

Voters return Duby - elect new deputy

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Only 46.9%
cast votes

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How Acton voted

	Total	Ward 1 (1) Y.M.C.A.	Ward 1 (2) Ranchall	Ward 2 Council Chamber	Ward 3 (1) Veteran Hall	Ward 3 (2) Front Hill	Ward 4 Knox Church
Mayor							
Les Duby	788	200	101	123	111	112	124
Bob Drinkwalter	452	78	86	61	52	100	74
Deputy-reeve							
G. W. McKenzie	710	150	102	104	96	130	128
E. Tyler Jr.	495	123	83	76	65	81	67
Council							
Peter Marks	726	143	119	101	88	167	108
Bill Coats	724	169	119	112	93	129	102
Earl Masales	672	163	88	107	92	112	110
Orval Chapman	638	138	95	107	81	109	106
Jack Greer	630	183	83	106	95	57	106
Norman Elliott	616	138	111	84	84	101	88
David Muckle	540	106	83	67	74	118	92
Elizabeth Eastwood	438	86	75	65	46	97	68
Bill Williams	429	99	75	54	67	48	86
John Shadbolt	356	46	62	47	45	108	48
Hydro Commission							
Will McEachern	927	207	136	132	130	172	150
Orville Brown	874	201	135	134	125	145	134
Bob MacArthur	792	184	136	100	112	140	119
E. Tyler Sr.	709	162	120	105	94	116	112
Doug Manning	612	134	95	91	76	126	90
Board of Education							
Tom Watson	743	166	117	111	99	126	124
H. H. Hinton	462	106	65	71	61	86	73

Hundreds of calls to service

The first call to the Free Press election service came the middle of Monday afternoon, and the last calls were ringing in at 1 a.m. as the weary answering service staff made a last dash out the door.

Calls on two lines came constantly from about 9 till 12.30, slackening off afterward. Many callers reported repeatedly dialling to try to get the number. Some people finally walked over instead.

Calls to the town office were directed to the Free Press so the line would be held for incoming information.

Three lines
The results were phoned to the Free Press, on business neighbor Ron Heller's phone, from the town office in Acton Nassagaweya township hall and Georgetown curling club. (No phone was available at Esqueusing township hall, so the

reporter dashed over to the curling club.)

First results were given out at 10 minutes to 9. Last weren't available till midnight - Acton hydro.

Results changed as the totals from the polling subdivisions were added and re-added. One candidate - in person - exclaimed "I had 100 more than that last time I called!"

The editor's daughter joined the ranks this year, surprising one caller by answering the phone at midnight with a cheery "Good morning - Simpsons-Sears!"

Number of calls received was impossible to estimate. Anyway, more impressive would be the number of times the Free Press number was dialed, many of the times just to receive a busy signal.

Man hurt in accident

An Acton district man suffered head lacerations and a broken wrist in a two-vehicle collision on Highway 401 Wednesday of last week. Austin Clute, R. R. 1, Acton, was the injured driver and his car received \$2,000 damage. It was involved in a collision with a vehicle driven by Clinton Sparks of Inglehart, which

received \$250 damage. Milton OPP investigated.

Another Acton resident involved in accidents handled by the OPP at Milton this week was Rudolf Huget of 75 Churchill Rd., Acton. His car received \$350 damage in a one-car mishap on Highway 25 near Speyside Friday morning.

Elect School board reps.

Gordon Gregson of Erin, George Day of Rockwood and Jack Gilchrist of Guelph



LLOYD LANG

township finished in that order ahead of David Wright and Russell Sears, to win the three seats on Wellington Board of Education set aside for Erin Township, Erin village, Guelph township and Eramosa township. Mr. Gregson polled 1,374 votes, followed by Mr. Day with 1,304, Mr. Gilchrist with 1,149, Mr. Wright with 580 and Mr. Sears with 363. Mr. Gilchrist has been a board member for the past two years. Bert Berry, who has represented Erin township and Erin village on the board for the past two years resigned this year because of ill health.

Deputy, council acclaimed Elections for reeve and school board were the only ones necessary in the township. Donald Matheson was acclaimed deputy-reeve earlier and incumbent councillors, Harold Griffin and William McLean along with newcomer Bert Wheeler received acclamations as councillors.

Under-age voters favor principal

Again this year the Robert Little grade eight students cast their ballots in mock town elections.

They voted Mayor Duby back, and put in their own principal as deputy-reeve. They also returned the hydro commission as the legal-age voters did.

But they produced a real upset for council, placing Mrs. Elizabeth Eastwood at the head of the polls. (Two Eastwood boys attend the school.)

Next in order for council they placed Bill Coats, Orval Chapman, Peter Marks, Earl Masales and Dave Muckle.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC in the town office Monday night for five candidates - Bob Drinkwalter, Dave Muckle, Norm Elliott, Tom Watson and G. W. McKenzie, with Jake

Lang upsets Fuller in Erin

Present deputy-reeve Lloyd Lang will be in the reeve's chair, when Erin township council sit for their inaugural meeting in January, as a result of elections in the township Monday.

Mr. Lang defeated incumbent reeve Sam Fuller 495 votes to 255. Reeve-elect Lang previously served three years on council, two as deputy-reeve and seven years on local school boards. Mr. Fuller served two years as reeve, two as deputy-reeve and six on council.

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Go word by word through bylaw

Word by word, members of Planning board and Acton council plodded through the town's zoning by-law last Thursday evening.

G. W. McKenzie, member of both groups, chaired the meeting and those present were mayor Duby, reeve Oakes, deputy-reeve Tyler, councillors Marks, Chapman and Greer; planning board chairman Sid Saltz and members Mel Blow, Vic Bristol and Frank Simoni with building inspector Ernie Marks, Project Planning Consultant representative Denis Flood, clerk-administrator Joe Hurst and planning board secretary Grant Usher.

Problems aired
As any questions arose during the reading of the by-law they were clarified. Some wording has been causing problems. Planning board will prepare an amendment to revise the zoning by-law including all the changes. The meeting lasted from 7.30 to 11.15 p.m.



Van Der Kooy watching over their shoulders. There were few upsets. - (Staff Photo)

Acton voters - 46.9 per cent of them - decided to preserve the status quo at Monday's municipal election.

Starting with Mayor Les Duby who was returned to office for his eighth term with a 318 vote margin over challenger Bob Drinkwalter, voters made only slight changes by electing Garnet (Pat) McKenzie deputy-reeve and returned all the present council with the addition of one new member - Norman Elliott.

Garnet McKenzie in his first bid for the deputy reeve's chair unseated incumbent Ted Tyler Jr. by a 215 vote margin.

Retains seat
Tom Watson retained the seat on the Halton County Board of Education shared with Nassagaweya by defeating challenger Bert Hinton by over 500 votes.

Acton Hydro Commissioners were all returned to office, chairman Will McEachern once again leading the polls as well as collecting the most votes of any candidate running for office.

The council race, which many observers thought would see sweeping changes, saw few as Councillor Peter Marks once again headed the polls with 726 votes, closely pursued by fellow sophomore Bill Coats two votes back. Veteran Earl Masales came next with 672, followed closely by Orval Chapman and Jack Greer with 636 and 630 respectively.

Making his first bid for political office, Norm Elliott took the final council seat with 616 votes, 24 less than Councillor Greer.

Four defeated
Defeated in their bid for a seat on council were challengers Dave Muckle who trailed Mr. Elliott by 78 votes, Mrs. Betty Eastwood with 437, former councillor Bill Williams with 429 and finally John Shadbolt with 356.

Many of the candidates for office were disappointed in the small turnout of voters - 46.9 per cent as opposed to the 63 per cent who voted at the last municipal election two years ago. Some saw this as due to the lack of any major issue in the election, others felt it reflected the apathy of the electorate, but all agreed there was a need for concern.

Monday's weather was perfect for an outing - cold but with the sun shining and only a few inches of snow on the ground. Despite the fine weather figures showed only 1,235 cast ballots out of a possible 2,635 eligible voters.

Polls closed at 8 p.m. but it was well after 9 p.m. before the first returns for mayor started to come in at town election headquarters. They gave incumbent Les Duby a lead which he held and enlarged.

The race for the deputy-reeve's chair followed a similar pattern with challenger Garnet McKenzie showing an early lead, preserving and adding to it as the evening wore on.

Watson back
The seat on the Halton Board of Education, shared between Acton and Nassagaweya, was decided next and once again the pattern followed that of the race for mayor and deputy-reeve. Incumbent Tom Watson took an early lead and lengthened it until he owned a substantial 281 vote margin in town. Figures arriving from Nassagaweya gave Mr. Watson a further margin over challenger Mr. Hinton.

Returns for Acton council often reflected the area in which the candidates reside. As a result the lead changed hands as returns arrived but early returns once



GARNET MCKENZIE
New deputy

again determined the results of the race.

Councillor Greer showed strong in his own Ward One with 183 votes. Marks and Coats made a strong showing in Glenlea and Lakeview subdivisions, as did defeated candidates.

Final returns for the Hydro Commission arrived from polling subdivision 11 at 12.30 a.m. with only returning officer Joe Hurst, his assistant Grant Usher, the mayor and members of the press still waiting. They followed the pattern set earlier giving Hydro chairman Will McEachern a substantial margin, followed by Commissioners Brown, MacArthur, Tyler and challenger Doug Manning who missed out on the final seat by 77 votes.

Congregate
Candidates congregated in election headquarters the town offices and offered one another congratulations or felicitations whatever the case may be. Most were interested in the results from Esqueusing and Nassagaweya and there was also a strong interest in results of the Georgetown election which saw incumbent reeve Bill Hunter toppled from office.

Returning officer Joe Hurst reports there were 16 spoiled and unused ballots for mayor, 30 for deputy-reeve, 28 for council, 27 for hydro commission and 30 for the board of education.

Assisting the returning officer as well as Grant Usher were Lorna Clark and Nan Hurst with Charles Leatherland deputized to carry returns from the scout hall where there was no phone.

Band's car missing

Thursday night, while a band played at the Hotel, their '62 Chev was stolen from the hotel parking lot. The incident was reported to police at 12.27 a.m. and the car has not yet been recovered.



WHOOPING IT UP after announcement of final results in Esqueusing township's municipal election, Monday are front row: councillor-elect Len Coxe (left), and councillor-elect Richard Howitt (right).

Standing l. to r. are reeve-elect Tom Hill, deputy-reeve-elect Russell Miller and councillor Wilfrid Leslie, who was returned to office. - (Staff Photo)



ST. NICHOLAS and his little helper Black Peter (Zwarte Piet) made a special Birthday visit to the children of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Schuller of Main Street, Rockwood, last Saturday evening. Turn to Rockwood pages for more information. - (Photo by Lorraine)