

# Council disputes Plunkett boundaries, growth restrictions

Acton council's submission to W. J. Spooner, minister of Municipal Affairs, was unveiled for the first time Wednesday evening during a brief council meeting prior to members attending the North Halton Urban Board meeting in Milton.

The submission was compiled by a special committee comprising deputy reeve R. R. Parker, and councillors C. F. Leatherland and Robert Drinkwater. It is based on the majority opinions of council members who had previously studied the Plunkett report and prepared a one-page submission each for further study.

At the Urban Board meeting, council members from Acton, Milton and Georgetown each presented individual submissions which were openly discussed.

Following is the town of Acton's submission which will be presented to the minister.

The Town of Acton respect-

fully submits the following recommendations with respect to the Plunkett report.

**Area**

Acton agrees in principle with the creation or formation of Rural Peel-Halton.

However, we strongly urge that its boundaries be amended, so that:

1. Esquesing and Nassagaweya would be enlarged to extend southerly to the base line;
2. Erin and a part of Eramosa would be included.

This would bring more of the natural rural area into the proposed North Peel-Halton County.

A large part of Erin is oriented to Acton and Georgetown, and supports schools in Peel.

In support of this orientation we refer you to:

- (a) Number of bank accounts in Acton and Georgetown of residents of the Township of Erin.
- (b) Number of Erin residents using Georgetown Hospital.
- (c) Number of Erin Township residents serviced by Acton and Georgetown post offices.
- (d) Number of Erin Township residents, exclusive of farms, who are employed in North Peel-Halton.

It would form a better school area.

It would create more of a natural boundary line at the north.

**Education**

Acton concurs with the recommendation for a one level Board of Education.

However, Erin Township and a portion of Eramosa Township should be added to the school system.

**Government Structure**

The regional governmental set up is satisfactory.

The number of elected representatives should be reviewed every five years and should be based on the population according to the County assessment roll.

We submit the following is the proper division of responsibilities:

**County** — education, police, fire, welfare, parks, library, all streets and roads with a special assessment to each municipality for the maintenance of same.

**Local** — sewer, water, garbage, recreation.

**Province** — justice, court house and registry office.

**Distribution of county assets** should be considered by a committee of nine, composed of two members from South Halton, two from North Halton, two from South Peel and two from North Peel, with a representative appointed by the Department of Municipal Affairs who shall act as chairman and who shall have a vote.

**Local Growth**

The Town of Acton objects vigorously, and strongly to the statements made throughout the report that there should be

no further growth in North Peel-Halton.

New industries, homes and subdivisions should be allowed, providing the municipality could supply adequate water supply and sewage disposal, or the newcomer could or would make other satisfactory arrangements.

Farmers should never be prohibited from conveying land to their children or building on their own land.

The Department of Planning and Development must not place restrictions on planned developments.

Further annexations should be permitted within the county, if the necessity for same is proven.

**Local Representation**

The Town of Acton strongly recommends that the local administrative committee consist of four elected representatives and a chairman, who would be the county representative.

The election would be held in

the same manner as the election of a board of trustees for a Police Village in a township.

**A. Representation as outlined in the Report** is not adequate or sufficient to carry on the administration of the local affairs.

**B. Local representatives** would hold meetings in the evenings.

**C. There would be closer liaison** between the local municipality and the county.

**D. There would not be so much responsibility** in the hands of a few individuals.

**E. A five member board** would have closer contact with all members of the local municipality.

The Local Administrative Committee must be empowered to appoint local committees for parks, recreation, planning etc.

This is required.

(a) To continue the community spirit. This is essential in a rural municipality.

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The local committees of adjustments should continue to act. They are independent and at the same time are fully familiar with the local area.

**Assessment and Taxation**

There should be a county assessment commissioner, with assistants stationed throughout the county.

The county should produce a detailed statement of estimated receipts and expenditures of the new county and also an estimate of the expenditures of each local municipality. No change should be made until this is forthcoming and considered and approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

(b) To manage and administer the aforesaid special duties.

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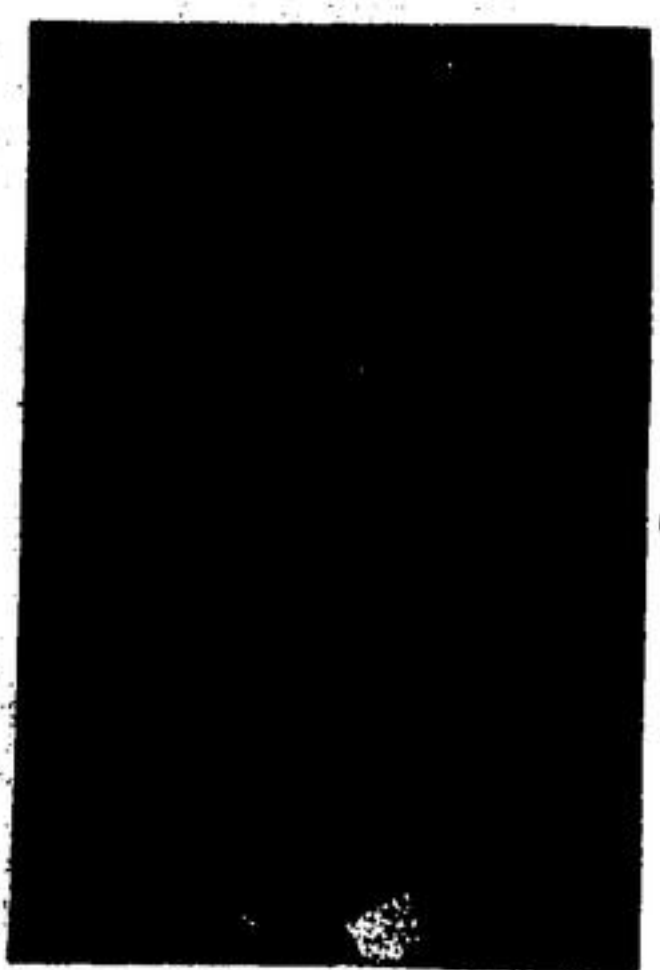
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REEVE



DR. F. G. OAKES  
DEPUTY-REEVE

## Council candidates seek office

During the municipal election Tuesday, December 6, ratepayers will be asked to mark ballots to elect six council members only.

Contesting the six seats are candidates Brendan Aherne, Robert Drinkwater, Mrs. Doris Fryer, Robert Louttet, Earl Masales, G. W. (Pat) McKenzie, Charles Perry, Ted Tyler Jr., Earl Waller and William Williams.

Following is a brief resume about each candidate, listing his (or her) platform.

**R. J. Aherne** is married with two children and lives with his family at 51 Meadvale Road. He is employed as an electronic technician. He is secretary of the Halton Centennial Program Committee and was a member of Parks Board for 1966. He is executive officer of the Acton Community Credit Union and also Acton area representative of Halton New Democratic Party (Riding Association).

"I elected I promise to protect the interests of the people of Acton to the best of my ability as a member of council."

**R. H. (Bob) Drinkwater** is married with four children and lives with his family at 160 Churchill Rd. S. He is employed as a quality control supervisor in Georgetown and is a charter member of the Acton Community Credit Union Ltd. He is a past president of the M. Z. Bennett Home and School Association and served in 1964 on the Acton Centennial Committee. He also filled a vacancy on Acton Planning Board for the remainder of 1964 and to date has completed three years

## Ride to polls C. of C. service

Transportation to the polls in Acton on election day is being offered by the Chamber of Commerce in a campaign to "get out the vote". Those who require a ride to the polls may call two numbers listed in a C. of C. ad this week, to reach Nielsen's Clothing store or the Sports Corner.

Paul Nielsen and Roy Goodwin are lining up volunteer drivers and will see those needing transportation are picked up and returned home after voting.

The service will be provided from 10 a.m. till 7 p.m. next Tuesday. Chamber members hope that older and infirm persons will avail themselves of the service.

on this board. For the past two years he has sat on the Halton Planning Assoc.; he is completing the second year on council with one year as assessment and development chairman and the past year as roads chairman.

"I feel the Plunkett report is going to have a great impact on the future of our town. As a member of a special committee set up by council to study and make recommendations on this report, I feel we must have a strong forward thinking council to bring pressure on the Ontario government to assure us that, if the proposed changes are to take place, we will not be burdened with a substantial increase in taxes through reduced assessment in the proposed Northern county. Also that we will have adequate representation to assure the interests of the people are being considered at all times."

**Mrs. Doris Fryer** has lived in Acton for the past 45 years and has six children. She is a charter member of Acton Parks Board serving for six years with the board. She is a member of Acton Women's Institute and was president for six years. Three years ago, while a member of council, she promoted the formation of the Golden Age Club. She is a member of St. Alban's church.

"The traffic lights have been my main project this year. Your vote and confidence will help me to make our community a safer place to live in."

**Robert J. Louttet** was born and raised in Acton and received his education here. He is employed at the Ford Motor Co. in Oakville and is a member of Legion Choralliers and plays an active role as chairman of the Acton Legion Minor Sports. He is married with one son and lives at 331 Peel St.

"I have always been keenly interested in the town of Acton and would hope, if elected, to keep our town on a steady and progressive growth according to our most sound economic system."

**Earl Masales** was born and raised in Acton and attended both public and high schools here. He is married with three children and lives at 166 Jeffrey Ave. He is employed at Walker's Home Furnishings in Guelph and is a member of the Acton Y's Men's Club. He is completing his first term of office as councillor.

"Having completed one term on town council and serving on

both the administration and work committees, I feel the experience gained can be an asset to the community. This experience certainly has created a desire to see unfinished work completed and necessary projects started."

**Garnet W. (Pat) McKenzie** has been principal of the Robert Little public school since 1939, is a charter member of Acton Y's Men's Club and was international president during the 1963-64 term. He is a member of Trinity United Church, served with the R.C.A.F. during World War II and has served on many educational, church and Y.M.C.A. boards. He has served the town previously as a member of the recreation committee, Parks Board and committee of adjustment. He also served on the committee which raised funds for the Community Centre. He is married and has one daughter and lives at 163 Jeffrey Avenue.

"If the ratepayers believe my experience is worthy of consideration, I shall serve Acton to the best of my ability. I am vitally interested in any phase of municipal government that will make Acton a better community in which to live provided it is within our ability to pay."

**Charles W. Perry** is making his first bid for town council since 1963. He is employed by the Canadian National Railway as a station agent in town. He is married, with three children, one boy and two girls. The family resides at 176 Jeffrey Avenue.

"I am interested in the future of Acton and if elected, I will attempt to give ratepayers sound government."

**Edward (Ted) Tyler Jr.** was born and raised in Acton and received his education both in Acton and Georgetown schools. He and his wife with one daughter live at 350 Peel St. He is vice-president of a local trucking firm, president of Acton Citizens' Band and a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Each problem, as it arises, will be given constructive thoughts."

**Earl Waller** who lives at 91 Agnes Street is married with four children. He has lived in Acton for the past 27 years and is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 Acton. He is contesting municipal office for the first time and says:

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## Voters go to polls ballot on council

Voters will mark ballots Tuesday to name six councillors only. The mayor, reeve, deputy reeve, hydro commissioners and public school board were acclaimed to office at the annual nomination meeting Thursday in the Robert Little School auditorium.

At the conclusion of the ratepayers' meeting, it appeared 14 candidates might run for seats on council. By 9 p.m. Friday night when qualifications closed, 10 candidates had indicated intentions to vie for the six council seats.

Running for election are Earl Masales, Robert Drinkwater, William Williams and Mrs. George Fryer, all 1966 council members along with newcomers G. W. McKenzie, E. Tyler Jr., Robert Louttet, Charles Perry, Earl Waller and Brendan Aherne.

During the nomination meeting names began going up on

the three large blackboards as soon as nominations opened at 7.30 p.m. By closing time one hour later names were being proposed right up to the last minute. A total of 40 names were listed for all positions open.

Early in the evening it seemed there would be a race for all seats and not until candidates were called on to declare themselves was it known that Mayor Les Doby had been returned by acclamation for another two years, Reeve Hinton would maintain his seat and Dr. F. G. Oakes had been acclaimed as deputy reeve.

Public school trustees returned to office by acclamation include Vic Bristol, Doug Manning, Cyril Bishop, William Benson, Murray Smith and Orval Chapman. No changes were made in the Hydro Commission with the following returned to office, E. G. Tyler Sr.,

Douglas Dawkins, Orval Brown and Wilfred McEachern.

On December 6, ratepayers will go to the polls to choose six council members from among these candidates.

Following the closing of nominations, Jack Carpenter was chosen chairman for the ratepayers' meeting at which time reports were given. These reports appear elsewhere in this week's issue.

With only 60 ratepapers present for the meeting, and reports concise, questions were at a minimum. Only two residents asked questions which were answered promptly.

There were about half a dozen women in attendance.

## Merchants set Christmas hours

Additional open store hours for busy Christmas shoppers are announced by the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce today.

The downtown merchants met to discuss store hours November 23, when different proposals were considered. It was realized these hours would not satisfy all concerned, but those present agreed on hours as published this week and trust most merchants will follow.

The advertisement appears in this issue of The Free Press on page 3.

## 14 years here

### Dr. Archie Bull, M.O.H. quits

Dr. Archie Bull, Halton County's Medical Officer of Health since July of 1952, is resigning to take a promotion as regional medical officer with the Ontario Department of Health.

In his letter of resignation, received by the Board of Health on Tuesday, Dr. Bull regrets his resignation came at a time when the Board was having difficulties with its Public Health Nurses.

Dr. Bull came to Halton from Newmarket in 1952 to head up the local Health Unit. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario. During the war, he was a radar technician in the Air Force. During the past 14 years, he has assisted in the development of Halton's health facilities and assisted in the Health Unit's growth to meet the growing demand for services.

His letter follows: Milton, Ont., Nov. 24 To the chairman of the Board

## Defence presented

### Criticize convention expenses

Halton County Council has been severely criticized — by Oakville Councillors — for what appears to be a \$10,345 over-spending of county funds in 1965 for entertaining, convention travelling and liquor.

A Toronto newspaper "exposed" the situation in a front-page story three weeks ago. Oakville Mayor F. McLean Anderson has urged a provincial inquiry into the over-spending, and Oakville Council approved a motion "deploping" the expenditures, a copy of which has been sent to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The alleged "over-spending" was first reported early this year by the county auditor in his annual report on 1965 operations.

After the motion was approved, Oakville's treasurer John T.

of Health, Halton County Health Unit:

With regret I tell you that I must resign from the position of Medical Officer of Health and director of Halton County Health Unit to accept the position of regional medical officer with the Provincial Department of Health.

It is unfortunate that this decision had to be made at this particular time and I assure that I have no wish to make your own position more difficult.

May I express my appreciation to you and the Board for your most helpful advice and support during the past year.

During my time in Halton County I have gained a great deal of most useful experience and I am deeply indebted to all those who have contributed so much to providing a superior health service for the people of Halton County.

Yours very truly,  
Archie F. Bull, M.D., D.P.M.

## Battle for reeve, council, board following Nassagaweya nomination

Contests for all but one of Nassagaweya Township's 10 elected municipal posts will be held on Monday, December 12.

At a rousing nomination session on Monday evening, 17 persons (including four women) were nominated for positions on council and school board and not one declined.

The battles for seats on council and school board (the first time ever for a two-year term) shape up as follows:

**REEVE:** Incumbent William J. Coulter is being challenged for the second consecutive year by Allan Ackman, president of a township ratepayers' group. Coulter defeated Ackman in a two-man race last December.

**DEPUTY-REEVE:** William Hoey, who defeated incumbent

## Seek Esquesing reeveship



GEORGE LESLIE



WILFRID LESLIE

## Esquesing votes on Monday for reeve, three councillors

Esquesing Township ratepayers will go to the polls Monday, December 5, to elect a reeve from two candidates and three council members from a slate of four candidates.

During the nomination meeting at Stewarttown Hall Monday night, former councillor George Currie was acclaimed to the office of deputy reeve, and William Lawson and Russell Miller were returned as school board trustees by acclamation.

Contesting the office of reeve are incumbent George Leslie and present deputy reeve Wilfrid Leslie. Seeking three seats on Esquesing council are incumbents Tom Hill and C. F. (Pat) Patterson and newcomers Jam-

es Goodlet and E. George Bates. Although the names are spelled the same, George and Wilfrid Leslie are not related, but both are veteran campaigners.

For council, Mr. Hill and Mr. Patterson have served one term of office.

Mr. Goodlet is making his first bid for township office but has served on Georgetown council and was deputy reeve of Georgetown, serving as Halton County's first chairman of the county assessment committee. He also served on the former North Halton district high school board.

Mr. Bates is a newcomer to township politics.

## Election service

The usual election service will be offered by the Free Press again next Tuesday evening. Call 853-2010 after 8 p.m. for election results. With just one ballot to be counted, results should be completed before too late and the service will likely close up about 10 p.m. Results will also be posted in the stationery store

## Seek Nassagaweya reeveship



WILLIAM COULTER



ALLAN ACKMAN