

Thompson in as mayor



Allan Thompson was surrounded by his daughter Julia, son James and wife Anne as he made his victory address at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre Monday night. Photo by Bill Rea

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Allan Thompson will be the seventh mayor of the Town of Caledon.

Thompson, 53, collected 7,822 votes in Monday's municipal election, according to figures (still unofficial) released by the Town. That was good for 48.48 per cent of the total.

Former councillor Ian Sinclair was second with 3,091, followed by Gary Cascone with 2,898 and former councillor Nancy Stewart with 2,199. Bolton resident George Niras had registered to run, but stopped his campaign with a couple of weeks to go. His name remained on the ballot, however, and he collected 123 votes.

Thompson is going to see some new faces at the council table, especially at the Regional seats.

Johanna Downey took the seat as Ward 2's representative on Peel Regional council, the seat Thompson vacated to run for mayor. In Ward 1, Barb Shaughnessy defeated veteran incumbent Richard Paterak. In Wards 3 and 4, Jennifer Innis topped veteran Richard Whitehead. And in a close contest in Ward 5, Annette Groves frustrated Patti Foley's bid for a second term as Regional rep by just 79 votes.

As far as the area council races were concerned, it was a good night for the incumbents. Doug Beffort, Gord McClure, Nick deBoer and Rob Mezzapelli were all returned for another term.

Frank Di Cosola was returned for another term as trustee for Caledon and Dufferin County on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.