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Strange parallels



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Halton Hills: Ill-informed voters re-elected Halton Hills Mayor "Tricky Ricky" Bonnette in a stunning defeat last Monday over former Halton Hills - nine year council veteran, Robert Heaton.

The incumbent Mayor's heavily subsidized marketing campaign, along with Acton mafia campaigning aids; Councillor Somerville and Councillor Jon Hurst, easily defeated the modest campaign of Robert Heaton. Heaton provided the following statement for the press; "I don't have all the developers funding my campaign and paying for all my signs and literature," said Heaton, who, it was evident, ran a campaign without any developers' election contributions.

Milton closed all its polls by 9pm. The Municipality of Halton Hills didn't declared its polls closed until 12:55 am Tuesday morning, declaring Bonnette the victor with 9873 votes. However, Bonnette has since been credited with another 569 votes after the polls were declared closed.

Unfortunately for taxpayers', in another predicted defeat, Councillor Davis of Ward 3, who has long been considered by many as Council's only insider watchdog, was defeated by council prospect favourite, David Kentner. Council veteran Moya Johnson reclaimed her seat at the council chamber.

In Ward 4, another council prospect favourite, retiree John Duncan, beat out active community volunteers Kevin Duggan and Drew Reidstra to replace long time council camper - Councillor Ron Chatten. Mold Master's - Councillor Bob Inglis reclaimed another victory for Georgetown's corporate culture.

In another unfortunate loss, Jason Hilts suffered an incredible defeat under Joan Robson in the Halton Hills Ward 2 race. Councillor Lewis who is perhaps the only constituent advocate left on council reclaimed his right to represent.

In one of Halton Hills closest race, Ward 1 & 2 - Halton District School Board Trustee "parent activist" and father of seven, Sean Haefner, was nudged out by a Ethel Gardner prodigy; Acton's Gerry Ockenden. The retired Ockenden appeared to do no campaigning and even even went as far to tell the New Tanner that he was talked into jumping into the race by former Halton District School Board Trustee, Ethel Gardner. The race was neck-in-neck, 5 votes, then 1, then 3 and so-on until, in an amazing upset, 30 and 50 votes were levied in from two polls - in Ockenden's favour.

In another Halton District School Board race for Wards 3 & 4, Mayor Bonnette supporter - Lawyer Gillian Kutarna edged out Georgetown's Mike Parkhill by more than 400 votes.

Halton Catholic District School Board will also be seeing a new refreshing face at their table when mother of four, Rosanna Palermieri, replaces the former 26 year HCDSB camper trustee, Irene McCauley.

Councillor Clark Somerville who, contrary to the Municipal Act, was recently caught disclosing private and confidential information from a voters list is currently having his Provincial Certification for acclimation contested. Also acclaimed was Councillor Jane Fogal, Jon Hurst and Mike O'leary.

Aside from the two district school board replacements, the only other good news election story to come out of Halton Hills was Halton's "[T.J. Mahony certified](#)" career bureaucrat, Brent Marshall's defeat.

Marshall, the developer favourite who, during his campaign; 'couldn't stress enough that this is his community' got a reality check that effectively removed him from implementing any of his "overly ambitious" plans to build one of the World's largest EFW (electric power generated "from metro's" waste facility) plant's and his brainstorm to build the Region's new "Taj MaHalton" complex at a loss and cost to taxpayers that would have easily totalled one billion dollars.

Halton's favourite, former NHL Goalie - Gary Carr, skated to an easy victory with more than 13,000 more votes than Marshall's grand tally, in a give-yourself-a-smack-in-the-head demonstration to Marshall, of whose community this really is.

Marshall had previously announced his plans to retire, which will be financed with an envious pension that'll amount to more money per year than many working-fulltime taxpayers could even hope to bring home in a year.

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