

GEORGETOWN NOMINATIONS

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creation facilities must be extended to all areas of town.

He said he would be no 'yes' man as mayor and opined that people are tired of 'soft, ineffective leadership.'

Reeve Acclaimed

Serving as Halton County Warden during his ninth year as a Georgetown councillor, William F. Hunter will serve for another two year term as reeve. He was unopposed for the post.

Mr. Hunter said that had he had opposition, he would be running for mayor.

Against a town manager, Mr. Hunter favours a clerk-administrator. The county has one, he said, and his ability to write-by-laws is an asset. He denied that council has held up an addition to the east end shopping plaza and said he would welcome a larger one which would keep more people shopping in Georgetown.

A water pipeline from Lake Ontario is coming up to No. 17 sideroad, within a few miles of town he stated, and Georgetown should be investigating hooking into this, if possible.

"Council should take a day or two and visit Bramalea," he said, pointing out that Chinguacousy township has just released 6,000 building lots there with a subdivided paying eleven million in cash, plus a unit fee of \$40 to cover unforeseen capital costs.

Seeks Seat Again

Deputy Reeve for two years, Arthur Speight is a candidate for re-election.

He answered criticism of his job as water chairman and said that an elevated water storage tank and iron removal plant were improvements made during his tenure of office. He cited \$23,000 in revenue from builders for meter charges as an addition to the town treasury at his suggestion.

The town's water supply is sufficient for present demand, he said, and with development of a new well in the hospital area and rehabilitation of another, the town will have 3 million gallons daily to meet an anticipated demand of 2 1/2 million gallons next year.

Exploration is continuing in other parts of town, he said, to meet future needs.

As a retired businessman, Mr. Speight said, he has the necessary time to devote to the double job of town and county councillor.

Deputy Candidate

Experience in subdivision negotiations will be valuable as a councillor, said William Sunucks who will oppose Mr. Speight for the deputy's position.

He would hire a town administrator, streamline council procedure with emphasis on planning roads, water and sewers. And he is interested in annexing industrial land.

He had helped prepare a submission on the Plunkett report for local realtors, he said, and is familiar with the proposals for regional government which council must face in the years ahead.

More Recreation

Michael Foot, a Ward 1 council candidate, drew applause

when he said it is a sad reflection that more hasn't been done for recreation in the past. He would provide more, without increasing the tax burden, he said.

"I'm disturbed by the way the town has been run this year—water problems, lack of recreation and the turmoil over the bus route," he said.

Georgetown must have a professional administrator, and must deal with developers in good faith with negotiations not excessively drawn out, he said. Subdivisions shouldn't cost present residents anything, he said.

Lower Mill Rate

"There has to be a substantial mill rate reduction or we're going to be very heavily taxed," said Ken Hyde, another Ward 1 council candidate.

The former mayor said it is imperative that Georgetown do some regional planning or it will have a plan imposed on it. He visions Georgetown and Essex, and possibly Avelon and Milton as well, as one community with city status. This would get away from county government which he termed 'excess baggage.'

He is against a two year council term and said it wouldn't be a backward step to return to yearly elections.

Wants Revision

While individuals have done some good work, council does not function well as a body, said Sandy Mackenzie, Ward 1 council aspirant.

With several others, he proposes a new type of administration more suitable to a town of 14,600. He spoke of the 'crying need' for more recreation facilities, more industrial, acreage and a transportation and water study.

But he doubted that such major improvements as a second swimming pool and arena will be possible in the next few years.

Woman Candidate

A housewife and mother, Mrs. Donna Dennison is the third woman to seek council office in Georgetown's history. She is running in Ward 2.

She too stressed the need for a professional administrator, mentioned the possibility of a recreation director and said careful planning must be done so that present residents do not shoulder the costs of town expansion.

She wants one board to handle all recreation, and a community centre for all age groups.

John Street Subway

"The John Street subway was one of my babies when I was a councillor and still nothing has been done," said Jim Emmerston, Ward 2 candidate.

During his four years on council he had studied the problem and is convinced the railway was there before the road, and thus an improved subway is the railway's responsibility, he said.

He is proud of the fact that his efforts were responsible for provincial grants for retarded children's schools, when he was a councillor. Mr. Emmerston later was a member of the town planning board.

Lots of Planning

"We've heard lots about planning tonight," said John Hole, seeking return to his Ward 2 council seat. "There's been all

kinds of plans made and money spent wisely for professional information this year."

He foresees a partly paid fire department in the near future, as recommended in a report from the Ontario Fire Marshal.

A soccer playing field at Cedarvale park has been added this year and a bandshell is in the planning stage for next season, he said.

Improved Roads

Two miles of fully surfaced roads, the largest in the town's history, have been completed in a five year plan under his chairmanship, said W.R. (Bill) Smith. A councillor for six years, he is seeking re-election as a Ward 2 councillor.

Mr. Smith reviewed some of council's achievements while he was in office — arena improvements, outdoor skating rinks, the Mountview bridge and now the Main Street bridge.

The 1969 road program has been completely engineered, he said, with improvements earmarked for Maple, Delrex, Prince Charles, Tyers, Shelley and Mountainview.

Orderly Development

Orderly development of subdivision lands with no hardship on present residents is a major problem facing the upcoming council, said Jim Young, candidate for re-election in Ward 2.

As public works chairman, he reviewed a sewer program which is underway, with an eventual cost of \$600,000. A lift station on John Street is inadequate for planned apartments in that district and will require council's decision next year, he said.

Regional government is another problem, and Georgetown must not become a dormitory town for the south part of the county, he said. And he wants the town to acquire more industrial land.

Policy Only

Harry Levy, a Ward 3 candidate, envisions council as a policy making body only, with an administrator to run the town's business. Council chamber is no place for petty squabbling, he said, nor should ratepayers expect councillors to be experts in all matters.

Planning for future expansion, which includes industrial land negotiation with developers, adequate water supply and more recreational facilities is his prime concern.

Hard Hitting

In a hard hitting speech, Richard (Rick) Morrow said if every voter had sat in for five minutes at a council meeting, he wouldn't need a campaign.

"I should start with a political

joke," he said "but the only political jokes I know were elected to council last year."

He particularly criticized the deputy reeve for lack of leadership in the water department and said it is inconceivable that he should be seeking a return to office. He asked how council could justify parking dead-end streets like Parkview when Major streets like Sargent and Main are desperately in need of repairs.

He said his four years' university study course in commerce would help equip him for a council position.

Bilingual Speech

Philip Siddall, Ward 3 candidate added a new touch to a nomination meeting when he repeated part of his speech in French.

Forecasting a continual rapid growth, he said, newcomers are looking for decisive leadership planning and recreation facilities. Shrinking industrial assessment which is now only 30% of total assessment is a real concern, he said, and this should be boosted to 40%.

"It's time for a change of ideas," he said. "And newcomers like myself must become involved in town business as councillors and on other boards. He has been an industrial commissioner for a year, he said, and feels he can represent his ward as a councillor.

Wants High Rise

High rise apartments, which would boost tax revenue, will be sought by Frank Tyrrell, a Ward 3 candidate. If he is a member of council.

Mr. Tyrrell, who said he has served on the ambulance service and on the town's safety committee wants more and better recreation facilities, and a manager of parks. He would investigate low rental housing and rapid transit improvements for commuters.

Two Man Race

Georgetown's seat on the new

Halton County Board of education will be contested by two men, both with local school board experience.

Ernie Bodnar reminded the audience that they will be voting for a man who will be one voice in 18 on the board which will have a 40 million dollar budget.

He said his experience on the high school board is needed. He is vice chairman this year.

He is concerned that professional administrators should not take over from elected board members, and wants changes in school curriculum carefully researched before instituting them in the schools.

Gudni (Sig) Sigurdson, said that his ten months as a member of the interim committee for organizing the new board has given him a valuable background to represent the town on the new board. He is public school board chairman.

The new system gives equal opportunity for all students, he said, and he is sure that the southern board members will be conscious of this and not be regional in their thinking.

Seek R.C. Seats

Two men are contesting the one seat on the new county Roman Catholic separate school board.

William (Ben) Boyle, chairman of the present school board said his experience on the interim organization committee for the new board would be valuable for him as a member.

Ed Hayes said he is seeking a seat because he is not satisfied with the education his children are receiving, though he puts no blame on the present board of teachers.

Acclamations

John T. Armstrong and Gerald McCallum were returned by acclamation as hydro commissioners. The new water commissioner was also chosen by acclamation, Roy Ballentine and Winston Smith.

Mr. Armstrong gave warning that hydro rates will be going up, because Ontario Hydro is increasing the charge to municipalities. He cited the growth here in 12 years, from 2,000 to 4,600 customers, and mentioned the addition of an assistant manager, Hugh Campbell, to the staff recently.

Mr. McCallum said he is pleased to continue as a commissioner, lending his 22 years' experience as superintendent of this post.

With his work load as a Bell Telephone employee making it impossible to continue in council, Roy Ballentine said he would not be seeking his Ward 3 council seat again. But he feels qualified to help establish the new water commission, he said.

Mr. Smith said his experience in the mechanical, electrical and business fields has led him to offer his service on the water commission.

Not Running

Only three candidates declined their nominations.

Ken Riley withdrew his nomination as a Ward 3 councillor at the meeting.

Mrs. Anne Currie, who served

a previous council term, told The Herald that after consideration, she could not do justice to both council and her job as a Herald reporter, since both require attendance at evening meetings.


Hartley Smerk, a member of

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the Separate School Board declined his nomination for a new county Separate School Board.

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