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## Pomeroy will relinquish job, blasts council over legal fees

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Halton regional chair Peter Pomeroy, amid criticism of taxpayers financing his legal fees under a new regional bylaw, announced Wednesday he won't seek re-election in November, and would step down immediately if council so voted.

Wednesday regional council unanimously voted to revisit the legal fee payback policy. A report will come forward in two weeks to a month, once outside legal opinions are obtained. Council didn't ask for Mr. Pomeroy's resignation.

"I will not be seeking office here in

Halton beyond the end of this term," Mr. Pomeroy said.

He then made reference to bids by various councillors at the Wednesday meeting aimed at altering the legal fee compensation bylaw. "As well, if I have become such a liability as some of those motions may lead you to believe, if by a majority vote of council you feel I should resign, I'll resign at your convenience."

Awaiting trial on charges of criminal breach of trust and accepting a secret commission, Mr. Pomeroy said his announcement came earlier than planned.

"I enjoy a fight but I'm getting tired. I would prefer it if council was to look me straight in the eye and vote me out. I'll resign today. You tell me, but please have the decency to debate the merits of the decision publicly." Declaring conflicts of interest on the legal fee compensation bylaw changes, and a flurry of associated motions, Mr. Pomeroy took the podium as a delegation before council saying, "Get your seatbelts on."

Apologizing for councillors having to "suffer through this current malaise that permeates this region," Mr. Pomeroy added, "I have never seen anything in my experience to rival what's happening at this time. A cancer currently pervades this municipality."

"There is a tremendous effort by some people in our area to consider a political future for myself be blocked or stopped. I'm deeply hurt and offended by some actions that have been taken surrounding this subject," he said.

Having worked with some councillors 18 years, Mr. Pomeroy said, "There are a whole host of motions before the clerk which I never had the opportunity to see. I did not even have the courtesy of a single telephone call to say this was happening."

He said the legal fee payback policy  
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### Faces to the sun

Gina Sansogno of Robertson Crescent shows off the 10-foot sunflowers adorning her backyard. Some of them have between 10 and 15 flowers.

### NEWSLINES

#### Graffiti Dance tomorrow

The Milton Leisure Centre will go back to the '50s tomorrow night (Saturday) during the fourth annual Graffiti Dance.

The Milton Kinsmen are once again putting on the fundraising event, which features local band Class of '59.

Proceeds will go to Milton District Hospital.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. event cost \$10 per person and can be purchased by calling Shelly at 875-4717 or Andrew at 878-452.

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## Tiger hearing in December

A December preliminary hearing was set for Asian wrestling star Jagjit Singh Hans in Milton provincial court Monday.

The 50-year-old First Line man, known in the wrestling world as Tiger Jeet Singh, faces a charge of conspiracy to defraud the public over \$1,000.

The wrestling star is alleged to have made misrepresentations to 10 Canadian investors in real estate deals involving Rundle Park Village, an Edmonton townhouse and apartment complex.

It is alleged the investors were defrauded of more than \$500,000 between 1989 and 1992.

Four days have been scheduled for the hearing — December 14, 15, 21 and 22 — which is held to determine if enough evidence exists in the case to go to trial.

The charges were laid in June following a two-year RCMP investigation. Three other men were also charged.

## KIDS EAT FREE!

Back To School is "Kids Eat Free" time at Belamys, Milton.

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