

Georgetown Nomination Meeting

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Mr. Gibbons, in his nomination speech, stated an opposite viewpoint.

"Georgetown didn't need a new post office nor does it need a new municipal building," he charged.

And he disputed claims that the Main St. building which as it stands today cost \$83,000 has cost more than it should have.

He said \$50,000 will not renovate the post office into a suitable building as the town is using now — "a building where I was proud to sit on council and to serve as a municipal employee and which is as fine a municipal building as there is in the county."

"There is no evidence that the renovating can be done for \$20,000," he stated. "That wouldn't even move the tulips off Main Street."

The candidate criticized Georgetown's tax rate as "the highest in any Ontario municipality I know of — and I have checked a lot."

He cited last year's election promises to hold the rate, only to find a 2 1/2 mill increase for residences and 4 to 5 mills for industrial and commercial.

"How can we expect to ever get new industry when the first thing they ask about is the tax rate?" he asked.

As the five minute bell sounded, Mr. Gibbons pledged to "bring back the spirit of friendship and good will among all parts of town."

Deficit Gone

Elimination of a \$47,000 deficit from 1962 while estimating a small surplus at the end of this year, is the accomplishment claimed by Mayor Hyde for his year in office.

"This has not been at the expense of necessary improvements," he said. "Every residential street is better than it was a year ago."

As Mayor in 1960, 1961 and 1962, he said records show balanced budgets.

The present tax rate can be held next year, he promised, and in future years it can be decreased.

It would be unwise to lower taxes in 1964, he said, because there is still improvement needed for many town services.

With Reeve Elliott he had opposed a two mill decrease in 1958, he said.

"And rightly so — we ended that year with a \$30,000 deficit, and started 1959 with a 13 mill tax jump," he said.

He reiterated his promise that taxes will not go up, as his speech ended, and said he would continue to finance improvements from current revenue rather than lower taxes "with debenture debt later."

Boosts New Park

Seeking re-election in Ward 3, W. R. (Bill) Smith, who was property chairman for his first council term, said his platform is a continuation of his four points of a year ago — improved park and recreation facilities, industrial stimulation, road and sewer improvements and town unity.

The present town park has been improved and made safer for children under his direction, he said, and it is the start of a 3-year plan.

Meanwhile he has studied the need for a second park in the newer eastern part of town.

"I have found that the 5 1/2 subdivision land required for parks totalled 36.5 acres, but 19.4 have been used for school sites," he said. "This year the town acquired the deeds for the remaining land but it is unfit for park or recreation purposes. The town has not accepted this land, and if re-elected I will strive to correct this."

He cited elimination of a \$47,000 deficit as sound financial planning, and said he will continue to support any plans which help Georgetown progress.

Works For Ward 3

Also a first year councillor, and chairman of the public works committee, Charles Hill debrandt said he had particularly tried to represent Ward 3 during his year in office.

"I have been criticized for this, but I believe that as long as we have a ward system of elections we must make it work and it is my duty to bring problems of my ward before council," he stated.

For the first time all streets in Ward 3 are acceptable.

"I'm voting for the open Sunday, and against the two year council term," he said.

No "Yes" Man

Off council for a year, Fred (Tut) Harrison, who served four previous terms, is contesting one of the two seats in the Ward 3.

"I'm a man no one can still hold true," said Wal from the Roman Catholic Sep- two of his own, one in public and one in high school.

Plans are being made for a A TUA employee, he has been a town resident since 1958.

Major Hyde's promise of no lor, had announced his retire- ment a few weeks ago. He has served a total of eight years, ber for 16 years.

He chaired the ambulance, three of them as deputy reeve. He chaired the ambulance, welfare and EMO committee with this year and paid a glowing tribute to the men who serve as unpaid volunteers to man the town's ambulances.

He was equally appreciative of the way the 1963 council has studied municipal prob- lem. Differences of opinion, he said, always ended with a "clearcut decision in the best interests of the taxpayer."

"Because I am retiring from council does not mean I won't be active in other capacities helping to boost our town," he ended.

Proud of Finances

Returning as reeve for his seventh year in council, John Elliott said that as finance chairman he is proud of the interim statement which forecasts a balanced budget.

He thanked the school, library, parks and cemetery boards for co-operation in keeping expenditures down so Geor- getown's tax rate would not rise to the point where indus- trial locations would be discouraged.

Georgetown should adopt a five-year plan, he feels, and the town should own some serviced industrial land. Council should spend more time planning for the future — a better access to 401 Highway, improvements to No 7 High- way and better crossings over the CNR tracks, he feels.

He wants to continue as reeve because there will be at least five new members on county council next year, and he thinks Georgetown should have an experienced representa- tive to protect its interests.

He had chaired the county's personnel committee and had been responsible for an evalua- tion survey so raises and promo- tions on the county staff are made on merit, he said.

He had also worked for a low- ering of the county mill rate and succeeded in having this reduced from 6 mills to 5 1/2.

He concluded his speech by pointing to an improved indus- trial ratio and predicted a bright future for Georgetown.

Predicts Surplus

Deputy Reeve W. F. Hunter, who is contesting with Martin Horan for another year in office pointed to a large number of necessary road improve- ments, despite a \$25,000 cut in the budget for the department which he chaired.

"Unless we have too many snow storms, I hope to end the year with a surplus in the road department," he said.

Describing himself as "the Lone Wolf" in opposing pur- chase of the post office for a municipal building, he said he had no doubts that \$17,500 he had opposed purchase of the build- ing from the start, and is still unhappy with council's move.

Need Water Extension

An additional deep well or more storage facilities are ne- cessary in the near future, wa- ter chairman Don Powers told the meeting. He will serve a second year as a Ward 1 coun- cillor.

He, too, had deficit problems and started the year \$42,000 in the red.

"This has been reduced by \$7500, mainly owing to larger water consumption than anti- cipated because of a dry sum- mer, he said.

While his department over- comes a rust deposit by using calcium, the only way to total- ly overcome this would be to have an iron removing plant to eliminate iron rust alto- gether, he said.

Next year Mr. Powers will re- construct the eastern part of No 7 Highway through town and a better 401 cut, he added.

He was the only candidate to mention the two plebiscites, 9th or 3rd lines, widening of the John St. railway underpass- sidewalk repairs and further road improvements are also on his agenda.

"And I hope we can maintain the tax rate at the present level," he added.

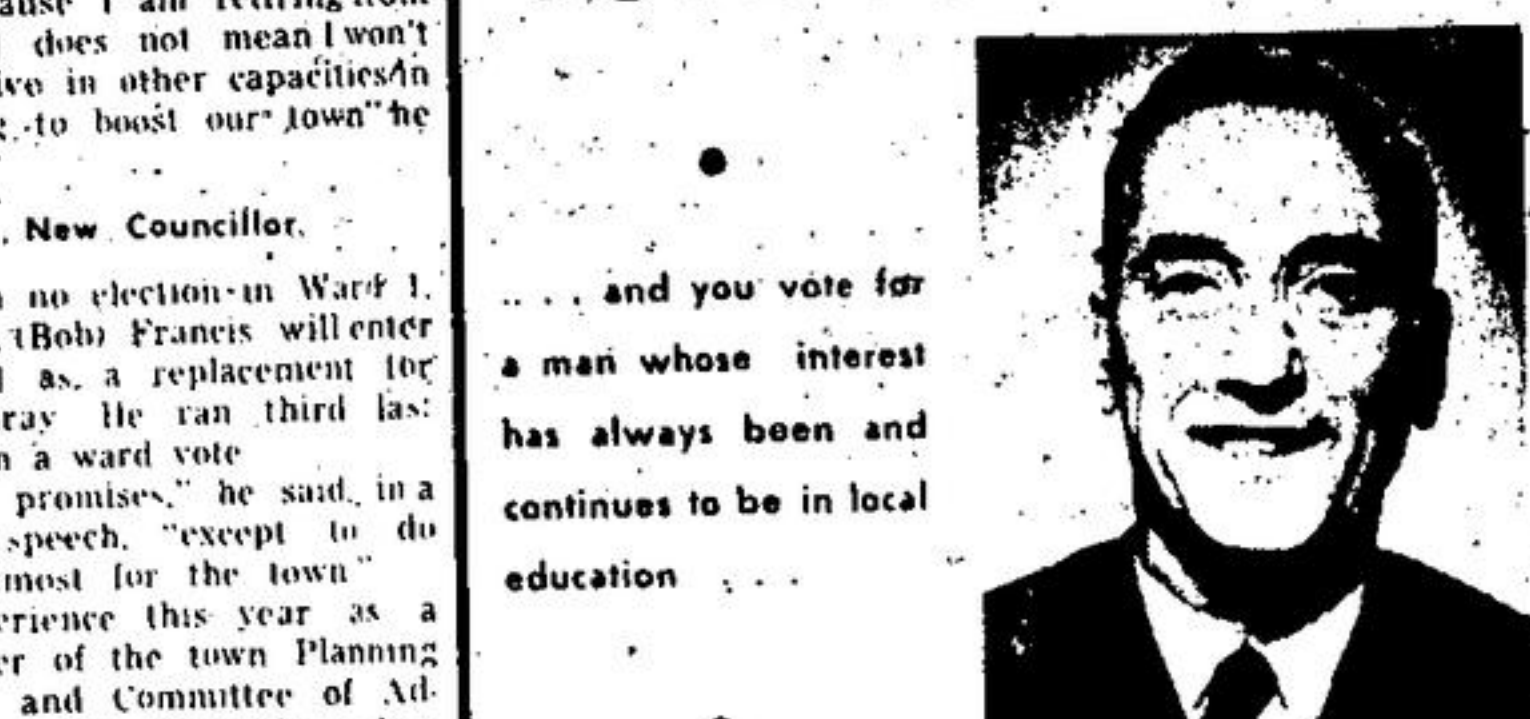
Swan Song

"Ten years ago when I first made an election speech, I said I enjoyed the good will of the people in town, and I hope

Boost Hydro Use

E. W. Binkley, returning for his eighth 2-year term as a hydro commissioner, said hydro power sales to give the public a better system. Particularly, the commission is encouraging education for all children, with

VOTE TO RE-ELECT



HARRY SHORTILL
FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

and you vote for a man whose interest has always been and continues to be in local education

Completing his third council term, James Emmerson who is police chairman, will run again as a Ward 2 councillor.

Mr. Emmerson said he will strive for additional manpower on the police force in 1964. Queried by a ratepayer, he later said he believed one more man would be an adequate in- crease.

He cited investigation of 1766 complaints to date as in- dication that the police force leads a busy life. And as fire chairman also, he pointed to 60 local calls and 42 to Esque- ving Township, to show how active the volunteer department is.

"One of the track depart- ments in Ontario," he termed the 25 member fire force and said they have a record of 85% attendance at fires and practi- ces.

Mr. Emmerson said he was pleased to have had a share in eliminating the 1962 deficit.

RE-ELECT YOUNG



W A R D 2

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I RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AT THE POLLS ON DECEMBER 2nd, TO

Pursue my program of road and sewer improvement for all citizens.

Continue my program of road and sewer improvement by the spending of every tax dollar.

Promote a sound and progressive program for all present and future industrial and commercial enterprises.

Strive for a balanced budget, a fair industrial and residential ratio, through sound and progressive planning.

DECEMBER 2nd RE-ELECT

W. R. (BILL) SMITH
COUNCILLOR

WARD 3

- Continue to improve and expand park and recreation facilities.
- Maintain tax level with sound financing and planning.
- Extension of road and sewer maintenance plans.
- Encourage industrial growth.

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YOUR VOTE
is respectfully
requested for
"SIG" SIGURDSON
for
PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE



SIGURDSON, G. | X

VOTE
MARTIN HORAN
for --- DEPUTY - REEVE
PLANNED AND CAREFUL ADMISTRATION



HORAN, Martin | X

For business reasons I was not able to speak at Thursday's nomination meeting. Here is what I had prepared to say that night . . .

I Martin Horan am contesting the seat for Deputy-Reeve for the following honest and forthright reasons and they are the manner in which the duties of the present Deputy-Reeve have been carried out

I feel that insufficient effort is being applied to the expansion of Town Industrial growth and planning

I submit that a Deputy-Reeve should be a person more familiar with Management and Labour relations and who will have the best interests of ALL the people at heart

To The Electors of Georgetown

On December 2nd, I ask for your support at the polls, and I ask you to give consideration to these points.

When the present Council took office, the current financial position was critical and there was a deficit from the previous year of over \$45,000. This deficit has been completely wiped out through the actions of your 1963 Council and the cooperation of the Cemetery Board, Library Board and the Board of Parks.

The current bank loan as of October 31st last year was \$161,632.40

The current bank loan as of Oct. 31st, 1963 . . . NIL


Our industrial ratio has improved to 29.5%.

There has been no debenture borrowing and our total debenture debt has been substantially reduced this year.

Our road system has been vastly improved, to the point where much more of the available monies can from now on be spent on permanent improvements, storm sewers, curbs, etc., without borrowing the capital.

We have enacted a Subdivision Control by-law that will ensure any future development will be an asset to the town and could not become a burden on you, the ratepayer.

We have created an atmosphere of harmony that is evident to the whole countryside and this will prove to be one of our greatest assets in our bid for new industry.



MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR
The pattern has been set for great strides of progress and improvement ---
WE CAN AND MUST GO FORWARD.

Again I ask for your confidence and support
For Mayor 1964

FOR MAYOR . . . VOTE
ERN HYDE | X

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