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PEOPLE PICK MAYOR MONDAY



JOHN ELLIOTT **WHELTON EMMERSON** **BOB FRANCIS**

A FORMER REEVE, JOHN ELLIOTT, and two members of council, Wheldon 'Steamer' Emmerson, and Bob Francis are campaigning this week to win votes in the Georgetown mayoralty race.

Expect Heavy Ballot In Monday Elections

Mayor's Death Ends 36 Year Municipal Career



MAYOR JOSEPH GIBBONS

Thirty-six years of municipal service — 22 of them as an elected official, 14 as an appointed one, ended last Wednesday night, November 20th, when Mayor Joseph Gibbons died in Georgetown hospital. He was rushed to hospital following a heart attack in the early evening, from which he failed to rally.

The previous week, he had called a press conference following a council meeting to announce that he would not be seeking re-election in December. And only two nights before he had addressed the nomination meeting, confirming his decision to retire.

NAME HUNTER ACTING MAYOR

At a special council meeting on Thursday morning, following the sudden death of Mayor Joseph Gibbons the night before, council appointed Reeve Wm. F. Hunter to be acting mayor for the duration of the year.

Mr. Hunter will continue in office until a new mayor, to be chosen from three candidates next Monday, takes office in the new year.

As a mark of respect to the mayor, councillors who are running for office also decided at the meeting to suspend campaigning until Monday, November 25th, and contacted other candidates asking their consideration for this also.

With Five Days Left, Election Pace Steps Up in Town, Twp.

With top posts being contested in both town and township interest is keen in Monday's municipal election.

Georgetown's more than 7,000 voters will choose a mayor, deputy reeve and six councillors. Public school supporters vote on a representative to the new county board of education, and separate school supporters a member of the new county separate school board. In addition, the latter will also have a vote on two members to represent county Roman Catholics on the board of education.

In Esquesing, 4,000 residents will vote for reeve, deputy and three councillors. Separate school supporters here will vote for one member for the separate school board (a combined seat with Milton and Nassagaweya). And they will also be voting for the two R.C. members of the board of education.

Already elected by acclamation in Georgetown are Reeve William F. Hunter; hydro commissioners John T. Armstrong and Gerald McCallum; and water commissioners Roy Ballentine and Winston Smith. In Esquesing only William Lawson is sure of his seat as a board of education member.

John Elliott, a past reeve and sitting councillor Wheldon Emmerson and Robert Francis are contesting the Georgetown mayoralty. The present deputy reeve Arthur Speight has William Sannucks as his opposition.

The town's ward 2 is the most hotly contested. Here three present council members, John Hale, William R. Smith and Jim Young and Jim Court, Mrs. Donna Denton and James Emmerson, a former councillor, are vying for the two seats. In ward 1 there are three candidates, Michael Foot, Ernest Bodnar and Gudni Sigurdson, who are members of the high school board and public school board, respectively, are seeking to represent Georgetown on the board of education. Ben Boyle, a member of the separate school board is opposed by Ed Hayes in the separate school board election. Esquesing voters have their choice of the present reeve George Currie and Malcolm Freeman for the township's top post. Deputy Reeve Thomas Hill also has opposition, with Jim France a candidate also. For three council seats, voters have their choice of present councillors Wilfrid Leslie and C. F. (Pat) Patterson, a former council member James Goodlett, and Percy Hicks, Kenneth Marshall and Russell Miller.

Two Milton residents are seeking the separate school seat, James Langedyke and Angelo Tonelli. R.C. voters in Georgetown and Esquesing who will choose two board of education members have their choice of Hubert Glohery, Hugh Henderson and William Priestner, all of Burlington and Kenneth Walsh of Oakville.

PICKET'S IS PICK
Claude Picket of Georgetown showed the Grand Champion Holstein cow at the Royal Winter Fair. He took the honours with his first prize age cow Barivue Pabst Lana.

Prospective Industry Seeks 13 Hwy. Acres from Town

Georgetown council learned Monday that a prospective new industry is interested in acquiring 13 acres of highway industrial land.

"We have found this industry and we stand to make \$1,000 an acre on the land," he said. "All we have to do is go to Brumac and say we want to exercise our option. There is no relationship between this and last week's deal."

Mr. Bill Smith agreed that tying up this many acres for a small building might not be good business.

Mr. Hunter said he was somewhat surprised at the 50,000 figure in the purchase proposal.

"I met these gentlemen today and I had an idea they were talking about 200,000 square feet," he said.

Cr. Roy Ballentine said — a 50,000 foot factory on such a large tract of land is away out of proportion to what the town has demanded of other industries which have purchased land here.

Council decided to consult the town solicitor about the matter the next day, then contact Brumac to see what arrangement could be worked out.

"This is highway frontage backing on a residential area," he said. "I would want to know too, what type of industry it is."

The town had an option on the land until last week when, concerned about threatened court action by the Brumac development firm, council voted to release its option on the land. The option came about in a land release agreement with Delrex Developments, original owner of the land. It was passed on to Brumac when that firm acquired the Delrex assets. The town sold the land to the firm, with the stipulation that should an industry wish to purchase it, Georgetown would have first chance to repurchase land at the \$5,000 an acre price Georgetown had received.

WANT ESQUESING'S TOP OFFICE



GEORGE CURRIE



MALCOLM FREEMAN

Some months ago, Brumac sold the land to the Induland firm which proposes to bring industrial development to town and Brumac asked council for a quit claim deed dropping its option. No action was taken until the special meeting on Tuesday, November 19. That night, a strong letter from Brumac solicitors warned that if the town did not release the land that night it would take the matter to court.

A TWO MAN RACE for the Esquesing Township reeveship this year has Malcolm Freeman challenging Reeve George Currie.

Advice from the town solicitor was received that if this happened, the decision could be unfavourable to the town.

Ballentine Tells Council Could Get Dam in 1969

At council meeting on Monday, Reeve Wm. F. Hunter, who is acting mayor following the death of Mayor Gibbons last week, passed around a purchase offer from an unnamed firm offering \$5,000 an acre for approximately 13 acres. The firm would build an initial factory of 50,000 square feet.

Mr. Ballentine told council that a group of conservation officials had visited the dam site recently and it is being given top priority.

"I'm of the opinion that they have also contacted Induland," Mr. Hunter said "but Induland is interested in building factories for rental and this firm wants to build its own."

"If the lands across the river are developed, then I think Georgetown has a good chance of getting the dam next year," he said.

Asks Council Meet and Finalize Land Release

The dam, he said, hinges on...

Resigning this position after 14 years, he entered politics again with a successful campaign for the mayoralty, and was completing his eighteenth term as mayor at the time of his death.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A number of proposed amendments to a land release plan for a large tract of building land owned by Brumac, are under study by Georgetown council.

Mr. Brock Bradley, en route to a new RCAF posting at Ottawa, from Comox, B.C. has been visiting with his mother Mrs. Alleen Bradley and his grandmother, Mrs. S.B. Grant and other members of his family.

On Monday a letter to council from developer Bruce McLaughlin said that he had intended to visit council that night, but due to the sudden death of Mayor Gibbons he was enclosing his proposals instead. He asked that a special meeting be set up shortly to finalize the matter.

Friends, neighbours and relatives of Barbara and Keith McLeod are pleased to welcome...

Recently consultants for the town and the developer had met in Toronto to talk the matter over. No report has yet been received from the consulting firm which the town engaged to make a study for them, and council decided to first meet with this firm before embarking on any final action.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell, 19 Albert St. and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Young, 7 Reid, Court spent a recent holiday in Florida, staying in the Miami Beach area.

With other mayors, he had the honour of having a street named after him when the Delrex subdivision was created — Gibbons Place.

GOOD NEWS
News that the province will underwrite costs of Georgetown Ambulance Service next year was received by council Monday.

Volunteer coming in, instead of all going out," remarked acting mayor Wm. F. Hunter.

"Good news to see some mo-

Georgetown was the first Canadian town to inaugurate volunteer service.

Georgetown-Acton to Renew Hockey Rivalry

Georgetown Intermediates who won their first game for an auspicious return to OHA Intermediate B play November 15 have had trouble finding their second victory since humbling Fergus Thistles.

Tuesday, Raiders played the Harvesters in Bramalea and bowed 0-6.

Friday night's contest which was suitably opened by Mrs. Jack Kemshead Sr., a long time faithful Raider roofer dropping the puck, would have belonged to Georgetown but for some soft Hussy goals.

Raiders had a wide territorial edge for the first two periods but were held from running up a comfortable lead by a red-

hot Durham netminder. Paul Robinson scored three, Blake Inglis, Don Norton and Wayne Davison, who was Georgetown's defensive standout, each netted one.

The rough game produced 74 minutes in penalties. Robinson maintained his scorching pace scoring three more in a losing cause against the Harvesters, Tuesday, Doug Richardson, and Phil Lavell both of whom missed Friday's

game, and Jack Gudgeon scores the other Georgetown goals.

A large crowd of Georgetown followers watched this one and an even larger number is expected to click the Acton turnstiles tomorrow night when Acton Tanners host Raiders for their first intermediate meeting in years.

Georgetown and Acton go at it again Monday night in the Memorial Arena.



MRS. JACK KEMSHEAD SR. drops the first puck to open the home schedule of the Georgetown Intermediate Raiders Friday night. With her is Georgetown reeve and acting mayor Bill Hunter who accompanied the well-known Georgetown intermellate hockey fan to centre ice. The Georgetown player, at right, taking the face-off is team captain Jack Gudgeon.

HERALD WILL BE ELECTION RETURN CENTRE
Up to the minute election returns of the Monday municipal election in Georgetown and Esquesing will be as close as your telephone election night, December 2nd, when the Herald will again provide its election night service. You can keep posted by dialing 877-2201 after 9:00 p.m.