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40,000 voters name first Halton-Burlington MPP

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Almost 40,000 voters are eligible to troop to the polls Thursday to elect the first MPP to represent the newly-created riding of Halton-Burlington.

The new constituency, created by redistribution, groups the Towns of Halton Hills and Milton making Georgetown, Milton and Acton the major urban centres. A sprinkling of Burlington is also included in the riding.

Cloudy skies
The Environment Canada weatherman at Toronto Airport is calling for a cloudy day across Halton Region on Thursday, with temperatures in the moderate 10 to 17 degree Celsius range. Rain is not expected.

Five million Ontario residents may cast ballots as Canada's most populous and richest province holds its 30th general election.

Election machinery has functioned smoothly throughout the campaign, according

to Returning Officer Roy Coulter, and everything is set for the expected turnout of concerned voters.

Staff Inspector Ray Address, who directs Halton Regional Police's Georgetown and Milton precincts, says there have been no election-related incidents during the campaign.

"We've had no reports and we appreciate that," he said of the orderly electoral struggle.

164 polls
The returning officer, Roy Coulter, a retired farmer, from Lowville, has organized an army of 330 deputy returning officers and poll clerks to police the 164 polls scattered across Halton-Burlington.

As well, the three political parties involved are supplying scrutineers to safeguard their interests at each poll.

Coulter says 1,103 persons voted last Friday, Saturday and Monday in the advance polls.

The returning officer says the breakdown was:

Milton - 317; Georgetown (fire hall) - 190; Georgetown (St. Andrew's Church) - 237; Acton - 191; Burlington - 168.

Votes recorded during the advance polls will not be counted until the election ends at 8 p.m. on Thursday. They were designed to accommodate persons who would be unable to vote at the regular time due to work or vacation schedules.

Extra day
Friday was tacked on as an extra advance polling day because Saturday and Monday were special religious days for Ontario residents of the Jewish faith.

Polled open at 9 a.m. Thursday, and individual voters may refer to their enumeration slips or to the lists of voters hung on telephone poles to determine the number and location of the poll where they must vote.

Voters across the riding with problems may contact the returning office

located at 65 Millside Dr., Milton by calling 878-3341, 878-7218, 878-7219, or 878-7210.

Too close
Since it's a new riding, the election results in Halton-Burlington appear to be too close to call in the same way that top party strategists are saying the province-wide results are a tossup.

Conservative Gary Dawkins, New Democrat Bill Johnson, and Liberal Julian Reed (in alphabetical order as they appear on the ballot) have all run spirited campaigns and, with a potential three-way split, anyone can get elected.

Considering that half of the election period took place prior to Labor Day when voters were interested more in sand and sun rather than issues, the campaign has really heated up thanks to a series of lively all-candidates meetings across the riding.

New area
The area of North Halton included in the new Halton-Burlington riding was

represented in the last legislature by two Conservative cabinet ministers, Minister of Government Services Jim Snow of Halton East and Solicitor-General George Kerr of Halton West.

Both men are running again but the towns of Milton and Halton Hills and a section of Burlington stand alone this time.

Returning Officer Coulter says his representatives at each poll will start phoning in the results to him shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday. He will make the results public immediately.

Coulter says the final tally should be known before 11 p.m., although a tight race could require recounts and slow up the process.

The three candidates, exhausted as they are from the never-ending canvassing, speech-making and planning, say they are nevertheless pleased with their individual showings and the fair way in which the campaign has progressed across Halton-Burlington.

Demanding campaign
But it's a demanding schedule, and Liberal Julian Reed says, for example, that he's on his third pair of shoes since the campaign started.

Interest heightened during the campaign as major party leaders for the first time venture into the northern areas of Halton Region.

In former provincial and federal elections, party leaders whistle-stopped through Burlington and Oakville but didn't appear in the rest of the region.

This time, however, Premier Bill Davis visited the riding twice. On Aug. 19 he toured the Halton Centennial Manor in Milton and wandered downtown to visit Dawkins' headquarters and do a little mainstreeting.

Leaders in Riding
And last Friday, the Conservative Premier addressed a Georgetown luncheon attended by 400 persons and said Ontario needs a strong government for economic reasons partly because of the recent resignation of John Turner as



A WORKER stands gingerly on a steel beam as he directs the lowering of a bucket full of cement for a new restraining wall under construction.

The old Martin St. bridge is gone, and by Jan. 1 it will be replaced by a wider structure to permit more Sixteen Mile Creek water to flow by.

Town will continue industrial park plans

About 40 people crowded into Milton Council Chambers last Tuesday night to hear Planner Bob Zsadanvi and councillors discuss a plan that could turn 1,800 acres of prime farmland into industrial use. If the plan goes ahead, many of the 40 homeowners could find themselves surrounded by industries.

The amendment to the official plan has been in the works for several months and will be the subject of public meetings in mid or late October.

The land involved in the amendment is north of Highway 401, south of Five Side-road and bounded by High-

way 25 on one side and the Fourth Line and the hydro line route on the east.

In addition to that a parcel of land involving 260 acres south of 401 in the Peru and Milton Heights area is also included.

The planner said that there are 18 homes surrounded by the proposed industrial land. Zsadanvi said the thing that "really pains me" is that it is prime agricultural land. He explained that land was needed for industry to help improve the sagging assessment ratio that exists between residential and commercial properties.

Zsadanvi agreed some

people would be inconvenienced and some residential properties could be devalued.

The planner told the homeowners and council that he could see no way around it. He claimed the industrial assessment was essential if the town was to meet its demands and pointed out there was no other area in town that could meet the requirements and disrupt fewer people.

Zsadanvi said he was confident that a good type of industry could be attracted to town and pointed out that all possible measures to protect the residents in the area would be taken.

He pointed to sketches of the area showing 12 foot high berms that are 110 feet wide and emphasized the type of industry the town would at-

tract to those sites would be of low density.

Fabricating industries and warehouse firms are among those that would be apt to move to town, he said. Zsadanvi said the town had the right and would exercise the right to inspect plans from each and every industry proposing to set up shop in the industrial park.

Easily serviced
He said 50 percent of the area north of Highway 401 could be serviced without any major road improvements to Highway 25 or without construction of Dorval Way (a north-south link between 401 and the QEW).

Once it came time to develop the balance, those improvements would be neces-

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Heights people want water at equal rates

According to Peter McWilliams solicitor for about 60 people in Milton Heights, those people have a right to tap into water transmission lines passing their property and pay the same rate as urban people for the water usage. McWilliams appeared before the Regional Public Works Committee Wednesday.

Regional Public Works officials had agreed to provide water to those people outside of the urban serviced area but the residents under the regional proposal would be required to pay \$510 for the hook-up and running the line from the main to the lot line and for the provision of a remote meter reader. Under the regional proposal, residents would have to pay a frontage charge of \$3.85 per foot for lots up to 100 feet.

On top of that residents would also pay one and a half times the urban rate for the water used.

Say it's fair
Public works officials have explained that position as one

they feel is fair, noting that new homes in urban subdivisions pay a higher mill rate in the serviced areas, as well as paying capital contributions to cover costs of water plants and reservoirs. Homeowners in the urban section of town have paid for years towards the municipal water system while those outside of the urban serviced areas have not.

Solicitor McWilliams raised several questions at the meeting Wednesday. He asked if the Ontario

Agricultural Museum at Kelso was subject to the same regulations as homeowners and he questioned whether or not other homeowners using town water paid one and a half times the urban service area rate.

McWilliams claimed there was no legal provision for the region to apply a local improvement by-law or set a frontage charge. He indicated the matter would go to court if a reasonable settlement wasn't reached.

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Free rides for voters

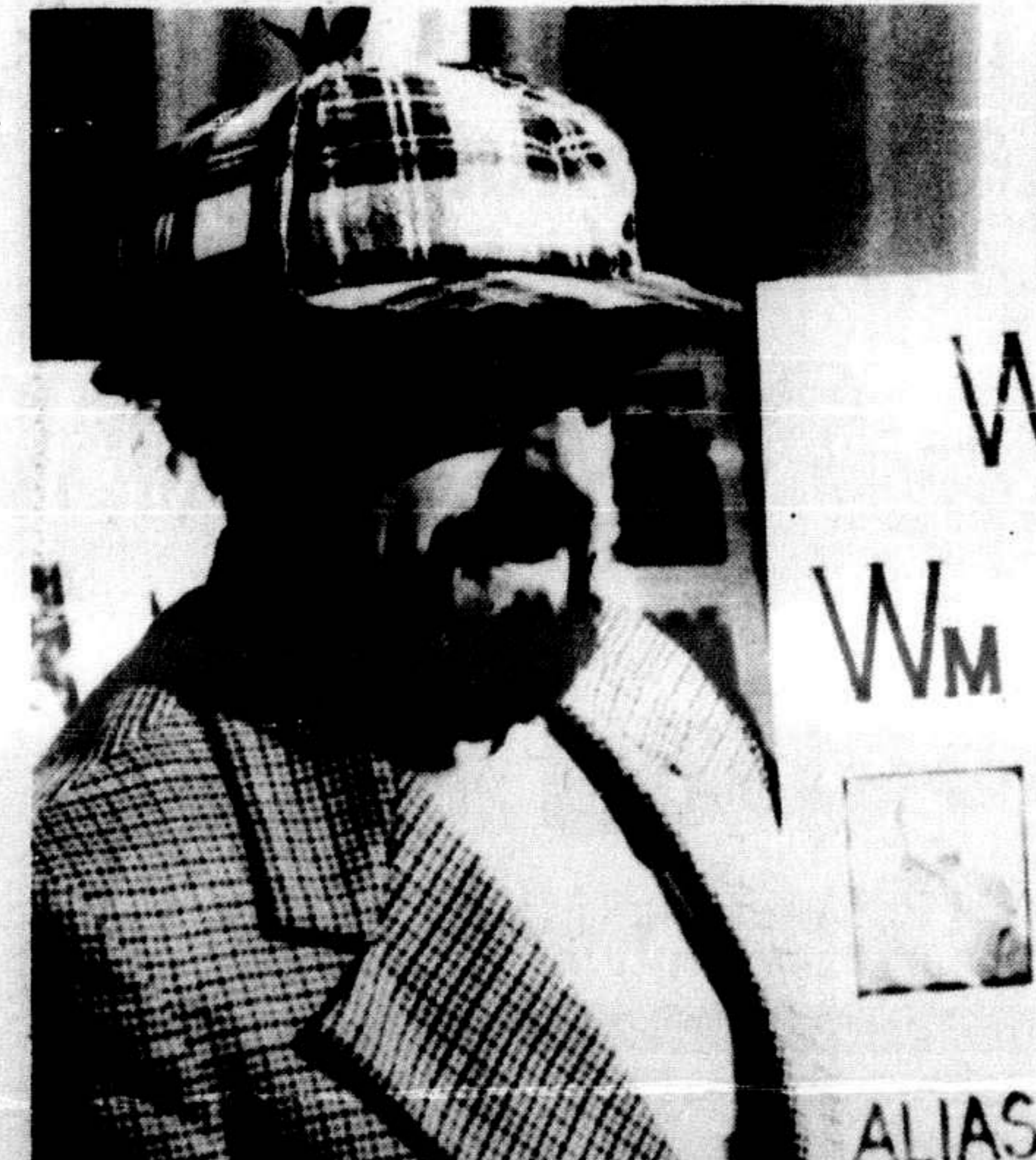
A free, non-partisan taxi service to and from the polls on Thursday will be provided by members of Milton Area Radio Club. Anyone needing a ride can arrange it by phoning 878-3257, club officials report.

That phone number connects to a base control station which can contact cruising drivers with mobile citizens band radios. MAIRC members said anyone else wanting to help during election day can monitor CB channel 01 for messages from "Kitty Hawk".

Local political parties will also be offering rides to voters election day.



AN ENTHUSIASTIC Conservative rushes forward to present Premier William Davis with a rose, as Progressive Conservative candidate Gary Dawkins watches in Georgetown Friday.



BILL JOHNSON, NDP candidate for Halton-Burlington, is conducting his own campaign in an unorthodox elector bid to win votes. Wearing his "Stalking Dawkins" cap and carrying his own literature, he is seen patrolling the streets early Monday morning.

Keep dump open region is warned

"The unobtrusive peacefulness of the people of Nassagaweya is being tested by actions of the Regional Public Works Department," according to Milton Councillor Russ Powadiuk.

Powadiuk appeared before the works committee Wednesday in an effort to convince the committee that the Nassagaweya landfill site should remain open.

He reviewed the problems with the dump that led the Ministry of the Environment to order the dump closed Oct. 15.

Region's challenge
Rats, odors from the dump and cover material pushed against bush were identified as problems. Powadiuk challenged the committee to show him a flyless, odorless dump or one without some rodents.

He claimed it was up to the region to properly operate the dump and most problems could either be eliminated or alleviated.

He said the dump was only 13 acres and of that, 6.5 acres were used. He agreed that the per ton cost was high but argued that the absolute cost or actual cost in dollars was minimal and the dump is hidden from the road.

"It's small. There's no need for scales, purchasing or personnel departments, administrators or an ombudsman to protect the people from them," he said.

Try three days
The councillor suggested operating the dump on a three day per week basis rather than six as a local service, and to consider having Halton Region Conservation Authority and Mohawk Raceway truck their garbage to the Georgetown dump to help prolong the life of the Nassagaweya dump.

If Nassagawegians are forced to cart their refuse to the Georgetown landfill site,

it would mean a round trip of about 28 miles on the average.

Acting Works Director
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Burlington Chamber

Milton site best

Burlington Chamber of Commerce this week became the third Chamber group in Halton to go on record as endorsing the Milton site as the best Regional government headquarters site.

The Burlington Chamber identified the Highway 25, Derry Rd. site as the most central site and the best spot for the new permanent headquarters. Earlier Milton and Oakville Chambers had forwarded similar resolutions.

According to Halton Regional Chairman Allan Masson, those resolutions

aren't apt to carry a great amount of weight when council once again considers the question of establishing headquarters.

No effect
Asked if the three resolutions would have any effect on the ultimate decision, Masson said he didn't think they would.

"This council has never taken any advice from Chambers of Commerce," he said.

Masson said he expected the staff to report back on a study examining the prospects of a lease back arrangement.



LIBERAL CANDIDATE in Halton-Burlington Julian Reed and Provincial Leader Bob Nixon shared a platform before enthusiastic Liberal supporters Saturday afternoon. Nixon made a short stop in Milton as he hopped about south-west Ontario.

New housing: 232 more pupils

Milton schools are bursting at the seams as 232 more students enrolled during the first week of classes at local schools.

Roberts Baldwin, W.I. Dick and Martin Street schools all showed increases in enrolment while only J. M. Denyes experienced a decrease.

With 1,447 students registered at area elementary schools, Milton is rapidly approaching the school capacity rate set by the Halton Board of Education at 1,567 pupils.

The Ministry of Education has a capacity figure for Milton too which has been set at 1,740. Board officials said that once a community approaches Ministry capacity figures then they usually approve expansion plans.

Robert Baldwin showed the greatest increase in enrolment as the number of registrations this year rose from last year's figure of 259 to 470 and this increase brings Baldwin school close to the provincially set capacity of

500 and over the Halton capacity of 450.

Martin Street School also went over both the Halton and Queen's Park capacity enrolment figures.

Last year there were 355 pupils at Martin Street School while this year 404 showed up for classes. The province sets the recommended capacity of the school at 385 while Halton sets it at 347.

W.I. Dick school showed only a small increase of four
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