

Pomeroy bids farewell to Halton council

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The Champion

Halton regional Chair Peter Pomeroy looked back on what he called "an incredible journey" and predicted he'd return as he officially took leave of his job last week.

"A lot of what should be said has already been said. I want to say in all sincerity, I'm happy to have had the privilege of working with almost every one of you," he told fellow regional councillors.

"The time comes along when you've got to move on. I'm sure I'll be in another career of some sort after this term of council, and if you keep watching you may see me back before you in some capacity over the next couple of years. I don't know how or why, but now it's time to move on," he said.

Awards presented

Poking fun at retirement, and noting many of 140 employees who received long service or retirement awards at the Nov. 30 meeting had wanted him to make the presentations, Mr. Pomeroy looked back over the major accomplishments of the Region during his 11 years as chair.

Mr. Pomeroy said Halton is about the only Ontario community to successfully secure a landfill site under the provincial Environmental Act, through the Halton Urban Structure Plan is the best planned community in Ontario, and noted council had the courage to implement region-wide market value assessment (MVA).

He said he took the majority of council's re-election personally as a vote of public confidence in the local regional government's effectiveness. "And so it's time to go," he noted.

Retiring Hamilton-Wentworth regional Chair Reg Whynott, also chair of the Ontario regional chairs association, was on-hand to voice his accolades for Mr. Pomeroy.

Mr. Pomeroy announced earlier this autumn that he wouldn't be seeking re-election to the chair's position. A new chair will be chosen today (Wednesday) from a host of declared



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Burlington council, is moving west to a new job. He said he was recently mistaken for Bob Rae, so it must be time to move on.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller is retiring after 30 years as an elected official, 18 of which he spent at the Region.

Met Clements in hockey

Mr. Pomeroy recalled first meeting Milton's Brad Clements during high school hockey. "I have this feeling that somewhere along the way Brad Clements will be back in local government again where he should be," said the departing regional chair.

Mr. Pomeroy called Oakville Councillor Fred Oliver, a former Oakville police chief and personal friend, a "teddy bear" under a gruff exterior. "I've enjoyed working with the majority of councillors. Some I could never figure out why or how they got here, or why they stayed," said Mr. Oliver, noted for his candor.

"The challenges are going to be profound and you'll be dealing with some major issues but in leaving, these issues couldn't be left in better hands," said Mr. Pomeroy, exiting council chambers to a standing ovation that saw every councillor, albeit Burlington Mayor Walter Mulkevic a little slowly, rise to their feet.

Mayor warns of trouble

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both Mr. Krantz and Mr. Day.

"I'm sorry we're not going to have Brad Clements' common sense and forthright manner representing us at the Region, however I am glad to have Colin Best's common sense, devotion and hard work to represent us there," said Mr. Day, who noted Mr. Best has secured the respect of regional councillors from other Halton communities through his work in regional issues.

Family members were invited to snap photos during the official ceremony before Ms McCallum led the new council out of chambers to a reception attended by family and friends at the neighboring Hugh Foster Hall.

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