

Life is interwoven with Port Credit

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what are they doing now?



Cy Saddington served as Port Credit's last mayor.

His life is interwoven with the history of Port Credit as a town. He was the first mayor of the Town of Port Credit, and the last. He left office when the town ceased to exist, fighting a losing battle for the incorporation of Port Credit as an independent city.

Now, after more than a quarter century in the service of local residents, Cy Saddington, aged 70, is taking life easy — doing what he wants to and working when he wants to.

Born in the Ottawa Valley area, Saddington came to what was then Peel County in 1930. Establishing himself as an accountant and building up a well-known firm, he has stayed here, except for a wartime interruption, ever since.

Saddington's interest in Port Credit politics was almost immediate.

"I was interested way back, virtually from when I first moved here."

This interest was quickly translated into action. In 1942 he was elected to county council on his first try, the first of many electoral successes. Except for a stint overseas during the war and a couple of

years off in the late 1940s, he was to remain a councillor until 1961, the year the Town of Port Credit was incorporated. It was also the year Saddington was elected the town's first mayor.

He was to keep the job until 1965 when he dropped out of politics to devote himself to business. He didn't stay away long, however. In 1970, Saddington was back as mayor, retiring once and for all in 1973 with the coming of regional government.

"I had no urge at all to run for regional council," he says.

Regionalism was never a concept Saddington favored.

"We fought as hard as we could against regional government. We felt that Port Credit, a city of 75,000 people south of the QEW, would have been a viable entity. Unfortunately the powers that be didn't agree."

But Saddington didn't drop out of sight following regionalization. Until last year he was a Mississauga Hydro commissioner and he still sits on the Victorian Order of Nurses board of directors.

In 1976, however, he started easing out of active involvement with his chartered accountants firm, Saddington Greenfield and Company, and now basically handles only the accounts of "old friends."

"I do my own thing," he says.

Looking back at his long career, Saddington is proudest of giving Port Credit "good administration" for many years as well as the creation of Memorial Park from a marsh and landfill site.

Surveying the current scene he says: "There seems a lot more confrontation in politics today than there used to be. There was more compromise when I was around."

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