

# Candidates' Answers To Questionnaire By Jaycees

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Dear Mr. Editor:

The Georgetown Jaycees, believing an informed electorate produces good government, have compiled histories of the candidates running for municipal office. All candidates were asked to answer eight questions which were designed to obtain their opinion on current issues. The questions, and their unedited answers are as follows:

1. What is your opinion of proposed regional government?
2. Do you approve of the method used to install the two year term of office?
3. Do you favour a town manager?
4. Do you favour giving more authority to senior town employees?
5. What would be your approach to improving the town roads?
6. How would you develop Centerville?
7. Do you favour having councillors as members of appointed boards such as the Industrial Commission, arena board, etc.?
8. Why are you running?

### John A. Elliott

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

48 Howson Crescent, age 43.  
Married, three children.  
Education: Senior Matric.  
Employer: CNR—Station Master.

Membership: Lions Club, Chairman of Senior Citizens Committee of the Red Cross, Voluntary Ambulance, Canadian Legion, Vice President Halton County Children's Aid Society, Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, Transportation Employees' Union, charter member Jaycees, Director Esqueping Agricultural Society.

Council experience: 8 years Council (1 Deputy Reeve, 4 Reeve). Served under four different Mayors, acting as Mayor in their absence. As Chairman of Administration and Finance produced balanced budgets for two years. Has been Chairman of committees for water, fire, police, public works, ambulance, hospital, welfare, and emergency measures. For 6 years was a member of the Georgetown Industrial Commission, four of them as Secretary Treasurer.

On County Council, served as Chairman of personnel and office administration, Chairman of the nine man building committee during construction of the County Administration Building. For three years been on the management committee of Halton Centennial Manor Home for the Aged.

1. A gradual trend toward regional government will come about. I agree with police, fire, roads, sewers, assessment and zoning on an area basis. Schools should remain local. Council should remain as close to the people as possible.

2. No.  
3. Yes, with qualifications, as soon as practicable.  
4. Yes, Council to set policy.  
5. As soon as the Dumas and Smith traffic survey report is presented, Spring 1967, the town Engineer will have to prepare a five year capital works road and storm sewer program, guiding priority to those roads with the most traffic and those in the worst shape.

6. Support the design Consultant to develop a long range plan to include a band shell, pleasure skating rink, tennis, coffee shop, playground, equipment, sand boxes, trees, horticultural garden, theatre, barbecues, wading pool and a heated swimming pool. An access road off Delrex Blvd. and a new road in from Maple Ave.  
7. Council members should not be appointed to commissions and boards unless the Municipal Act makes it mandatory particularly the Industrial Commission where secrecy is vital.

Council should delegate responsibility and have trust in those they appoint.  
8. As a service to the people of Georgetown, particularly our Senior Citizens and youth, to plan the best possible future.

### Joseph Gibbons

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

30 Main St. N., age 75.  
Married—No children.  
Grade 9 Education.  
Employer: Retired.

Membership: Honorary Member, Canadian Legion.  
Council Experience: 16 years Mayor.  
4 year Council.  
1. I do not anticipate it will be served best.

formulated in its present form as presented in the Plunkett Report. I intend to make certain representations on behalf of the Town of Georgetown before the time expires for doing so. There may be some advantages to this municipality, because it is the largest urban community.

2. Unalterably opposed to the method used in implementing and forcing the citizens to accept something they so recently rejected by their votes. I consider it an affront and an imposition to the citizens of Georgetown. If elected, I shall make an effort to have the by-law repealed.

3. No, I am of the opinion that when the people elect a council to transact their business, they should be men capable of Municipal administration. We have an Engineer for expert advice.

4. No, I am of the opinion that Committee Chairmen should at all times give directions and be in control.

5. A plan such as permanent construction covering a certain mileage each year, thereby eliminating yearly costly maintenance.

6. I would concentrate on developing it as a place for the youth of this community where good clean sport and amusement would be available and also as a place of interest to Senior Citizens. Provision should also be made for all organizations, plus a swimming pool, tennis court, etc. I believe a program of illumination of this property is being considered for Centennial year by the Hydro Commission.

7. Yes. It is my opinion that it provides for a better understanding between Council and Boards and Commissions and it should be their responsibility to report important matters to Council.

8. After many years of Municipal services as Mayor rendered (without salary) it is my desire to terminate my Municipal public life at the end of the Centennial Celebrations of our great nation in 1967.

### Ernest T. Hyde

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

24 Ewing St., age 48.  
Married: six children.  
Education: Matriculation standing.

Employer: J. R. Dawson and Co. Ltd., Insurance Adjuster, Branch Manager.

Membership: Canadian Legion.  
Council Experience: Four years, council, three years mayor.

1. I feel it is going to cause a great deal of financial hardship to the northern area, particularly to Georgetown. And I also feel that it is very poor planning for both areas. Actual-ly all Mr. Plunkett is suggesting is a large city strung along the shore of Lake Ontario, and to back with everything else.

2. Definitely not. When the electorate increased it down in recent years it should have been again submitted to the people. In any case I am opposed to the two year term. The only good it does, it makes a very cosy spot for those elected.

3. No. Georgetown is small enough in population and area, that the elected representatives know and are known personally. Therefore the council would not let the system work, nor would the people of Georgetown.

4. No comment.

5. Surface treated roads are in reasonably good condition, and should now be maintained economically as possible and the bulk of our road expenditure should be towards properly paved roads. Paved roads, of course, would include storm sewers and curbs and gutters. There should be a six or eight year plan to properly pave every street in town.

6. The existing buildings are no asset, and if we are going to spend any money at all, I would favour doing it up right and this would be a large expenditure, and develop a Cultural Centre to be proud of.

7. Yes. In most cases these boards and commissions are dealing in matters that are the direct responsibility of the council and in most cases must come to council for money that is raised from taxation. At least one member of council is automatically a member and section 214 of the municipal act applies.  
8. Everyone must serve somewhere and in some day to have a purpose in life.  
This is where I feel I can

### Wm. F. Hunter

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

Terra Cotta  
Married: Three children.  
Education: two years high school.

Employer: Self employed, real estate and general insurance.  
Membership: Lions Club.  
Council Experience: two years as councillor, four years deputy reeve, one year reeve.

1. Has some good points but I think counties should stay as is.  
2. Yes.  
3. Yes, when the town reaches a population of around 15,000 people.  
4. No.  
5. If possible a 10 to 15 year programme to reconstruct town roads doing so much each year.  
6. By having a Committee set up of all service groups such as Legion, Lions Club, Rotary, Kinsmen and no members of council.

7. I prefer no representation.

### James H. Emmerson

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

20 Guelph St. age 49.  
Married, two children.  
Education: Georgetown schools, Naval Engineering, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

Employer: Smith & Stone, Tool and Die Maker.  
Membership in Canadian Legion, Branch 120; Sons of Scotland.

Council experience: 4 years.  
1. Some parts have merit. In general I disagree with the report.  
2. Should have been voted by the ratepayers.  
3. At this time no. But by the time the town reaches twenty thousand then we can afford the type of town manager we should have.

4. I do. I also feel there is too much interference with these employees from individual members of council.  
5. By starting a paving method on the main arteries that have storm sewers and taking it by areas.  
6. By trying to convince the arena board and the rest of council to install an artificial outdoor rink for public skating on these lands and also get a good recreational man. The rest of the development would come from suggestions from this man.  
7. I do not.  
8. I feel I have the experience and the drive to look after Georgetown's interests at county council. I believe that my past record on council proves that I do not believe in squandering the taxpayers money.

### Arthur Speight

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

47 Shelley St.  
Married.  
Former teacher in night school and technical teacher in automotive trade.

Employer: Speight Auto Electric, Owner.  
Membership: United Church, Masonic Order.

Council experience: 4 years.  
1. This requires much more time for study and evaluation than has been given so far.  
2. Yes, if found to be unsatisfactory, by-law can be rescinded and we can go back to yearly general elections.  
The Plunkett Report even recommends three year terms.  
3. Yes.  
4. Yes.  
5. A long range plan to say ten years doing a portion completely each year.  
6. By Council backing the Cedarvale Board and by enlisting the aid of every service group, Church, etc., to make use of its facilities and help develop certain aspects.  
7. One member of Council at least should be appointed otherwise contact between appointing Board and Council is lost.  
8. Because I want to see Georgetown progress. As a heavy taxpayer I'm definitely interested in town management. I believe long range planning is an absolute necessity in this period of unprecedented growth and I believe a closer liaison between Town and County should exist than does at present.

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### Wheldon Emmerson

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

6 Princess Anne Drive. Age 41.  
Married: 1 child.  
Education: Grade 12 plus Dept. Education Course for Grade 13; Business Course.

Employer: Harold Fobert Real Estate; Salesman.  
Membership SPEBSQSA.  
Council experience: 1 year property chairman.

1. Unworkable in its present form as far as the North end is concerned.  
2. No.  
3. Yes.  
4. Yes.  
5. Better planning by Council and the Road Committee.  
6. As a recreational and cultural centre and to do this gradually and properly. More money than last year's budget allowed will have to be allocated.  
7. No.  
8. I honestly believe serious minded people who enjoy living in our great country should be prepared to serve in some way at some time or another on Boards, Commissions, Local Government, etc.

### Ralph Hawes

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

2 College Street. Age 53.  
Married, 2 children.  
Education: Secondary school  
Employer: Provincial Paper, Painter and Decorator.

Membership: Charter Rotarian, President, Canadian Legion.  
Council Experience: None.

1. I have read the Plunkett Report and have found it most interesting and controversial. However, while I agree, area planning must be in our future, I feel the report needs study in depth.  
2. No. It is undemocratic, while perfectly legal.  
3. Under certain circumstances, yes, but question whether the town is yet big enough.  
4. Yes.  
5. A program of hard surfacing as far as the budget would allow. I would investigate the possibilities of debenturing for some of the cost.  
6. In future years, spearheaded by this year's centennial program, this could become a centre for all Georgetown and cultural and drama groups. Its use as a meeting place for various groups could be broadened and you could utilize the know-how of local horticulturists to develop a magnificent park.  
7. No.  
8. Because this community is my home and I feel I can make a genuine contribution to its welfare and future.

### James L. Young

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

10 Shelley St. Age 42.  
Married: 3 Children  
Grade 12 Education.  
Employer Turret Supply Co. Branch Manager.  
Membership: Lions Club, Boy Scouts, B.A.C.

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### Council Experience: 4 years

Chairman, Industrial and Town Planning, Police and Law Enforcement.  
1 year: County Council.

1. If this were implemented in its present form, it would no doubt act as a choke on any future industrial growth in Georgetown, and we would tend to become a dormitory town for the South.

2. Yes I do, and as far as I am concerned this will be on a trial basis, and if it appears to be unworkable in 1967, I shall table a resolution to rescind the by-law, calling for an election again in 1967 for 1968 Council. In my opinion, if a plebiscite had been called for, it would have been defeated and we would never know how it would have worked in Georgetown. It has certainly been a success everywhere it has been tried.

3. Yes.  
4. Yes.  
5. Prepare a five or ten year plan, covering storm sewers, curb and gutters, paving, etc. as much as can be paid for each year in each ward.  
6. Prepare a complete plan covering all phases of its possibilities and complete as much as possible with each year's budget.  
7. Yes. This is the only way that the elected official can keep in touch with spending of taxpayer's money.  
8. Because I enjoy the challenge, and I feel that the people have faith in my judgment.

### Albert Tichel

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

21 Duncan Dr., age 34.  
Married — Three children.  
Education: 12 years German schooling (8 public, 4 high.)  
Employer: W. C. Parsley Ltd., Cooksville, plant superintendent.

Membership: Immanuel Lutheran Church.  
Council experience: None.

1. Impractical in my view.  
2. No.  
3. No.  
4: Yes.  
5. A long term program allocating a ratio for reconstruction vs. maintenance.  
6. Having no fixed opinion on the matter, I would approach the subject with an open mind, keeping the financial question uppermost under consideration.  
7. Yes.  
8. A desire to help Georgetown become a better place to live and work.

Answers were not received from Robert Francis, council candidate in Ward 1; Fred Harrison and John Hole, candidates in Ward 2; and Roy Ballantine and Wm. R. Smith, council candidates in Ward 3.

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