



Ted Arnott
21,533 - 49.20%

Arnott easily wins Wellington - Halton Hills

Newly elected Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott wasn't long getting back in harness after the results of the 2007 provincial election were announced on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Arnott easily captured the riding with over 7,000 more votes than his closest competitor, Liberal Marg Bentley.

It was Ted Arnott's fifth consecutive win

Rolls up 21,533 votes

for the Ontario Legislature. Previously the MPP for Waterloo-Wellington he decided to run in the newly drawn riding of Wellington-Halton Hills when fellow Conservative Ted Chudleigh, who represented Halton which then included Halton Hills, was reconstituted

without Halton Hills forming a completely different riding with south Wellington.

The new riding contains all of Halton Hills, and the southern part of Wellington County, including Rockwood, Fergus and Elora, and Puslinch Townships which is basically by the City of Guelph, another complete riding.

Arnott was first elected in 1990 at the age
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Emily Boycott star at Special Olympics

By Justina Pembleton

Acton's own Emily Boycott brought five gold medals home from Shanghai, China after competing in the World Special Olympics at the beginning of October, with the entire rhythmic gymnastics team bring home 25 medals in total.

"I had hoped to get one gold medal for the Canada team," said Boycott.

Boycott's journey began in the summer of 2006 when she qualified for the Special Olympics at Nationals in Brandon, Manitoba. It was then she received a journal from the Special Olympics, outlining the guidelines that are mandatory to follow in order to participate.

Since Nationals, Boycott has been doing two hours of cardio and weight training per day, with four to five 2 hour Rhythmic Gymnastic practices per week. Boycott competed specifically in hoop & ball and ribbon categories, saying that the ribbon was her favourite.

Boycott began gymnastics seven years ago, starting with level one which is structured to follow specific routines. She is now at level four, the highest level, which allowed Boycott to prepare her own routines to her own music as long as certain skills were incorporated in the routine. Boycott was also put through a fitness test in Ottawa and had to repeat the test monthly until the event. She trained once or twice a week in Oakville at Shelglas Gym; once or twice a week at Brookville School and once or twice a week at the Burlington Gymnastics Club, which donated the time to the team.

Throughout her Special Olympics training, Boycott also participated in figure skating and swimming weekly.

Boycott had much support from her family throughout the long process, with her mom Debbie acting as the assistant coach of the Canadian Gymnastics Team. Her sister Amy, brother Matt, sister-in-law Courtney and father Dave all accompanied her to China to cheer her and fellow team members on.

"There was lots of clapping, lots of hugging and lots of pictures being taken," Boycott remembers.

During her first week in China, Boycott was either training or competing in events. When not competing, she was cheering on her team. The second week was for sightsee-

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GO TEAM: Emily Boycott poses in her Team Canada jacket wearing all five gold medals she won in Shanghai, China at this years Special Olympic Summer games. - Justina Pembleton Photo

Urges Council to seek Greenbelt adjustment

The "desperate need" for housing for seniors in Acton was outlined to Halton Hills Council by former Acton councillor Norm Elliott at a meeting Monday to hear submissions on Halton Region's Sustainable Halton plan.

The plan is intended to respond to Places to Grow, a growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, where Halton is targeted to grow to 780,000 people and 390,000 jobs by 2031.

Elliott in an articulate presentation to council said that the restraints placed on Acton with the Greenbelt and water situation has created an affordable housing crisis for seniors in Acton who are forced to move to other towns and cities to meet their needs.

They are people who have lived all their lives in Acton, they have to leave friends, neighbours and relations, and social activities they've been involved in all their lives because they have nowhere to downsize, Elliott said.

"Acton is filled to capacity," Elliott told council and the needs of seniors are not being met as they are in other places.

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