

John L. Hodgins reeve for 14th time

John L. Hodgins was acclaimed reeve of Admaston for the 14th time at the nomination meeting held Friday afternoon in the Municipal Building.

An election for councillors will be held Friday, December 9. Six men were nominated and five qualified for the four seats on council.

James McAdam who has completed 25 years as a member of Admaston Council was nominated by Henry Kennelly and Sylvester Power.

William Box with 14 years experience was nominated by Leonard Culhane and Mack Pender.

Campbell Brisco and Lorne Briscoe sponsored Denis J Enright who has been a member of council for seven years.

Lorne Briscoe who took his seat in council in 1959 was nominated by Maynard Elliott and Campbell Brisco.

Bernard Luker was nominated by Lawrence Naismith and Alex Stuart.

Harold Foy, whose name was proposed by Bernard Luker and Thomas Munhall, did not qualify.

D C McLaren was chairman of the ratepayers meeting which followed nomination.

All the candidates except Mr Foy, who was not present, spoke briefly and thanked those who had nominated them.

Lorne Briscoe spoke about township roads and bridges. Denis Enright mentioned the spirit of co-operation which prevailed among the members of council as they dealt with problems which affected all.

Explains Tax Increase

James McAdam explained the increase in taxes this year was caused by work which could not be left over. Major repairs had to be made to the bridge across the Bonnechere River and a grant had been promised to Renfrew Hospital.

William Box also spoke about the reasons for the increase in taxes.



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representative on the Renfrew and District Collegiate Institute Area Board discussed the rising cost of education and asked to be relieved of his duties at the end of the year.

The reeve, John L. Hodgins, compared tax rates for 1959 and 1960. The county rate was decreased from 14.2 mills to 14 mills but this was offset by a new levy of 1.4 mills to cover grants made by County Council to Renfrew County hospitals.

The council had no control over school taxes which were levied by the various public, separate and high school boards.

The township levy was increased five and one half mills. Three mills of this was for a grant of \$4,000 to Renfrew Hospital in 1960. The Butler bridge across the Bonnechere River was repaired under a supplementary road by-law with the province paying 80 per cent of the cost.

A new engine and hose was purchased for fire protection in the township at a cost of \$535. These two items accounted for more than two mills of the increase in the township levy.

Bernard Luker declared his intention to qualify for office.

The clerk directed the attention of the ratepayers to the financial statement for the first ten months of the year which was posted in the Municipal Building. She paid tribute to the time and effort given by members of council to the affairs of the township and asked the ratepayers to express their thanks to James McAdam who had served them for 25 years.

Mr McLaren, who is Admaston