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Nominations for first two-year term tonight

Candidates for the first two-year term of office will be chosen tonight (Thursday) when ratepayers are asked to attend the last annual nomination meeting at the Robert Little school auditorium. From now on these meetings will only be held every other year.

The two-year term affects candidates for mayor, reeve, deputy-reeve, six members of council, six members of public school board and four members of Hydro Commission.

Nominations for candidates will be received from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Then reports will be heard from municipal council, hydro, school boards, and other appointed boards and committees.

In the event an election is necessary, it will be held

Tuesday, December 6, commencing at 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the evening.

Following are the polling places listing the deputy returning officers in charge.

Ward No. 1 — Polling Subdivision No. 1, Old Post Office, with Lillian Williams as Deputy Returning Officer; Polling Subdivision No. 2, B.P. Service Station, Queen St., with Virginia Dumarsh as Deputy Returning Officer.

Ward No. 2 — Council Chambers, Town Hall, with Harriet Helwig as Deputy Returning Officer.

Ward No. 3 — Luxton Memorial Hall, Willow St., with Kathleen Hurst as Deputy Returning Officer.

Ward No. 4 — Old Post Office, with Annie Anderson as Deputy Returning Officer.

Nassagaweya nominations scheduled for Monday night

The nomination of candidates for 10 positions on Nassagaweya Council and School Board will be accepted from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday at the Township Hall in Brookville.

The nominations will be for the first two-year term in the Township's history. Nominations will be accepted for Reeve, Deputy-reeve and three positions on council as well as for five seats on the Public School Board of the Township School Area.

If an election is needed, it will be held on Monday, December 12 with the polls opening at 10 o'clock in the morning and closing at seven o'clock in the evening.

Current members of council and school board were asked recently whether or not they would be seeking re-election.

Reeve William Coulter suggested, "I haven't made up my mind. I'm a little discouraged at some of the attitudes taken by people beyond Nassagaweya's boundaries." Mr. Coulter, who joined council in 1961, is completing his second year as reeve. "I definitely intend to run for the deputy-reeve's seat," Deputy-Reeve William Hoey stated. "I have enjoyed the past year and I firmly intend to give it another try," he said. Mr. Hoey is completing his first year on council.

Ross Gordon, who is just completing his fifth year on council, said he wouldn't make up his mind until nomination night. "I'm going to bide my time and see what turns up," he said.

William Mahon noted, "I can't say yet. I probably won't know until nomination night." Mr. Mahon is completing his fourth year on council.

Mrs. Anne MacArthur, who is just finishing her first year on council, said she would commit herself to running for a position. "You can't try a thing for only a year and then let it drop," she said.

Horace Blyth, a member of the School Board for 13 consecutive years and chairman

this year, said he would definitely run for re-election.

Claude Inglis, a board member for the past three and one-half years, said he hasn't made up his mind and Jack McPhail, a member of the board since 1960, said he wouldn't announce his decision until nomination night.

Arthur Gibson, a member of the board for the past 10 years said he would run again for re-election.

The fifth member of the board, Dr. C. Young, was unavailable for comment.

It has been hinted that several new faces might make bids for positions on council.

Keith Porty given award in contest

Ten-year-old Keith Porty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Porty, R.R. 4, Acton, brought honors to Speyside school Tuesday night as top boy in the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau annual fire prevention poster contest.

The area pupil received an individual trophy from Ontario Fire Marshal Martin Hurst which was donated by the Bureau and school principal Garry Dawkins received the school trophy donated by Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The presentation was made during the annual Fire Prevention Bureau dinner at Milton fire hall Tuesday. Further details of winners and pictures will appear in next week's issue of the Acton Free Press.

There's no nomination meeting or election in Milton this year. Everyone is in for a two year term. Nomination meetings are scheduled for Nassagaweya, Esquesing and Acton.



FIVE YEAR LEASE has been signed by Polycentric (Canada) Limited, a new industry which is settling in the former Wool Combing building. It is a division of Polymer Corporation of Reading, Pennsylvania. Looking over blueprints of the interior of the location left to right are plant

manager Ron Perrot, general manager Tom Murphy and Beardmore Co. Ltd. plant engineer Guy Ross. At present a cleanup program is underway. Equipment is expected to arrive by the middle of December with hopes of production underway by February 1.

Senior public school slated for Stewarttown

Plans to establish a senior public school at Stewarttown to include a 10-room addition were unveiled Wednesday, November 9 at the Esquesing school board meeting. Senior pupils from grade 7 and 8 throughout the township will be transported to Stewarttown when the addition is completed.

During the meeting, a resolution barely scraped through calling for deletion of a kindergarten and general purpose room and substituting a home economics room, industrial arts room, library and a gymnasium. Voting in the affirmative for the change were chairman Russell Miller and trustees Dr. A. Thompson and William Lawson.

Voting in the negative was trustee Chester Early with trustee Lloyd Fisher abstaining from voting.

Warden on TV

Halton's warden Bert Hinton discounted charges of county over-spending on entertainment when he was interviewed on "Metro News" on Toronto television Tuesday evening.

He gave an explanation of different auditors' interpretations, which led to charges of over-spending.

Questioned by this newspaper on the acceptability of the boundaries proposed for the Peel-Halton area by T. Plunkett, Reeves of Halton municipalities reflected the diverse opinions that are developing. The only unanimity on the subject of boundaries appeared to be that they were not acceptable.

The boundaries proposed by Mr. Plunkett in his local government review would divide the present Peel and Halton counties on an east-west basis rather than the current north-south split. The boundary would jog slightly around the Milton southern boundary, then bisect the present Halton. It would continue across Peel jogging up, this time, to put Brampton in the southern section.

Reeve George Leslie of Esquesing Township termed the proposed boundaries completely unacceptable. He noted the council was obtaining reports from its high school board representatives, public school board and other local committees for a meeting this week when detailed consideration of the report would be initiated. The township would be preparing its views for the county council committee and submitting its reports to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Reeve H. Hinton, Acton, and current Warden of Halton expressed his favor for an east-west split of the two-county

area but had reservations on the boundary proposed by Mr. Plunkett. He emphasized the need to put Milton either in the north section or the south section with room for growth. He suggested a preference for Highway 401 as a dividing line, placing Milton in the southern municipality proposed by Mr. Plunkett. If that is not acceptable the line should be moved further south, possibly county road 6, so Milton would have some agricultural land around it for proper development.

Reeve W. Coulter of Nassagaweya explained support for a north-south division of the county because of the differential between rural and urban development that would permit a more equitable balance. He stressed the impracticality of the current boundary proposed around Milton. The hospital, the Ontario School for the Deaf and such facilities should certainly be included in the area around Milton, he emphasized.

Reeve H. Merry, Oakville, favored the east-west boundary proposal but he argued that Milton should be included in the north division with sufficient agricultural land surrounding it for growth to the south. "If Milton doesn't get agricultural land to the south for growth it is stymied," he stressed.

Reeve G. Gallagher, Burlington, endorsed the suggestion of one northern municipality but

Await hydro glass, doors

Acton's new hydro building on Alice Street is expected to be completely closed in as soon as glass and five large garage doors are installed.

Work superintendent Fred Gray for Whitney Construction Co., Brampton, has his work crews going at a steady pace and to date cement floors have been poured, 90 per cent of roof work completed, aluminum window and door frames installed and renovations on the interior section of the former building started.

Next week he hopes to have painting started and window glazing completed. In the near future floor and ceiling tile will begin and washroom plumbing finished.

Stop light tender accepted by council

Installation of traffic lights at the Mill/Main intersection is now evident. Tuesday night, Acton council accepted the bid from A. R. King, Brampton, for installation of the lights at a tender price of \$4,358.31. Two other bids had also been received. It is expected to take 10 to 12 weeks before the lights will be ready.

Before the lights can be operating under rigid control according to recommendations from the Department of Transport, a by-law restricting parking in certain downtown areas as well as a by-law to control bus parking must be approved. Both these by-laws are now being prepared.

To complete the master plan for this intersection, line markings on the street must be done and Tuesday council engaged E. A. Horton Sales to do the line painting at an approximate cost of \$125.

An application from Ajax Engineers which has been lying in abeyance for over two years to have three lots rezoned from residential to industrial for industrial expansion met with objections from four ratepayers in the area.

Letters from these ratepayers were read at council stating their objections. General theme of each writer dealt with "untidy housekeeping" by Ajax and devaluation of the ratepayers' properties. Objecting were E. G. Tyler Sr., Ernest A. Parker, Charles E. Allan and P. Beaupre.

all living on Mowbray Place adjoining the Ajax property.

In spite of the objections, council, after learning 47 letters had been sent out to residents within a 200 foot radius of Ajax and only four objections received, decided to proceed with application to the Ontario Municipal Board. It is expected an O.M.B. hearing may be held dealing with the objections.

Following a discussion, council agreed to a 15 cents per hour increase for town workmen retroactive to November 1, for the balance of the year. It was also agreed to have the 1967 council review requests from the workmen.

During the No. 2 committee report, it was learned the workmen had made a request for an increase due to the increased cost of living as well as other requests for fringe benefits. It was learned the increase would bring town workmen up to par with several other communities.

Reporting for No. 2 committee, councillor Robert Drinkwal-

ter informed council a visit had been made to Murphy Distributors at Galt to inspect a refuse burner for garbage. He showed an illustration of a type which is believed might be suitable for the town and noted a demonstration of the combustion-type burner had been seen.

With hopes of acquiring a new site for a town dump, providing permission is received from Esquesing Township council, all methods of eliminating open burning are being sought.

At the last meeting of Esquesing council, members agreed to inspect the proposed dump site and if approved stipulate that "no open burning" be included in a by-law.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie informed members that town workmen would be taking a part load of garbage including plastic to Galt for a demonstration in one of the burners.

Mayor Les Duby informed council, the Centennial Library committee was proceeding actively, councillor Robert Drinkwal-

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Poll incumbents majority to run

At least one seat on Acton council will be open for new candidates at nomination meeting night (Thursday). Deputy-Reeve R. R. Parker has announced he will not return as a member of town council.

Since his retirement from Beardmore and Co. Ltd., he has been engaged as a consulting engineer by a Toronto firm. His work takes him out of town and he finds it impossible to drive as many as 100 miles to return for council or committee meetings as well as county council sessions.

He voiced his regret at having to resign from council but expressed best wishes for the future council.

During a poll of others following the meeting Tuesday, the Acton Free Press learned other members' intentions.

Mayor Les Duby has tossed his hat in the ring again and will contest his office. Reeve H. H. Hinton will again seek his post.

Councillors William Williams, Robert Drinkwalter and Earl Masales will again seek a position on council. Councillors Dr.

F. G. Oakes and C. F. Leatherland are undecided at this time. Councillor Mrs. Doris Fryer stated she was thinking about it.

For school board, chairman Vic Bristow and trustees Doug Manning, Cyril Bishop, Orval Chapman, Murray Smith and William Benson have all said they intend to stand for office for a two-year term.

(High school board members are appointed, not elected.)

Hydro chairman E. G. Tyler Sr. said he was definitely interested in standing for municipal office but had not decided which office to contest. Other commissioners including Doug Dawkins, Wilfred McEachern and Orval Brown have all stated they will run again this year.

Acton ratepayers will go to the polls this year to elect all candidates for a two-year term for the first time.

Previously, a yearly election has been held. Council members were elected on a one-year basis. Three of the six school trustees were elected for a two-year term each year, and two hydro commissioners of four elected for a two-year term.

Reeves indicate dissatisfaction with Plunkett report

supported the idea of a dividing line at Highway 401 in Halton and Highway 7 projected east to put Milton either in the north section or the south section with room for growth. He stressed, however, the southern area does not have the interdependence that Mr. Gallagher suggested, and Mr. Gallagher proposes three jurisdictions rather than Mr. Plunkett's two. The Burlington reeve would divide the southern area into two sections. One would include Milton, Oakville and Burlington. The other would include south Peel county. The north section would include the north of Halton and the north of Peel. Mr. Gallagher also suggested East Flamboro should be in the south Halton area.

Milton council, in its concluding session on a detailed review of the Plunkett proposals expressed unanimous dissatisfaction with the boundary set out on an east-west basis.

Georgetown Reeve W. Hunter observed the Georgetown Council had not yet studied the Plunkett proposals but he personally favored a north-south dividing line along the present county boundaries, with Halton remaining in one unit and Peel in another.

The executive of Milton Chamber of Commerce met last week to consider the Plunkett proposals and after lengthy discussion expressed support for a north-south division of the present

two county area, along the current county boundary. The Chamber members noted the importance of watersheds, existing administrative facilities, and the greater balance that can develop between a combined agricultural-urban area. The Chamber executive urged the Milton Council to pursue the north-south boundary and promised its help in drafting the necessary joint brief rather than preparing separate briefs.

Milton High School Board, with applications already being processed for a major addition to the local District High School, set a special meeting next week to discuss the implications of the Plunkett Report and action it might take.

Milton Public School Board has already prepared a brief encompassing its views on the subject. On the matter of boundaries it noted an east-west boundary should at least be extended south to the Dundas Highway (number five) to permit service to area around the schools. The Board also endorsed a county board of education administrative structure.

All representatives and groups who have discussed the Plunkett Report have indicated it contains a number of worthwhile suggestions, but the crux of the change seems inevitably to hang on the boundary proposals. There seems to be general feeling in support of some govern-

mental change to larger municipal units, but the structure and area-wide problems.

township will be transported to its completed.

Education officials from the two-county area have held one joint meeting in Oakville with another set for early December. The major concern in the field of education appears to centre around the proposals that would establish a one-level government. Support is growing in the south at least for a two-level form that would include a more localized unit with "caretaking" responsibilities and a second level that would handle financing and area-wide problems.

When the Plunkett Report was issued to municipalities on September 29, the Minister of Municipal Affairs asked for comments by the end of the year. There are now five weeks remaining for comment, unless a requested extension in the time limit is granted by the province.

No indication has been given by the province on how soon it may act on the Plunkett proposals, after it has received the municipal reports and comments.

Acton council, district high school board and public school board have held private meetings on the Plunkett report and will submit individual findings and recommendations to the Minister.



ALL SET FOR EXPO, three of the 194 high school students who signed to visit Expo next year pay their \$5 deposit. Left to right are Chris

Kranendonk, teacher Bill Coats, teacher Ian McGillivray, Eleanor Heard and Barbara Browne.