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Heaton brings an end to staged political event making it fair for all

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Halton - Halton Hills: Mayor Candidate Robert Heaton made a course change in the staged Chamber of Commerce "All Candidates Breakfast" hosted last month on Thursday, October 26 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Chamber Director Norm Paget, who MC'ed the event explained, the rules are clear. Candidates are asked questions by the audience and only those candidates asked will be permitted to answer. Mayor Candidate Robert Heaton felt that all candidates should have an opportunity to address the questions, not just a chosen few.

The Georgetown Independent who publicly endorses Mayor Bonnette, [wrote a report](#) calling the incident a "raucus" (ruckus). Frances Niblock of Acton's New Tanner took it to the next level calling it; "Attempt to hi-jack chamber meeting failed". But all who were present and anyone who takes the time to listen to the Halton Herald audio news report, will easily see through the Media hype and quickly determine; Heaton made a well deserved course correction making the event as fair as it could and should be for all the participating candidates.

Listen to the audio report of the "raucus"...

Missed by most, also attending the political meet was an undercover officer who sat in the audience. We asked Chief Crowell about the officer's presence and why he was assign, and who requested his presence? The Chief would only confirm; "the Police Service had information of a potential for a disturbance at the All Candidates meeting and took proactive measures to ensure a peaceful assembly for all citizens". He concluded; "It is not normal practice for the Service to identify its information sources".

The meet went off without a hitch and other than Norm Paget's struggle to control who got to answer what questions, there were no incidents or reports of any disturbance.

Brent Marshall and the Rick Bonnette both told the audience, we need "Energy from Waste now". Both Halton Region Chair Candidates Brian Burton and Gary Carr both agreed; it's not something that low population density Halton will need -- at least not until 2029-2030, calling the plan; more waste of taxpayers' dollars.

Brian Burton question the need for [Brent Marshall's vision](#) for what's been termed by some, as the new Taj MaHalton. According to Joyce Savoline, it's a plan dreamt up by Brent Marshall to tear down our perfectly good, fairly new region facility only to build another one at a cost of hundreds, upon hundreds of millions of dollars to Halton taxpayers'. Brent didn't address the issue but instead drew attention to his proud and only noted accomplishment of maintaining Halton's "triple A" credit rating.

Bonnette told the audience how important it is for our mayor to have a good working relationship with council and the region, something he's been proud of for the last 3 years. Mayor candidate Robert Heaton suggested Bonnette's relationship with the region and council was just a little too cozy, suggesting he wouldn't tolerate, like Bonnette does, [companies moving into the community and developing without permits while making empty promises and threats to leave](#).

Burton felt his real proven real business experience is what's needed to get Halton back on the right track, referring to Marshall as the same-old, same-old. Carr felt his political experience with the various levels of government would make him a strong advocate for the region. Brent Marshall, who states on his website; "I can't stress enough that this is my community", told the audience how everybody already knows who he is both at the region and down at Queens Park. He defended the relationships he's developed with developers and, without going into any details, told the audience how those relationships benefited the community. When Brent Marshall was questioned about his campaign financing and was directly asked, how many developers were helping finance his election bid, the career bureaucrat stated: "Quite frankly, I can't tell you or anyone in this room where the funding is coming from".

The issues surrounding [Brent Marshall's accademic credentials](#), or what appears to be -- the lack-there-of, were not raised at the meet.

Click here to [listen to the audio transcript](#) of the entire meeting