

# Board chairman joins trustees' exodus

RICHMOND HILL — Chairman Doug Allen of Richmond Hill has joined the growing list of York County board of education trustees who won't be back next year.

Allen, a member of the board for four years, told *The Liberal* it had been "a great experience," but also a time-consuming and frustrating one.

"You can spend 30 to 40 hours a week on it and you need twice as much as that — especially as chairman," Allen said.

He said he would like to spend more time on his business. He is a partner in the architectural firm of Allen Brown and Sherriff.

Allen said there had been "an evolution of instruction" in the schools, but marking hadn't kept pace. Students should be rated in some fashion, he said, and there has been nothing to replace departmental examinations.

"I think that's part of the reason that people are saying the students aren't adequately trained."

Allen said he was hoping some "good, serious thinking person" would be running in his place.

**Bailie bails out**  
Another Richmond Hill trustee, Warren Bailie, won't be running either. Bailie, a trustee for 14 years and the only remaining member of the original York board, said he hopes to be able to devote more time to his family and church.

Joy Horton of East Gwillimbury, Donald Sim of Markham, and Chris McMonagle of Markham, have also announced they won't be back.

Running in Mrs. McMonagle's place, however, is her husband Bob.

Another Markham trustee, Doreen Quirk, announced this week that she would be back for another try.

"It is because I believe the taxpayers of Thornhill want trustees who are concerned about the quality of education that I have decided to run for re-election," Mrs. Quirk said.

She said she intended to support the return to a core curriculum for Grades 9 and 10, as announced recently by education minister Tom Wells.

This meant a good grounding in the "essential communication skills," such as English composition, grammar and literature. However, she said she

doubted that would be met if students continued to receive only five periods of English every five or six days.

Mrs. Quirk said she challenged the teaching and administrative staffs to organize the secondary schools "in such a manner that every student may study English for enough time to become competent in all skills — reading, writing, speaking and listening."

She also asked that each student have a "home-room teacher, who teaches him, is responsible for him and cares about what happens to him."

Quality teachers, plus report cards showing the progress of the child; a sense of responsibility among the student, and respect among teachers, parents, pupils and trustees, were also emphasized by Mrs. Quirk.

A "full-time housewife," Mrs. Quirk and her husband Rick and their three children live in Thornhill.

Two newcomers to the scene are Bill Monroe of Richmond Hill, and Glenn



Bill Monroe  
....trying 2nd time

Sullivan of Markham.

Monroe, a member of Richmond Hill Fire Department, is not a complete newcomer, however, having run two years ago.

A former purchasing agent for the town, Monroe thinks people "are paying an awful lot for what they're getting."

"It seems most of the (board) meetings are spent arguing," he said. Monroe said he would like to see more unity on the board.

He also feels a person in elected office should do what the public wants, even if he personally disagreed.

Educated in Richmond Hill and Markham, Monroe is a former president of Richmond Hill Home and School Association and York County Home and School Federation.

He and his wife, Linda, live in Richmond Hill with their two girls, Wendy, 15, and Pamela, 14.

Glenn Sullivan is another one who

thinks there's "a bad scene on the board now," and would like to do something about it.

He said education was "the most important single issue in this election." If elected, he would visit each school in the area on a regular basis "to insure that your child is receiving the best education possible."

Among the planks in his school platform: treat all children as individual, educable children, a sound, basic curriculum, re-establish genuine moral and social values, hold down the rising costs in schools through sound financial management, make schools more accessible to the local community; provide for professional accountability to parents and taxpayers.

A department head in West Park Secondary School in Toronto, Sullivan is at present a candidate for degree of doctor of education at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto.



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### It's incredible, says Schiller

# Rowe comment at Region: Abolish local governments

## Rowe questions mayor's math

RICHMOND HILL — While Mayor David Schiller was jumping on mayoralty challenger Gordon Rowe for his comments on local vs. regional government, Rowe himself was lashing out at the mayor for "inaccurate figures in opening remarks of the campaign."

In an interview on Cable 10 TV, reported in *The Liberal* last week, Schiller said the cost of regional government rose from \$4 million in 1971 to \$38 million this year.

"Let's show some credibility as we commence this campaign," Rowe retorted.

"The initial year cost was \$17,235,000 — not \$4 million as Mayor Schiller tries to point out."

"An inaccuracy of \$13 million in one of his opening remarks of his campaign would lead one to subsequently challenge any future figures tossed about."

Schiller's reference to Rowe's stand on Richmond Hill population is also inaccurate, Rowe said.

"The region-estimated population was in the range of 95,000 to 105,000 (by the year 2000), and this projection I supported."

"It would appear that great care has been taken not to mention the year 2000 so as to create the impression of my supporting an exploding, uncontrolled type of growth, the last thing I would want to happen."

## Council wants full disclosure of donations

RICHMOND HILL — Civic election candidates here will be "requested" to disclose the source of all campaign donations over \$100, town council decided Monday.

Although they acknowledged a municipality has no power to enforce the policy, a council majority expressed support for the idea of full disclosure and thought voters have a right to know who is financing campaigns.

Councillor John Birchall, author of the resolution, commented: "I believe it is in the interest of the citizens to have full disclosure."

Councillor Mike Burnie and Mayor David Schiller also spoke in favor of the resolution and both suggested there should be provincial legislation giving municipalities the power to require disclosure.

Councillors Al Duffy and Marylo Graham also supported the resolution.

Opposing it were councillor and mayoralty candidate Gordon Rowe, Councillors Andy Chateauvert and Lois Hancey. Councillor William Corcoran was absent from the meeting.

Rowe said: "I would gladly support a motion that would make disclosure mandatory. But here, we're just passing something that can't be enforced anyway."



### Monstrous model

He's a nice-looking young chap, actually, but that's obviously not the idea here as Raymond Perry shows pal Tim Jackson just how a menacing Halloween jack-o-lantern is supposed to

look. The boys, both from Yongeview Avenue in the Hill, were out with countless other youngsters celebrating the occasion a day early on Saturday night. Sunday you have to get back to reality.

# Former Mayor Lazenby to run against Al Duffy

RICHMOND HILL — Former Mayor William Lazenby is attempting a comeback in town politics.

He will oppose Councillor Al Duffy for the Ward 2 seat in the Dec. 6 election.

Lazenby has been mentioned as a likely candidate, for either a regional seat or Ward 2 post, for some time. He told *The Liberal* Tuesday he has

definitely made up his mind in favor of the ward post.

"A change in leadership was suggested by the voters two years ago," he said, "and perhaps another change is needed now."

"I will be glad to give the benefit of my experience to the public, if they want it."

Lazenby was mayor for five years, losing to David Schiller in the mayoralty battle of 1974. He previously sat as a councillor for six years.

Duffy, 32, was first elected to council two years ago and has served as chairman of the parks and recreation committee and has worked with the community use of schools projects and the arena board.

Duffy says he views completion of the Official Plan as top priority, and he also wants to continue working with sports organizations to improve town facilities.

"I also would like to continue discussions with the two school boards on the joint sharing of town and school facilities. If this is successful, it will result in lower costs to both parties."

### Halloween quiet

RICHMOND HILL — Area residents and their property were spared any major damage Halloween night, but the town fire department did get reports of 10 fire hydrants being opened and left running.

They were brought under control by the town works department.

RICHMOND HILL — Referring to a recent interview with Gordon Rowe published in York regional government's official newsletter, Mayor David Schiller has attacked his mayoralty opponent "for taking the position that local governments should be eliminated."

In one of a series of articles called Meet Your Regional Councillors, the "Regionews" wrote that Rowe "believes area municipality governments within the Region of York should be eliminated."

Rowe was quoted as saying: "Until such time as local governments are eliminated I can see only a continued deterioration at both levels of government. I am fully cognizant of the fact that such a statement will not win me many friends and political colleagues, but when we are spending millions of hard-earned taxpayers' dollars, who is interested in a popularity contest...."

"Given half a chance, regional government would succeed. I believe the problem is that a majority of (regional) council have grown more parochial... and have forgotten why they are here, supposedly to benefit the region as a whole."

Last week, Schiller called a press conference to issue a written statement responding to Rowe's comments. It said, in part:

"... I find it incredible... disturbing that Regional Councillor Rowe should take the position that local governments should be eliminated and all powers should be given to the regional government."

"The historical base of the town is an important ingredient in making the community a home for its residents. The various boards and committees appointed by the council of the town are an important part of governmental functions. If all these were to be eliminated, it would be a sad day indeed."

"With Councillor Rowe's expressed position that local governments should be eliminated, I wonder why he would want to be mayor."

Schiller also said that, as soon as the Rowe comments were published, "I myself asked him if he was serious and he replied, 'Yes, that's exactly how I feel'. Needless to say, a repudiation now after he has declared his intention to seek the position of mayor would be extremely suspect."

Rowe, in an interview with *The Liberal*, made no attempt to repudiate the statement or deny any of the quotes attributed to him.

"I did make the statement, and I'll stick by it. You have to be honest."

Rowe added: "I'm not promoting the elimination of local governments. But what I was trying to say is, if we don't buckle down and have more cooperation, it will become one or the other."

"And I can't see that it would be the region going down the drain. The mayor things are all finalized at the region," and in time the local municipalities may well "give way" to regional government, he said.

Rowe, who has served on York Region council since its inception in 1971, last week announced he will be a candidate for Richmond Hill mayor.

## Mayoralty opponents on TV quiz session

RICHMOND HILL — Several candidates' forums have already been announced, and more are in the works, as the civic election scene becomes increasingly lively here.

The first, a meet-the-press style television program, will bring mayoralty candidates David Schiller and Gordon Rowe together in a Cable 10 program to be aired over the weekend.

To be taped Thursday, the program will be seen Friday at 6 and 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at noon.

Schiller and Rowe will be questioned by a panel of four: Cable 10 program director Scott Colbran, *Liberal* news editor William Lever, North Star editor William Williams, and CFGM municipal reporter Ken Cox.

On Nov. 17, the Ward 3 Ratepayers

group will hold a candidates meeting at Walter Scott School at 7:30 p.m. Council and school board candidates will be there to answer questions and later talk informally with the public.

Richmond Hill chamber of commerce will be the hosts for an all-candidates forum Nov. 24, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner meeting for members at Summit Golf and Country Club.

The civic improvement committee has scheduled three meetings in separate parts of town. Candidates for council seats and the school board will appear at Richmond Hill High School Nov. 29, at Oak Ridges Public School Dec. 1 and at Hillcrest Mall auditorium on Dec. 2. The meetings start at 8 p.m. Deadline for candidates to file nomination papers is Nov. 15.



William Lazenby  
... trying for comeback



Al Duffy  
... seeks second term

### Inside The Liberal

#### Ambulance always ready

It's one of the many vital public services we take for granted, the ever-ready band of fellows who staff the region's professional ambulance operation. What's it like on the run day after day? See Page C-1.

Next Monday is the deadline for York Region United Way's first-ever campaign. Executive director Bob Higgs reports on how it's gone. Page A-4.

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