

Eight run for six seats

ORVAL CHAPMAN

A four year veteran of council, Orval Chapman has been a town resident for 20 years now. He, wife Marie and their daughter live at 66 Nelson Court and he's manager of A. P. Green in town.

"Because I'm employed locally I can be contacted during the day for any important matters," he points out.

Committee work
For his four years on council he's been with the public works committee which includes roads and maintenance, lights and water, and police and fire. He's been chairman of the last two.

He points out he has attended most of the firefighters' practice meetings and is familiar with their equipment and procedures.

There has been a good liaison with the police with periodic meetings and changes underway in co-operation with the O.P.P. corporal.

New chairman
He's been appointed to the parks and recreation committee for the past three years, the past year as vice-chairman and, since the resignation of Hugh Patterson, as chairman for the balance of this year. He has been on different committees of the board.

"There are several projects I would like to see completed next year if monies are available," says Mr. Chapman.

Projects
One is the Church St. reconstruction to make it equal Bower Ave., which was completed this year. Improved sidewalks and street lighting in the older areas are needed. He'd like to see construction of sidewalks on Mill W. and Elizabeth Dr. as were planned, but were held up by elevated costs over the original estimates, with these projects permanent and not something that will have to be reconstructed in a few years wasting taxpayers' money.

"With the building boom that is coming to town—and will probably increase even more when the GO train from Toronto to Guelph starts—Acton council will have to be even more aware of the planning and updating of facilities to keep abreast of our growing community," Mr. Chapman said.

BILL COATS

Bill and Gloria Coats decided Acton was just the kind of community in which they would like to raise their family, with its rare combination of rural and urban life. He wasn't a teacher when they first came to Acton 14 years ago but soon changed professions and has been teaching at Acton high school for 12 years.

He has been a councillor for two terms and is running for the council again.

Important year
Mr. Coats thinks that despite the imminence of regional government 1973 will be a very important year and Acton should have a strong and experienced council.

Since Acton will probably become a part of a North Halton unit, next year's council must make very clear and detailed plans for the future of this area. The desires and wishes of the residents of Acton must be presented to any future form of local government. "Remember that the local government under regional government will be concerned with a much larger area than just Acton."

"There are three areas of concern which must be dealt with next year or at least positive proposals must be put in writing for future regional councils," Mr. Coats says.

"I strongly advocate the encouragement of the development of the downtown business or commercial area in Acton. Hazardous plaza development is detrimental to all concerned. Parking in the downtown area is far from ideal. This must be looked into as well as the problem of uncontrolled parking of commercial vehicles on Mill Street."

"Now that Acton is again experiencing a period of growth, we must be careful to see that developers pay their way. The present residents of Acton should not have to pay, in increased taxes, for any services required by an expanding population."

"On the other hand, newcomers to Acton must not be penalized for wanting to live here. Limited growth is most welcome and newcomers must be made welcome for they have much to contribute both in new assessment and to the community life of Acton."

"In spite of the fact that Acton as an incorporated town may cease to exist under regional government, Acton as a community will continue and in 1974 we will celebrate our 100th birthday. This is going to be a year to remember around here and Council must continue to give its support to the Acton Centennial Commission."

JOHN CONIGLIO
"I care about my family and I also care about other people. That's why I am running for councillor," says John Coniglio. Mr. Coniglio and his wife Anne

came to Acton from Guelph five years ago; they own and operate A and J Place, a hairdressing salon and boutique on Mill St. They have two children and live above their shop.

"We Actonians cannot change the world with all its problems but I do believe Acton can change for a better future by using common sense," he says.

Need industry
"I would like to see a few non-polluting industries that pay good wages come into town. In Acton we have a lot of healthy people who are able and would like to work. What good is it for a young person to grow up, get married, and have a family when he doesn't have job security to pay his bills? We are the only ones who can do something about our future and our children's future. I don't see that the Prime Minister will."

"Sometimes it's hard to point out just what is wrong with the world. Sometimes I think it's too much education and not enough common sense. Other times I can see it's not what's wrong with the world, but what's wrong with people."

A smile
"For instance, it's bad enough paying taxes, but it would be much nicer if, when we paid at the town office, we got a smile and 'thank you' in return."

"Maybe, too, it would be good for business if our mayor welcomed new businesses by going in to say hello. And when a business goes out, he could maybe find out what the problem was."

Downtown mall
Mr. Coniglio thinks one thing of major importance is the development of downtown Acton. He would like to have the downtown section improved soon, and also the downtown parking problem solved.

He would like to see a downtown mall as soon as Highway 7 bypasses Acton. Mr. Coniglio envisions a two-storey T-shaped mall, its second storey for parking, a summer market and cafes. There could be a "Welcome" sign on the way into Acton and a "thank you" or "come again" sign on the way out. "This is a big dream I have had for a long time," he says.

Day care
I propose, also, that whenever the community centre is completed, there should be room for a day care centre.

There is already one improvement under way in Acton that most people don't know about. Since the Weight Watchers first opened the Acton Branch in April, its members have lost 2,400 pounds. That's almost a whole person (a small one) every week. Therefore the sidewalks are getting less wear and should be in better condition than they would otherwise be."

BOB DRINKWALTER
Bob Drinkwalter is making a bid to return to council, where he served for four years before. Quality control manager at Standard Products, Georgetown, he lives with wife Val and four children at 160 Churchill Rd.

On his previous four years on council Mr. Drinkwalter was chairman of the works committee for three years and a member of the North Halton urban board, a year as chairman. He was on planning board five years, three as chairman, and four years on the development commission. He was president of the Home and School Association when it was active here. For the past seven years he has been on the board of directors of the Credit Union, three as president, he has been on the board of directors of the curling club three years, serving as president and treasurer. He was on the County

Planning Association three years, one as chairman. Mr. Drinkwalter feels that the most important issue that will be facing the next council will be the preparation for the changeover for the regional system which we are naturally going to become a part of. Strong, dedicated representation will be required to ensure that the best interests of the people of Acton are upheld.

Immediate controls must be enacted to ensure that the town of Acton does not permit any further industry to locate such as the Oref Industries which further pollute our air and water, Mr. Drinkwalter says.

"A vigorous effort must be made to determine if all existing industries are meeting the pollution standards required by the air management branch of the Department of the Environment."

He thinks a committee of council should be set up immediately to work with the development and other concerned committees to investigate and bring back recommendations that will stimulate the downtown business section and make it a more desirable place to meet and shop.

"I feel that council should encourage and support if necessary a program to further develop the youth organizations in the town."

"One other area which I feel requires consideration—that is, an information centre or some type of bulletin should be published to inform our elderly people of the town of their legal rights regarding pensions, welfare programs, health care programs, nursing centre, etc., as a great many are not familiar with these and really do not know where to find this information."

NORM ELLIOTT

Hoping to be returned to council for another term, Norm Elliott has some firm ideas about what he'd like to see done.

He has just finished his first term on council where he has been on the administration committee serving as chairman of property and cemetery committee. He is also one of the council appointees to the planning board.

Mr. Elliott has lived and worked in Acton almost all his life. His wife, the former Kate Garrett, is also an Acton girl. They live at 169 Longfield Rd. with their two young daughters.

Works at BP
He is with the injection moulding department at Building

Products, where he has worked for the past eight years. For five years he has been president of the union at BP, United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America, and is also on the Canadian executive board of the international union.

Downtown core
Something the incoming council should take a real hard look at, says Mr. Elliott, is the downtown core—and they should come up with a solid answer. He thinks the parking problem is more or less exaggerated, and there is actually more parking available than people realize. He understands council's reluctance to appoint a parking authority which entails handling over decision-making which council would prefer to keep.

Stress industrial
He thinks residential development, including the big new subdivisions underway, should be considered to have reached a limit until there has been an assessment of sewage and water needs. "I'm not against new development," the candidate says, "but the whole situation should be assessed." He thinks instead we should be encouraging industrial development, through the industrial commission, for the industrial park where the land is available.

As head of council's cemetery committee he has specific plans in mind, including using designated monies before regional government. Fencing, gate, filling in the central depression and the fate of the plot of land on Main St. are included.

Money for Y
The Y.M.C.A. has been badly neglected, and he thinks there should be a strong push for council to fund repairs. "The town, through council, owes it to them," he says.

Mr. Elliott also suspects there will be differences of opinion on the centennial. Council will have to be ready to reflect the true attitude of the citizens.

BARRY INSCOE
On parks and recreation committee for the past two years, Barry Inscoe would like to participate in formulating town policy, and is running for council

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for the first time. His desire to see stable economic and social development prompted him to offer his services, he explains. Mr. Inscoe and his wife JoAnn live at 242 Arthur St. with their two children. He is a quality control inspector with Varian Associates in Georgetown. He's lived in town since he was 10 years old.

As well as parks and recreation board, he's been on the minor hockey executive, in different posts, for 10 years. He's a Legion member.

Public works
Public works are always to the forefront, he realizes. He'd like to be on council to help tackle the problems of the pollution control plant, paved roads and sidewalks, and the condition of the public works equipment.

"I'd like Acton to become a place for prosperous, clean industry to locate. Our geographic location alone is an incentive for a manufacturer," he says. Industry would stimulate business and create employment, as well as industrial assessment.

Needs study
We know a great deal of preliminary work has been completed on regional government, but we don't know the extent of it. There are many areas to be ironed out, Mr. Inscoe feels. There are problems that have been encountered in other areas where regional government has been implemented.

The downtown core is also a priority item, according to Mr. Inscoe.

Other facets
Of course he has special interest in recreation. However, he thinks recreation is presently community-centre oriented and there are many other facets that should be undertaken. "We can only go to the well so many times," he observes. "The money is just not there."

This is an age of dual income families and he'd push for a day care centre for "concerned mothers and worried fathers." He says many of the families moving into the new subdivisions in Acton have both parents employed.


He'd also like to see Senior Citizens have "their own place downtown"—even if we have to buy property to provide it

PAUL MANALEX
Paul Manalex, a council incumbent, was born and raised in Acton and lives at 164 Jeffrey with his wife Ruth, boys Russell and Peter and daughter Carol. He was with the family business, Manalex Dairy until 1964 and is presently employed as a commis-

sioned salesman at Simpsons-Sears, Guelph. He's been active in the Y's Men's club. He's been on council for the past seven years. Committee chairman Chairman of the public works committee is his title, and he'd

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Candidates tee off . . .

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opinion after a member of the audience—a Mr. Boland—who said he is in the horse business—challenged the candidates to express their views. "I have to ask, what is Mohawk doing for Nassagaweya? I look at the track and I have to vote yes, in spite of the fact I live on the Guelph Line," Powadluk declared.

Unfair
Reeve Anne MacArthur resisted Mr. Boland's demand. "The people have the chance to exercise their views at the polls," she said. The Reeve said it was "unfair" to ask the candidates their views, when the audience didn't have to reveal their feelings.

"I disagree," shouted Boland. His comments brought clamors of "put him down," by other members of the crowd. Mrs. MacArthur promised there would be no delays for the

raceway management, if the public approved Sunday racing. She received resounding applause for her remarks.

Horse Man
After Boland challenged the political aspirants, he traded words with candidate John Henry, who called him "horse man".

Henry asked Boland and Jim Jennings of R. R. 3 Campbellville—who mentioned the need for improved recreation facilities—if they would remain living in the township if the cost of living rose in a regional government setup.

When a crossfire of words erupted between the two men Dr. Henry Best, who was chairman of the night's affair attempted to retain order.

"You're all just . . ." Boland uttered something which vaguely sounded like "broddlefuiddle" and then stomped out of the building.

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