

Halton Region

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**Regional Municipality of Halton
2003 Municipal Election**

List of Office and Nomination Procedures

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended, notice is hereby given of the office for which persons may be nominated and the nomination procedures.

Office for which persons may be nominated:

Regional Chairman for the 2003-2006 term of Regional Council

Candidates will have their names on the ballots of the four area municipalities within the Region - the City of Burlington, and the Towns of Oakville, Halton Hills and Milton - by general vote.

Nomination Procedures:

A person qualified to hold office may be nominated for the Office of the Regional Chairman by filing a nomination in the Office of the Regional Clerk, 2nd Floor, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario:

- from January 2, 2003 to September 25, 2003 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- on Nomination Day - Friday, September 26, 2003 - between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Under Section 29(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act* a person may be nominated for an office only if, as of the day the person is nominated:

- he or she is qualified to hold that office under the Act that creates it; and,
- he or she is not ineligible under this or any other Act or otherwise prohibited by law to be nominated or to hold the office.

Nomination forms will be available in the Office of the Regional Clerk. The following must be provided at the time of submission:

- A signed consent to the nomination, in the prescribed form;
- A declaration of qualification, in the prescribed form, signed by the person being nominated;
- The prescribed filing fee of \$200, in the form of cash, certified cheque or money order made payable to the Regional Municipality of Halton; and,
- Identification of the candidate (driver's licence or other form of picture identification)

Please note:

No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes, or incur expenses, until that person has filed a nomination with the Regional Clerk.

Candidates must satisfy themselves, through their own determination or with the assistance of their own legal counsel, of the various statutory provisions relating to their candidacy. In particular, they must satisfy themselves of whether or not they are qualified or disqualified to be a candidate for municipal office. They must also satisfy themselves that they are complying with all the requirements relating to election campaign finances.

Tina Agnello
Regional Clerk

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Public Information Session about
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Some oppose change to marijuana laws

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the message he believes is being put out in the media as a result of the committee's recommendation.

"It shouldn't be the message that drugs are okay," said Chief Algar. "I'm disappointed in the way this is evolving. The youth of our community are confused."

Proof of that comes in the fact that Halton's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) officers are being asked by area students if drugs are good or bad.

"They should be sending a clear message that drug use is unacceptable and this seems to be lost in this whole issue," he said.

"The focus should be on drug dealing and cultivation."

Included in the committee's recommendation are more drug prevention and education programs on the risk of marijuana use, especially to young people. The committee would also like to see a test to measure the drug impairment level of drivers, similar to blood alcohol meters.

"I really think it probably makes sense to decriminalize possession," said Halton MP Julian Reed, who stressed he doesn't condone marijuana use. "The police have a lot more important things to do."

When asked if he would support the recommendation he said he supports the concept, but he'll "wait to see the bill."

"I want to see the legislation and be able to establish it does what it is intended to do and does not encourage the drug trade."

Ian Stewart, executive director of

ADAPT, (Alcohol and Drug and Gambling Assessment Prevention and Treatment) a Halton-based agency, said the change to the law is "something that does make sense from a lot of perspectives."

"I don't condone its (marijuana) use at all," stressed Mr. Stewart.

"In many ways I think a strong fine may be more of a deterrent (than the current criminal record). I don't think it will lead to increased use."

He added if preventing use is the real issue, a multi-pronged approach is needed including enforcement, prevention, education, research and treatment.

Halton Region Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal said neither he or the Region's health department have an official position on de-criminalizing marijuana possession, calling it a "federal issue."

Maggie Waligora, a registered nurse, and chief operating officer of the Halton Hills-based Art of Healthy Living Inc., which offers a support group for parents of teens with drug and crime problems, is opposed to the proposed change.

"I don't think it should be allowed at all," said Ms Waligora. "Marijuana is the gateway drug to other drugs. I see it will increase the usage."

She said she's hearing from young people that they are interpreting the message to mean that marijuana possession is going to be legal and "in their mind it's legal and it's okay."

Ms Waligora believes a criminal record is more a deterrent than a fine.



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