

# Milton councillors leery of election for Halton chair

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was important for the chair to have experience in municipal government. He said he doubted the people in north Halton know what the chairman does or who currently fills the job.

"We could end up with a celebrity, a sports star, or the media, or a singing cowboy, running the region," said Mr. Lee. "We could end up with someone who doesn't know diddly-squat. I also see party politics creeping in even more than they do now."

## TV man nominated for Ontario award

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The announcement was made late last month by Dan Cornacchia, director of the Ontario Entrepreneur of the Year Program and managing partner of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneurial Services practice for the Greater Toronto Area.

"With combined sales figures of close to \$3 billion and growing, these entrepreneurs represent some of the very best companies in the province," Mr. Cornacchia said.

"People like these finalists are responsible for the tremendous growth we are seeing in the entrepreneurial sector in Ontario."

YOUtv is more than the creator of the portable television studio. The three-year-old company's system of data warehousing classifies, stores and retrieves video data collected from the Listening Post, explained Mr. Peacock, who has a background in corporate communications.

The system has been used in market research, consumer promotions, television programming and personal entertainment for companies such as Apple Computer and Famous Players. As well it was a platform for a couple search promotion for Crispy Crunch, the Waterloo native said.

YOUtv has also sold Speaker's Corner technology in conjunction with CITY TV to television stations worldwide.

Mr. Peacock, who operates the business with partners, sees YOUtv servicing a global market. His business has already taken him around the world, and after only a few years, 1996 revenue projections have reached the low seven figures — more than a \$1 million and less than \$10 million, he said.

Award recipients from each category will be announced at a banquet in Toronto Thursday, Oct. 3. Then one of the 10 winners will be named Ontario Regional Entrepreneur of the Year.

That person will be eligible, along with other regional award recipients from across the country, to be named Canada's Entrepreneur of the Year.

Last year, Vic de Zen of the Toronto-based Royal Plastics Group was given the national title.

Mr. Krantz agreed and added such an election would span three federal ridings, and set up the winner as a major powerbroker in Halton Region.

"It isn't working all that well in Hamilton-Wentworth," said Mr. Krantz.

Town Councillor Brian Penman said the status quo should prevail until the provincial government decides otherwise. He suggested that the idea for an at-large election of the chair is being pushed in Burlington, where local politicians have slashed the size of local council in half and created politicians facing unemployment.

Councillor John Challinor said no constituents had approached him regarding the election of regional chair, however he added he supported the change to requiring candidates to be elected by all Halton voters.

"The regional chairman should be elected at large during the municipal election process that takes place every three years in Ontario," Mr. Challinor wrote in a letter to Harry Kitchen, a consultant who oversaw Halton's regional review committee.

"To be elected, by the voters of Halton rather than by and from amongst 24 other members of Halton regional council, places a greater degree of accountability on the position and may attract

## Mounties riding at Mohawk for charity

The Mounties are coming Thursday, Sept. 12. The Alcohol and Drug Recovery Association of Ontario (ADRAO) will present the RCMP Musical Ride at Mohawk Raceway.

The 5 p.m. event will feature the Mounties' famous ride as well as bomb squad and breathalyzer demonstrations by local police.

A lavish dinner and auction including collector's items such as signed sports equipment donated by the pros will be held.

There will also be musical bands, dancers and information booths by various community groups.

The September 12 ride is particularly unique because the RCMP won't hold it again until the year 2000, organizers say.

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more qualified candidates, and represents a far more democratic process," wrote Mr. Challinor. He also called for regional council meetings to be held at night, to allow for greater public participation. Currently committee and council meetings are scheduled for 9 a.m. through 5 p.m.

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