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VOLE MAJORITY



RETAINS HIS OFFICE IN CLOSEST MAYORALTY RACE
 GEORGETOWN MAYOR JOSEPH GIBBONS enters the mayor's office in the municipal building after learning of his successful bid to retain it in a close race with Reeve John Elliott. Mayor Gibbons' 16th term as senior town official will start in January.

Building Imminent . . . \$1 1/2 Million Payroll Good News from Industry

Still known by name to only a few municipal officials, an American firm is planning to start construction of a factory in the Delrex industrial area of town early in the new year. A company official told councillors at a specially called meeting Friday morning that an initial 300,000 square foot floor space is planned. The firm is purchasing 43 acres, some of which had been sold to the town by Delrex Developments. Purpose of the meeting was to finalize plans for closing a portion of Todd Road to fit the company's building plans. The town has agreed to relocate water and sewer lines, coat of which will be paid by the Delrex firm. Extension of a railway siding to cross Sinclair Ave. is also in the plans. "We now plan a manufacturing operation as well as an assembly plant," the company man told the council. "And want to start building at once before frost conditions interfere." Later he told The Herald that a formal announcement will be made in mid-December to acquaint residents here with full details. Size of the industry is indicated in his statement that the firm will have an annual payroll of a million and a half dollars.

Deputy's Margin Only 5 Emmerson Asks Recount

Will Tell Board Hearing Water Tower Unnecessary

"Who wrote the letters to the Ontario Municipal Board protesting the erection of a water tower," asked Councillor Powers of the clerk, "Mr. Joseph Gibbons and Mr. Ed Peters," replied the clerk when the query came at Tuesday's council meeting.

With both men present the letters were read. Mayor Gibbons letter pointed out that he would present his opinion at the O.M.B. hearing December 21st, which he felt would show the tower was unnecessary and expensive. Mr. Peters' letter expressed the same feeling, and ended by stating that the O.M.B. were the watch dogs for the ratepayers and asked that it be looked into.

The Mayor told council he intended to have town men from the waterworks as witnesses, since he feels their practical

experience in the waterworks system qualifies them to judge "If there is any criticism of these men appearing, I want you to know it's at my request."

Councillor Powers claimed that he had no right to sign the letter to the Municipal Board as mayor. "It should have simply been as a ratepayer," he added.

Defending his position the mayor stated he signed it as both. "I can write to anyone I like, signed anyway I like," concluded mayor Gibbons.

As follow-up to this exchange, later in the evening a motion to have the town solicitor represent the town at the O.M.B. hearing on the water tower, December 21st, passed, with only the Mayor opposed.

Gibbons, Hunter, Young Are Top 1966 Officials

Monday's municipal election in Georgetown was a day of extremes.

The election for mayor and deputy reeve was one of the closest in history.

When results were tallied, Joseph Gibbons was returned for his third consecutive, and sixteenth term as mayor. He had an 85 majority over John Elliott, who has been on council for six years, four of these as reeve.

Jim Emmerson, a former councillor, announced today that he will seek a recount. He tallied only five votes less than Councillor Jim Young in the race for the deputy reeve ship.

It will be the first recount in Georgetown's history.

The two contests kept voters in suspense until the last poll was reported shortly before 11 p.m., as first one, then the other candidate edged ahead. The Herald lines rang steadily until midnight, while many ratepayers crowded the municipal building to watch as results were posted.

On the other end of the scale was a resounding majority by Wm. Hunter over Malcolm Freeman. Mr. Hunter steps up to reeve after four years as deputy. A retired hydro superintendent, G. W. McCallum had a 615 majority in winning a 2-year term as hydro commissioner

over Y. W. Binley, who has held the post 16 years.

Ward voting for councillors left little in doubt after the early returns. W. K. (Bill) Smith and Roy Ballentine had a commanding lead to retain their Ward 3 seats over Kenneth Swales and Robert Letts. In Ward 1, a former mayor Ern Hyde had a strong majority, with 'Steamer' Emmerson winning the second seat. A former councillor Ian Case and newcomer Ralph Hawes were not too far behind. And in Ward 2, Arthur Speight received one of the highest votes ever accorded a councillor, more than doubling his closest opponent. Also elected, and like Mr. Speight a former councillor, was Fred (Tut) Harrison. Don Powers, a Ward 1 councillor this year, trailed in the voting as did John Hole.

In a 6-man contest for four seats on the separate school board, Dr. M. G. O'Dwyer headed the polls, followed by two other sitting members, Robert Thompson and George Frost. Fourth man elected was Hartley Sherk. A present trustee, Roger Primeau and a former trustee Eugene Schall were unsuccessful.

Only acclamation this year was on the public school board. Your present members were returned for 3-year terms, Stan Pinsky, Harry Shortill, "Sizz" Sigurdson and Edwin Wilcox. Two council members did not seek re-election, Robert Francis and George C. Lawson.

Boost Fee \$2.00 for Workers at Election

The D.R.O.'s and poll clerks who worked in Monday's election will have a pleasant surprise when they are paid.

Council agreed to boost the pay of the D.R.O.'s from \$18 to \$20 and of poll clerks from \$15 to \$17. The amount of rental for the polling station will remain the same at \$14.

Clerk C. Benham said that Council consider the increase, and Councillor Francis pointed out that workers in municipal elections work much harder than in federal or provincial elections, since there are many more ballots.

The motion for a two dollar raise passed unanimously.

Patterson, Hill New Faces Currie Returns In Esquesing

In their first bid for municipal office two newcomers to the political scene, Pat Patterson and Tom Hill gained seats on Esquesing Council. Completing the three man council is veteran George Currie.

Topping the poll with 444 votes was Pat Patterson, followed by George Currie with 434. Tom Hill with 406, and Walter Linham with 385. Both the Reeve, George Leslie and the Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Leslie were acclaimed.

Walter Linham has served for seventeen years in Esquesing council, as councillor, deputy reeve and reeve.

Pat Patterson, well known O.H.A. referee in chief, and eastern representative to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, has farmed in Esquesing for sixteen years. Tom Hill a life long Glen Williams resident acted as chairman of the Glen Williams Flood Relief Fund, last spring.

Veteran Councillor George Currie may have racked up a record in municipal circles, since he is now entering his fortieth year at a council table. Since entering council in 1926, he has only been out of office

five years, once for a two year stretch, and once for a three year stretch.

A total of 817 people, 19.5% of the electorate, cast ballots.

With three vacancies on the township school board, Chester Early and Lloyd Fisher received acclamations. When no one qualified for the third position, another nomination meeting has been called for December 16, with an election the following Thursday if necessary.

A 1965 councillor, Robert Lawson and school board chairman Mrs. Shirley Armstrong, did not seek election this year.

Santa Coming Saturday Parade Starts at 1:30

The folks with the red suit and whiskers comes to Georgetown Saturday.

The 34th annual Santa Claus parade, thirty-eight units long, will start its hour-long journey from the Delrex Market Centre to Downtown at 1:30 and Santa himself will again occupy the place of honour at the end of the procession.

He'll follow his wonderful entourage for the entire route and then return to the downtown corners to greet his wide-eyed fans with bags of candies, apples and oranges.

Four bands, the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band, the Georgetown Citizens' Band, Lorne Scot Pipe Band, and the Burlington Boys and Girl Band will move along.

As well as twenty-two floats the spectators lining the route will see western riders, clowns, the Bramalea Lions Majorettes, the Brampton Optimists Majorettes, the Georgetown District High School Cheerleaders as well as the school's cadet corps and many others.

"Most of the floats entered are on a voluntary basis and the only payment for the entrants and participants is the cheers of the crowd. I hope the people watching the parade show their appreciation to these people," a member of the sponsoring Lions told The Herald.

The entire parade will be filmed and the movie will be shown to those taking part at a special night for them being arranged by the Lions.

The parade is made possible through the sale of tickets on turkeys and a doll dressed in \$1 bills by the Lions.

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

December	Max.	Min.
1 Wednesday	37	22
2 Thursday	38	28
3 Friday	38	25
4 Saturday	33	27
5 Sunday	33	26
6 Monday	35	20
7 Tuesday	30	17
Precipitation	30	Trace of snow
Maximum 38		
Minimum 17		

Mrs. Alicia Scott

HOW THEY VOTED IN GEORGETOWN AT MONDAY'S ELECTION

	Adv. Roll	1A.	1B.	1C	1D	2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	3D	Total
Mayor:														
GIBBONS	35	152	201	155	100	150	77	148	208	104	47	62	58	1497
Elliott	31	120	117	71	67	129	45	79	160	164	155	135	139	1412
Reeve:														
HUNTER	47	155	215	135	109	187	91	165	223	115	103	65	58	1668
Freeman	20	118	103	76	52	89	28	58	142	148	100	131	140	1205
Deputy Reeve:														
YOUNG	29	115	160	70	73	160	50	100	163	151	116	121	110	1418
Emmerson, J.	37	152	153	146	89	108	65	114	193	114	81	76	85	1413
Hydro Commission:														
McCALLUM	43	173	226	140	111	133	93	173	225	131	100	98	90	1736
Binkley	21	98	91	76	51	144	27	51	126	132	99	97	108	1121
Council - Ward 1														
HYDE	20	180	173	108	121									602
EMMERSON, W.	6	73	153	70	105									407
Case	14	129	107	66	54									370
Hawes	9	71	109	94	56									339
Council - Ward 2														
SPEIGHT	18					223	111	174	269					795
HARRISON	11					102	29	82	142					366
Powers	5					73	29	34	93					234
Hole	1					45	29	64	88					227
Council - Ward 3														
SMITH	9									200	140	137	122	608
BALLENINE	11									147	103	120	131	512
Swales	2									45	47	42	28	164
Letts	2									52	41	28	26	149
Separate School Bd.														
ODWYER	4	17	15	19	24	18	5	4	26	17	15	21	15	200
THOMPSON	2	14	13	14	19	18	4	2	21	16	14	21	11	169
FROST	3	14	14	14	16	15	3	0	23	12	13	20	8	155
SHERK	2	13	12	10	17	13	3	1	26	13	12	19	7	148
Primeau	0	5	9	6	8	4	0	5	11	15	15	8	8	94
Schall	2	7	4	5	5	7	1	1	14	2	3	12	8	91

HOW THEY VOTED IN ESQUESING AT MONDAY'S ELECTION

M. Hts. Q. Br. Hornby N'val Stown D'in Limeli's Silver C. Glen

Reeve:														
G. LESLIE (acclaimed)														
Deputy Reeve:														
W. LESLIE (acclaimed)														
Council:														
PATTERSON	29	20	41	74	91	36	20	59	74					444
CURRIE	14	22	42	53	102	40	16	64	81					434
HILL	2	6	17	20	47	13	9	20	272					406
Linham	13	19	18	39	80	46	38	79	53					385
School Board:														
EARLY (acclaimed)														
FISHER (acclaimed)														

ELECTED



LEFT TO RIGHT: William Hunter, Jim Young, Gerald McCallum, successful in seeking Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Hydro Commission chairs respectively.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Ward one councillors in 1966, Ern Hyde and Steamer Emmerson, and Ward two representative Arthur Speight who headed polls.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Successful Ward two candidate Fred 'Tut' Harrison, and Ward three incumbents returned Roy Ballentine and William Smith.