

# Mayoralty races likely in Oxford

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WOODSTOCK — Mayoralty contests appear likely in all eight municipalities slated to become part of the political scene in restructured Oxford County Jan. 1.

At least two candidates were nominated for the mayor's chair in each of the municipalities, including incumbent mayors in Woodstock, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg.

Nominations closed Monday at 5 p.m. and candidates have until 5 p.m. today to change their minds and withdraw, or in some cases select which positions they will seek. Some have been nominated for more than one job. Election day is Oct. 7.

Under the restructuring, Woodstock and Ingersoll will rejoin the county council system, Woodstock sending six members and Ingersoll, two. Tillsonburg, the other urban municipality, also will send two representatives to county council.

The 15 rural municipalities are merging into five municipalities (each with two county councillors) including:

- Blandford — Blenheim Township, consisting of the existing Blandford and Blenheim townships;

- Township of East Zorra-Tavistock, consisting of existing East Zorra Township and the Village of Tavistock;

- A northwest township yet to be named consisting of existing North Oxford Township, West Zorra Township, East Nissouri Township, Embro and the unincorporated village of Thamesford (on Oct. 7 residents will be selecting a name from a list of North Nizorra, Thames or Zorra for their new name);

- Township of Norwich including the existing East Oxford Township, North Norwich Township, Village of Norwich and South Norwich Township.

In Woodstock, Mayor Leslie Cook and Ald. William Hewson have been nominated for the head of the municipal council and with it a seat on county council.

Acting mayor J. Seldon Wilkinson and Coun. William Bennett have filed nomination papers for mayor in Tillsonburg.

Mayor Gordon Henry and Coun. Douglas Harris of Ingersoll have both filed nomination papers for mayor, however Coun. Harris also filed papers for the councillor-at-large position including county council service) and also a council position.

Warden Perry Sibbick, reeve of Blenheim Township and former Blandford Township councillor Ed Meadows have filed papers for the mayor's position in Blandford-Blenheim.

A former Oxford warden, Reeve William Ducklow of Tavistock and Coun. Harold Vogt, also of Tavistock, have been nominated for mayor for East Zorra-Tavistock.

Deputy Reeve Mac Robson, East Nissouri Township; Reeve Robert Matheson, West Zorra Township and Reeve Hartwell Baigent, North Oxford Township, have been nominated for mayor in the unnamed community.

Reeve Darwen Scott of North Norwich Township; Coun. Lavern Irving, Norwich and Coun. Leslie Dickson, North Norwich Township, a former Oxford warden, have filed nomination papers for Mayor in the Township of Norwich. Coun. Dickson also has filed papers for the position of councillor-at-large with three others.

In the Township of South-West Oxford, Reeves John Nadalin of Beachville and George Jakeman of West Oxford Township have been nominated.

Following are nominations by municipality for council, Oxford County board of education and Oxford County Roman Catholic separate school board:

## WOODSTOCK

MAYOR — Leslie J. Cook, William L. Hewson.

COUNCIL (Eight to be elected, first five on county council) — Clifford Binns, Wendy Calder, Charlie Carson, William E. Drake, William B. Dutton, Emmeline Hedley, Walter Hulme, Gordon A. La Salle, Stanley Manton, Philip Parsons, Joe Pember, Phillip Poole, Alexandra Prytulak, Kenneth Ross.

## TILLSONBURG

MAYOR — William J. Bennett, J. Seldon Wilkinson.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE (One to be elected) — Russel Honsberger, Kenneth Webster.

COUNCIL (7 to be elected) — John Armstrong, Clemence Bromley, A. R. (Tony) Brown, Dr. Richard W. Dalby, Clare Esseltine, Jean Ferrie, Stanley A. Grabstas, Donald Gibson, Jack D. Graves, Remi Miggins, Murray Sandham, Sarah Elizabeth Sergeant, Stephen P. Rutherford Sr.

## INGERSOLL

MAYOR — Doug Harris, Gordon B. Henry.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE (One to be elected) — Norman Bain, Doug Harris, Eugene Mabee.

COUNCIL (Five to be elected) — Norman Bain, Marian Coyle, Wayne Cox, Doug Harris, Eugene Mabee, C. A. (Jim) Robins, Linda Turner, Jack Warden.

## BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

MAYOR — Ed Meadows, Perry C. Sibbick.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE (One elected) — Ross Livingston (accl.)

COUNCIL — WARD 1 (South Blandford, (One to be elected) — Mel Balls, Don Harder.

WARD 2 (North Blandford, one elected) — Robert E. Gilholm (accl.)

WARD 3 (Blenheim, north of Con. 9, one elected) — Frank W. Parkhouse.

WARD 4 (Blenheim, Con. 6 to 9, one elected) — Roy Baker (accl.)

WARD 5 (Blenheim, south of Con. 6, one to be elected) — Gary Silverthorn, Harry Walton.

## EAST ZORRA-TAVISTOCK

MAYOR — William Ducklow, Harold Vogt.  
COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE (one elected) — George R. Wilhelm (accl.)

COUNCIL — WARD 1 (East Zorra, five to be elected) — Robert Brodrecht, Thomas Curran, Donald H. Hartley, Ronald Hill, Leonard T. Seegmiller, Martin Verkuyl.

WARD 2 (Tavistock, two to be elected) — Kenneth Lichti, Wilfred Rosenberg, C. J. (Hap) Steinman.

## NORTH NIZORRA, THAMES OR ZORRA

MAYOR — Hartwell Baigent, Robert C. Matheson, Mac Robson.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE (One to be elected) — Robert Blair, Robert Manzer, James N. Muterer, James R. Patience.

COUNCIL—WARD 1 (North Oxford Tp., two elected) — Wallis W. Hammond, Harry Lovegrove (accl.).

WARD 2 (Thamesford, two to be elected) — Harvey Beauty, A. A. (Tony) Kelly, Ted Nancekivell.

WARD 3 (South of East Nissouri, one to be elected) — William Foley, Donald Smith, Donald Weir.

WARD 4 (north of East Nissouri, one to be elected) — W. F. Glen King, David Slater, George Worte.

WARD 5 (North of West Zorra, one elected) — James Gibb (accl.)

WARD 6 (Embro, one elected) — Barry Wallace (accl.).

WARD 7 (south of West Zorra, one elected) — Lorne Walton (accl.)

## NORWICH

MAYOR — Leslie Dickson, Lavern Irving, Darwen M. Scott.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE (one to be elected) — Carl Beal, Wesley Dew, Leslie Dickson, Kenneth Peers.

COUNCIL — WARD 1 (South Norwich, three to be elected) — Carl Beal, Larry Harwood, Robert Pettigrew, John Walther, Delbert Wrigglesworth.

WARD 2 (Norwich, two to be elected) — James M. Butler, Stewart Miles, Norman R. Lusk.

WARD 3 (North Norwich, two to be elected) — Ronald Brackenbury, Cecil Mingle, Roger Orth.

WARD 4 (East Oxford, two to be elected) — Jack Burn, Orval Huggins, James McDowell, Ross Warboys.