

Record 38.4% vote in Esquesing

Elect Hill reeve, Miller deputy Coxe, Howitt, Leslie council

Sunny skies and clear weather resulted in a record 38.4 per cent vote in Monday's election in Esquesing township. In 1968 only 28.8 per cent of the township's eligible voters turned out but returning officer K. C. Lindsay said he can't remember a better turnout than this one.

Tom Hill the present deputy-reeve became the first Glen Williams resident to occupy the reeve's chair since Walter Bingham in 1884, when he soundly beat challenger Malcolm Freeman 1384 votes to 627. Mr. Hill replaces retiring reeve George Currie.

In one of the most interesting contests, councillor Russell Miller took over the deputy-reeve's chair, polling 1017 votes. Councillor Ken Marshall placed second with 778 votes and Peter Bowman finished third with 220.

Newcomer heads poll

Newcomer Len Coxe headed the polls in the six way race for three council seats with a total of 1,007 votes, seven better than another newcomer lawyer Richard Howitt, who polled 1,000. Incumbent councillor Wilfrid Leslie placed third with 918, narrowly beating Ward Brownridge who received 894 votes in his first council bid.

J. Elwood Snow and George Maltby placed fifth and sixth respectively. Mr. Snow received 568 votes, exactly 100 more than Mr. Maltby.

Candidates and residents began crowding the township offices to await results shortly after the polls closed at 8 p.m. Art Benton and Delmar French assisted returning officer K. C.

Lindsay in recording results on a blackboard.

Results from Ward 8, (Silvercreek A-L) were the first to go up on the board about 9.20. First ballot box to arrive came from the Limehouse polling station at 9.30.

Silvercreek results showed Mr. Freeman with a 26 vote majority over Mr. Hill, but the polling station proved to be the only one Mr. Freeman carried. Mr. Hill won by substantial margins in all other wards including his own in Glen Williams, where he received 394 votes to Mr. Freeman's 69.

Councillor Miller polled more votes than Councillor Marshall and Mr. Bowman combined, in Silvercreek, setting the pattern for the rest of the township.

Councillor Marshall was able to top Mr. Miller in only three wards, Milton Heights, Scotch Block and Hornby. Mr. Bowman trailed considerably in all wards.

Glen vote turns tide
A heavy vote in Glen Williams helped councillor Leslie overcome a 55 vote lead Mr. Brownridge held at the time those results arrived. Councillor Leslie polled 253 votes to 144 for Mr. Brownridge in the Glen. A total of 241 Glen Williams votes along with 153 in Norval helped Mr. Coxe head the polls for council.

Mr. Brownridge outpolled Councillor Leslie 148 votes to 97 in the last two wards to be heard from, Milton Heights and Hornby, but was unable to surpass the veteran councillor.

Results were final at 10.20. In the absence of Reeve Currie, Reeve-elect Hill chaired a brief post-election meeting at which all candidates were given an opportunity to speak.

Mr. Hill thanked all his supporters and promised to do his utmost to handle township affairs well. "If I don't feel I've done a satisfactory job at the end of two years, I won't let my name stand for nomination in the next election," he said.

Mr. Freeman thanked his supporters and expressed the hope someone else would come forward to oppose Mr. Hill in the next election, so that he "could take a run at council."

Deputy-reeve elect Miller thanked his supporters and said he would do his utmost to see things that should be done are done in the township.

Congratulate opponents
Councillor Marshall congratulated Mr. Hill and Mr. Miller and assured ratepayers they would be well represented. He expressed his disappointment about not being successful, but added "we must accept the verdict of the people." Thanking his supporters councillor Marshall said his interests still lie with the township.

Mr. Bowman thanked his supporters and said he will be back to sit in as an observer at council meetings in the new year.

Mr. Bowman attended most of township council meetings in the past year. An opponent of the Golden Horseshoe Dragway, Mr. Bowman told reporters he didn't feel publicity, his opposition to the dragway received, affected him adversely, but admitted he was disappointed he received only 43 votes in Silvercreek, his own ward.

Mr. Coxe thanked his supporters and congratulated all candidates. "I'm proud, pleased and humble so many people saw fit to elect me," he said. He promised to do his best to warrant the trust put in him by electors. Expressing special thanks to his workers, Mr. Coxe said he felt many votes were cast not for him but for his workers.

Overwhelmed
Mr. Howitt said he was overwhelmed at the confidence voters had placed in him and promised to work hard not to let them down. He thanked all his supporters and added he is delighted to be included in a group on council he feels will be compatible.

Councillor Leslie thanked supporters and promised to do his best for ratepayers over the next two years.

Mr. Brownridge described the campaign as "a good clean fight he enjoyed very much". He thanked supporters and hinted he may be back to run again next time.

Mr. Snow congratulated all successful candidates and said he enjoyed the campaign. He wished the new council every success.

Admitting he was a little disturbed about talling the poll, Mr. Maltby none the less promised to run again next time if he disagrees with council over the next two years. He thanked his supporters and congratulated all successful candidates.

In a light vote to elect separate school members for the Halton County Board of Education, William Priestner headed the poll with 21 votes, followed by Gordon Davidson with 20 and Hubert Cohecy with 14.

Euchre winners

Winners at the L.O.L. euchre at Crewsons Corners Saturday:

Ladies' high Marjorie Hall, ladies' low Ellen Faulkner, men's high Tom Shannon, men's low Gerald Teneycke.

Lone hands Tom Shannon, door prize Gertrude Clark.



RUNNERS-UP councillor Ken Marshall (left) and Peter Bowman (right) offer their congratulations to councillor Russell Miller, after he was elected deputy-reeve of Esquesing, Monday night. Councillor Miller polled 1017 votes to councillor Marshall's 778 and Mr. Bowman's 220.—(Staff Photo)

How Esquesing voted

	Ward 1 Milton Bus	Ward 2 Scotch Block	Ward 3 Hornby	Ward 4 Norval	Ward 5 Silvercreek A-L	Ward 6 Silvercreek M-Z	Ward 7 Dublin	Ward 8 Limehouse	Ward 9 Silvercreek A-L	Ward 10 Silvercreek M-Z	Ward 11 Glen Williams	TOTALS
REEVE												
Tom Hill	44	109	106	160	124	126	102	70	67	82	394	1384
Malcolm Freeman	19	32	42	55	92	58	58	43	93	68	69	627
DEPUTY REEVE												
Russell Miller	12	59	54	102	113	72	81	72	96	83	273	1017
Ken Marshall	46	62	74	101	86	87	52	27	41	50	150	778
Peter Bowman	4	24	17	10	18	21	29	12	28	17	42	220
COUNCIL												
Len Coxe	28	68	78	153	124	102	58	49	54	58	241	1007
Richard Howitt	27	93	71	94	124	114	98	48	91	68	178	1000
Wilfrid Leslie	33	61	64	120	84	59	67	62	59	54	253	918
Ward Brownridge	32	98	114	103	103	78	84	55	66	37	144	894
J. Elwood Snow	8	29	20	41	50	46	52	58	72	73	119	588
George Maltby	21	23	15	20	46	45	78	41	71	58	50	488

Georgetown favors fluoridation

Georgetown voters favored fluoridation of their water by a good majority in elections there Monday. In favor of fluoride: 2630; opposed 1700.

William Smith was elected mayor by a small majority: Smith 2259; Ron Dodokin 2175. Reeve Hunter was ousted with 1721 votes by Ric Morrow, former

councillor, with 2698. Art Speight was acclaimed deputy.

Councillors, two elected in each ward: Ward one Ern Hyde 830, Ernest Sykes 695; John Elliott 660; ward two Harry Levy 743, Mrs. Donna Dennison 624, Pearce Porter 609; Tut Harrison 628. Ward three, Phil Siddall, Mrs. Joan Smith by acclamation.

Hartley Sherk was elected to separate school board with 258 votes to Clarence Doyle's 185.

Acclaimed were Ernest Bodnar for board of education, John Armstrong and Gerald McCallum for hydro commission, Ballentine and Jim Young for water commission.

Hillsburgh choir sings on radio

On Sunday morning, Dec. 6, Hillsburgh Baptist Choir were guests on John Bradshaw's radio program on CFRB. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Donald Matheson, sang Stainer's "God So Loved The World". On the second part of the program Mr. Bradshaw interviewed John Root, M.P.P. regarding the work of the Ontario Water Resources Commission. Mr. Root is the vice-chairman of the commission.

TO ACTON CITIZENS:

Thanks to all who supported me in Monday's Election for Council

Season's Greetings to Everyone

DAVE MUCKLE



BUSINESS AS USUAL!

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THE VOTERS OF ACTON FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

MY APPRECIATION TO MY OPPONENT FOR A GOOD ELECTION

"SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERYONE"

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TOM HILL became Esquesing township's 33rd reeve following municipal elections in the township, Monday. Mr. Hill is also the first Glen Williams resident to serve as reeve, since 1884.—(Staff Photo)

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