

Pomeroy fights centralized planning

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 "Debate has to take place at the local level and that's not going to happen. It's going to be done by civil servants at Queen's Park."

Mr. Pomeroy also challenged Mr. Sewell on the issue during a question period following Mr. Sewell's speech.

Through consolidating provincial planning powers, "it appears local decision making will be so constrained as to be almost meaningless," Mr. Pomeroy said.

"There should be provincial policies about some things," Mr. Sewell replied. "To say that's constraining municipal policy is, I think, taking the argument too far."

Mr. Sewell said he didn't want faceless bureaucrats making the major planning decisions either, but that what Mr. Pomeroy feared was basically the status quo.

"At the moment it seems various

ministries are making policies," Mr. Sewell said. "The ministries are making up policies where there is no accountability and it has to be changed."

Oakville regional councillor Liz Behrens said she was aware of at least four other government-sponsored planning reform projects ongoing. Given all the studies, "how do you see them coming together?"

Mr. Sewell replied that there are indeed more than four such groups

working currently. "Our impression is that we all seem to be going on the same route." However, "I can't offer you any assurance all that stuff will be co-ordinated."

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale said a major concern was having someone to hold "accountable" for funding growth-fuelled necessities. "The fastest growing product" for many years in Oakville and Burlington was "portables on school sites," she noted sarcastically.

OPP decorate cruisers with decal for Canada Day

The Milton OPP isn't missing out on Canada 125 celebrations. OPP cruisers have been decorated with a special decal recognizing the country's 125th birthday. The decal was created specially for the OPP to display on their vehicles.

Staff Sergeant Al Smouter placed the first decal on a cruiser Friday morning in a special ceremony at the Steeles Avenue detachment.

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"Anything less makes our system unfair," added the five-year resident of Milton and 12th generation Canadian.

He also said immigrants must prove they won't become a burden before being allowed into Canada and should be sent back if they are criminally convicted within two years.

The only candidate not in attendance was 12-year Milton resident Bill Graham, a local book publisher who was away on business in Dallas, Texas at the time.

Instead, representing him was Bill MacKinnon. "He's a man who can take a look at a problem and solve it," he said describing Mr. Graham. "He's a doer."

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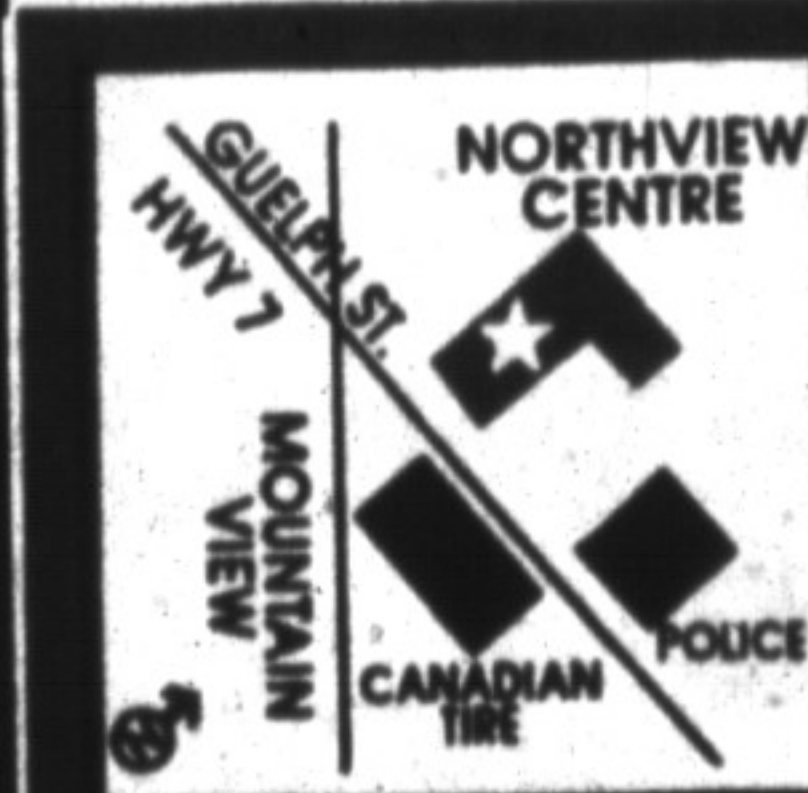
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