated Georgetown Councillor Mike Davis praised the advance polls at the Georgetown plaza, but noted there was no poll for residents of a Main Street seniors' residence.

Ward Two Councillor Bryan Lewis, noting the ward had the lowest voter turnout at 29 per cent, said they owe residents of Ballinafad an apology for making them drive to their poll in Limehouse on a foggy night on unlit roads.

He said it was also unfair to require Norval residents, who had to drive to Georgetown to vote, and asked that councillors be included in the election post-mortem process.

Regional Ward 3/4 Councillor Jane Fogal said they need to educate the pub-

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