

Candidates give views on election

Chapman Ten vie for six council seats

What are the issues this election? The Free Press has interviewed each candidate and added a few personal details.

So have yourself a do-it-yourself candidates meeting today, reading these pages of specially prepared pre-election information.

Mayor Duby is being challenged for the second time by former councillor Bob Drinkwater. Both have important issues to comment upon.

Reeve Oakes is returning by acclamation, so he's missing from this special feature page. As Reeve, he also sits on county council.

Deputy-reeve Ted Tyler Jr. hopes to maintain his seats on Acton council and county council. His challenger is councillor G. W. McKenzie.

There are six council seats and ten people running for them — present councillors Orval Chapman, Bill Coats, Earl Masales, Jack Greer and Peter Marks, with former councillor Bill Williams, and newcomers David Muckle, Norman Elliott, John Shadbolt and Mrs. Elizabeth Eastwood.

Tom Watson, the first Acton-Nassagaweya representative on the county school board, faces H. H. Hinton's name on the ballot election day.

All present hydro commissioners are running for office again, chairman Will McEachern, Bob MacArthur, Ted Tyler Sr. and Orville Brown. Joining them in the race is Doug Manning.

Read what they all have to say... decide who to vote for next Monday!

Chapman

ORVAL CHAPMAN

Orval Chapman lives with his wife and daughter on Nelson Ct., and he is manager at A. P. Green Fire Brick Company. He has lived in Acton for the past 20 years and attends the United church. He has been a C. of C. member.

He served on the school board and when it disbanded, won a council seat in 1968.

He has been chairman of the police and fire committees for the past two years while serving on the public works committee, which includes roads, sewer and water, light and sanitation.

"I'd like to see the sidewalk program that was begun last year continued. We're presently reviewing our police force looking for ways to update it. I'd also like to see the program of arena repairs continued."

Mr. Chapman would also like to have more industries in the industrial park, to continue the work that has been started there.

"But you've got to keep the tax dollar in mind," Mr. Chapman concludes.

He played O.H.A. Int. A hockey for Acton from 1929 to 1937 reaching the semi-finals on two occasions. He served seven years on council as a councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve.

The past two years he served as councillor and chairman of the street lighting, garbage collection and disposal and Mr. Greer says he is pleased to report no deficit in either department. He also served on the works committee consisting of roads, sidewalks, sanitary sewage and disposal, police and fire departments.

"Due to the late approvals by the OMB not too much was accomplished on our roads program."

"Council has completed the extension on the sanitary sewage disposal plant; recommendations are in process to update our police department and our fire department as one we can all look upon with pride."

"Our sidewalk program is going ahead as scheduled with five parts; Acton Blvd.; Mill St. N.; Wallace Ave.; Mill St. south to Cameron; from Main St. north in Elizabeth Dr. west. The first three are now completed."

"I was appointed to the industrial development commission in 1968 and as you are aware the town purchased 50 acres in 1964 and until 1968 it sat practically dormant. I have worked hard with the commission to get this investment into an asset instead of a deficit, and I am proud to say it is now on the move with the sale of land to the amount of \$36,000, and if elected again I promise to work just as hard and feel quite confident that our industrial park will be showing quite a sizable profit in the next two years."

"I have proven by my actions that I am not only community, recreational and industry minded, I also like to see progress in all departments but always with a close eye on a feasible budget and for these reasons I ask for your support to carry on as a councillor for your best interests."

with or sponsored by any group in town.

He is keen on getting new industry and would like to see the senior citizens housing proceed. In the field of recreation he would like to see the emphasis on drugs and back on sports. He feels the taxes should stay where they are, unless an increase is absolutely necessary.

Masales

EARL MASALES

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Masales live on Jeffrey Ave. and have three children. He's a salesman in Guelph.

He has been five years on council serving on every committee, has been on parks board and planning board. He is a past president of the Y's Men.

As chairman of the public works committee, he would particularly like to see the present road program completed, and to plan and engineer for the two future years.

He says, "I would like Acton to keep on a balanced residential-commercial and industrial program and various types of housing are needed to meet the different needs of the people of Acton."

"As a member of the planning board I would like to see continuing effort made toward joint planning with the neighboring townships."

"You have to have an acceptable tax rate yet it has to be sufficient for your budgets to be workable."

Eastwood

ELIZABETH EASTWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood live on Elmore Dr. with daughter Hazel, who attends teachers' college, and two young sons. Mr. Eastwood is head of the science department at Acton high school.

Mrs. Eastwood was born in Scotland, lived and worked in offices in England before they came to Canada in 1965. They have lived 18 months in Acton.

"Since regional government is inevitable it is my opinion that we should face this squarely and find out what we have to gain — or lose — when the time for amalgamation arrives. As a small town of long standing, Acton could well become the dormitory town of the area. It seems that we have been small and quiet, and while this situation holds many charms for some, it means hardship and a mere existence for a great many."

"A dormitory town would not, for example, want too much industry, yet at present the majority of our community are working class people seeking employment. This means travelling sometimes a great distance to find work and as we all know, this is not only time-consuming and exhausting, it is also expensive."

"It is therefore my desire to see more industry located in and

around Acton to supply the much-needed jobs to our present and future population. I cannot see that this would be anything but good. In the first instance it would be a source of increased taxes into the town purse, it would benefit our merchants and last but not most important, it would improve the standard of living of a great many people."

"If Acton is to change, let us make sure that if possible it changes for Actonians, and that the changes are what we deserve. When regional government takes place we will have lost the intimacy and personal contact which we now have available to us through our mayor, reeve and councillors."

"Our Arena has been the centre of much discussion and concern during the past few months. When I came to this town I was most impressed to find our Community Centre with the lake and parkland so attractively alongside. We are indeed fortunate to have this but we must jealously guard and protect it. If we don't get the necessary improvements to make the Arena a comfortable and safe place now, it is my opinion that we will stand little chance of achieving it in the future when we compete against larger townships in regional government."

"I would like to see the arena not only repaired, but much improved. It is also in my opinion a very sound investment for the

town to insure that the youth of our town can afford to use these facilities, and if this means subsidizing ice time, then we must try to find some means of doing this."

"A successful town should have a good source of employment for the population, adequate housing, and recreational facilities. We are at present falling behind in all three areas. If elected to council I pledge my constant support at every opportunity to the improvement of these basic but very important issues."

Coats

BILL COATS

Councillor Bill Coats lives with his wife and four children on Young St. He's a high school teacher active in the United Church.

States Bill Coats: "I have enjoyed my last two years on the council of the Town of Acton," Mr. Coats comments.

"It has taken almost all that time to learn and have an understanding of the complexities of municipal government."

"Local governments have both their strength and weakness. Their strength comes from the close contact with the voters and the opportunity to work on behalf of those who are your neighbors. Their weakness comes from the control superimposed from above by the provincial government."

"If re-elected to the council, I would work in the direction of overcoming some of the weakness that has become apparent to me over the last two years. I could sum it up in one word — planning. We are a small

town, relatively speaking, compared to other municipalities that surround us, and we cannot employ full time consultants in planning and engineering."

"We must make more use of our part time consultants and plan ahead so we can present to the provincial government well thought out projects to keep Acton abreast of the times. We need planning with regard to our housing needs, to our storm sewer system, to systematic and regular street repairs, to our industrial park, to our parks program and its development for the future, and to the expansion of the existing boundaries of Acton."

"One other item of planning comes to mind and for this one we do not need the consent of the provincial government. We must begin immediately with plans for Acton's 100th birthday which is just two years away in 1973."

"Centennial celebrations don't just happen. The co-operation of all organizations and groups in town will be required, and the council must take a leading role. I would also like to see a history of the town of Acton written and, if necessary, this should be subsidized by the town."

"In this day and age of rapidly expanding technology and population explosion, the only way that Acton can grow and yet remain the kind of town we all love so well is by intelligent, knowledgeable and efficient planning. This should be the task of council for the next few years and if re-elected I will constantly keep the concept of a planned future in front of your local government."

Hydro candidates

Brown

ORVILLE BROWN

Orville Brown has been on the hydro commission for the past three terms. He has lived in Acton for the past 43 years except for five years overseas. He was fire chief about 20 years ago.

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Mr. Brown's comment: "I would like to carry on the way I have to the best of my ability."

MacArthur

BOB MACARTHUR

From 1942 until 1953 Bob MacArthur served on the commission here, six years as chairman, and he was five years on the Public Utilities Commission at Little Current. He returned to the Acton commission two years ago.

He has lived many years here and is a printer. Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur live on Brock St.; son John is a chartered accountant in Toronto.

"With 13 years of experience on the Acton hydro commission — two years on the present commission and 11 years in previous terms of office — I feel that I have had the experience that is needed to help run this important commission in the town."

"All the previous terms of office have been enjoyed by me. I feel it is the duty of a citizen to help in every way to promote the community in which he lives."

"If elected by the voters I will do my best to help to conduct the commission's business to the best of my ability."

Manning

DOUG MANNING

Doug Manning has been in business in town since 1945, lives above Manning Electric store with his wife and son. He was on the public school board for 10 years before it was disbanded.

"I'd like to serve the town in some way," Mr. Manning says. "I'm running because I'm interested, particularly in the electrical aspect. With the inevitable growth of Acton, the commission's work will be challenging."

McEachern

WILF MCEACHERN

Chairman of the hydro commission for the past two years, Wilf McEachern has been on the Commission for six years. He is a printer with years of experience in maintenance work. Mr. and Mrs. McEachern live on River St. and have four children.

Comments Mr. McEachern: "We are hopeful there will be no rate increase again until next spring or summer. We will take another survey and I assure the consumers the rate increase will be no more than necessary."

"If I did a good job I would appreciate your vote. Everything is operating well."

Tyler

TED TYLER SR.

The Tylers moved to Acton in 1910, and he started Tyler Transport business in 1929. His wife and son Ted Jr. are associated with him in the business now.

He has been involved in town business for 22 years now. When he first sat on council, he attended hydro meetings representing Amos Mason so he has totted up many years of hydro involvement as well as serving as councillor, deputy-

reeve, reeve and mayor of the town. During his terms planning board, parks board, and urban board began; sewers went in; new well drilled and streets paved.

He has been hydro commission chairman for seven years of the many he has been involved.

"We've just had a rate increase which was beyond our control," he says. "We held it off as long as possible. It was the first increase in all my years on the commission."

"With the coming expansion in our town and what will be our town in the near future, we will have to have somebody on the different committees and bodies with experience to see that the people of Acton don't pay any more than their just dues. We also have regional government coming within a year or two, and I have been the commission's representative to these advanced meetings."

Elliott

NORMAN ELLIOTT

Norman Elliott lives on Longfield Rd. with his wife Kate and two daughters. He's an injection moulder at Building Products of Canada and is president of union local 603, United Rubber Workers. He is a member of the Y's Men's club.

"I think the people of Acton are anxious to see some changes in municipal administration," Mr. Elliott says. "It is evident that there is growing concern about lack of progress in many areas where there are recognized community needs, such as the long-delayed senior citizens project, local improvements and industrial development. Perhaps these problems would receive more immediate attention with some new faces on council."

"Recognizing that without some active effort my concern would provide no positive results I have decided to try to be one of those new faces."

Williams

BILL WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams live on Mowbray Place; their two children are away from home now. He has had previous experience on council. He has also been on parks board, the Industrial Development Commission and the fire department.

He seeks to return to council this election.

Shadbolt

JOHN SHADBOLT

John Shadbolt was born and educated in England and came to Canada in 1956. For the past 11 years he and his wife have lived on Tidey Ave. with daughters Lynda and Judy. He is in charge of sales for a division of Canada Varnish who manufacture products for electrical manufacturers.

"One of the problems, as president of the Chamber of Commerce this past year has been a lack of communication and factual information on decisions taken by council. Although I will no longer be president of the Chamber of Commerce certainly as a council member I can make sure that this important body has a better liaison with council."

"My personal reasons for running for council are a more or less total dissatisfaction with council's work over the past two years. The most important areas I can cover are to push for more industries in town. When I say 'industries' I don't mean a two or three man operation. What we need are new industries locating that will employ let's say, for argument's sake, 30 to 40 people to start."

"I let my name stand for parks board earlier this year but decided to withdraw it due to it becoming obvious that the council did not want anything to do with me because I suspect of my out-spoken criticism."

"Your support will be appreciated, and your vote will count towards a better local government."

Greer

JACK GREER

Jack Greer came to Acton from Bracebridge in 1929 and has been employed at Beardmore and Co., rising to the position of sub-foreman in 1938, to full foreman in 1940 and has held this position since that date. He married an Acton girl and they raised three children, a daughter Joyce (Mrs. G. A. Akitt) of Burlington, two sons James and William both married and living in B. C.

He was active as a Y.M.C.A. member being a past president of both the Y's Men's club and the Y.M.C.A. board. He served on the board of managers of Knox church and as treasurer of the Halton County Conservative Association for three years. He was appointed a member of the swimming pool committee which raised by public subscription money to build the children's wading pool in the park.

Marks

PETER MARKS

Peter Marks seeks to return to council after his first two-year term. He has also been chairman of the parks and recreation committee.

An Acton resident for 24 years, he and wife Joann live with their two children on Tidey Ave. He is technical sales representative for Atlas Alloys. He has been active on the Tri-County minor hockey executive.

"I am committed to impartial, objective reviews of all proposals, complemented by active solicitation of citizens' opinions to help ensure community-oriented policy decisions," Mr. Marks says.

Muckle

DAVID MUCKLE

An Air Canada pilot, David Muckle lives on Elmore Dr. with wife Janet, daughter, 8, and two sons, 7 and five months. He was born and raised in Toronto, attended naval college in Victoria B.C. and was trained by the R.C.A.F. spending four years at Halifax with the navy flying patrols. He joined Air Canada, lived in Brampton two years and then moved to Acton in 1967.

He has taken a keen interest in the community since coming here. He is first vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the Rotary Club, chairman of the scout group committee and secretary of the Acton Parks Development Association.

He stresses that he is running for a council seat, not affiliated

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