

# Joe Hurst cites Mayor Duby sees benefits in region

"The most important factor facing this new council of Halton is the finalization of the total residential density for the whole community," said J. T. (Joe) Hurst, a candidate for the North Halton area council to be elected on October 1.



JOE HURST

Mr. Hurst, a native resident of Acton, is the retired former clerk-administrator who says: "It makes sense for a man who has been an employee in municipal work as long as I have to continue in this work following retirement." He said that, along with his knowledge he also has the time to apply the energies required for greater administration at the new level of regional government. "I am available," he said, "and I am experienced. I can devote full time getting at the problems presented immediately."

**Varied posts**  
Mr. Hurst is a veteran who served five years in the RCAF. He has had experience in political affairs both at the municipal and county level having served for two terms on Acton Council acting as chairman of the finance committee during his second term. He has been a member of the parks board and recreation committee and served on the county industrial committee for seven years. More locally he was one of the organizers of the special gift committee set up for the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett Schools when they were first built and was also he said, "one of the old dirty dozen group who planned the reconstruction of the arena some 12 years ago."

Having served on the TECO committee composed of the clerks and treasurers of the county on which much of the framework of regional government is based, Mr. Hurst says that by date of December 31, 1973, Acton no longer will be a municipality. It will be a borough or continued "and any growth should be planned for total municipality. It will be the town growing as a complete unit not the individual community of Acton."

**Expansion**  
Regarding expansion for Acton, Mr. Hurst said he thinks that the trend in local municipalities should be held now as much as possible with present commercial areas developed. "If there is a need for more commercial enterprise it should become part of areas downtown but that, of course leaves parking problems to be considered. He said he thinks that industrial growth should only be with the entire municipality in mind as the total radius of the four ward municipality would only extend within the distance of 9 to 10 miles.

Looking at recreation, Mr. Hurst said, "We have enough area parks at the present time. What we need is a well organized park with artificial lakes such as the conservation park. Not for the people who can afford cottages or backyard swimming pools but more for the man and his family who have to look closer to home for his outdoor recreation."

He feels that we must get away from future developers developing small neighborhood parks but favors the larger central type park for more people. "Another reason why determining the density of the area before taking any major planning steps," he said and stipulated that, although it will take 10 to 15 years before such growth is established planning for the whole region could be completed within the next 12 months.

"I also believe," he added, "that parks do not always have to be set up with sport areas and arenas" and reiterated his contention that there was no sense in planning more parks or mass recreation services until the total population is determined and work towards that.

**Proud of town**  
A family man whose five children have received both primary and secondary education in the Town of Acton, he is proud of his

Acton background. His wife Nan (Kathleen) is a teacher in the Milton District High School. "As a native of this town," he said, "I feel I have been around long enough to show concern not only of Acton people but of all people who will be in the new community." Joe Hurst prefers the name Esqueping as opposed to the other name choices of North Halton and Halton Hills. "A hundred years ago it used to be Esqueping and it follows to call it Esqueping again."

Mr. Hurst says people are his greatest concern. "In the new set up, to me, what people need and what we should do for people is my greatest concern at the lowest possible cost." To sum up, I feel that I know the problems. The new council is going to have to make quick decisions on matters immediately and they must know the answers. I feel that I have worked closer to the public than any other candidate and because of past experience should be able to contribute such answers. There should be no reason for one borough to compete against another. What is good for Acton will be good for the whole community and, by the same token, what is good for the whole community will be good for Acton."

## Watson unopposed

Tom Watson, who represents Acton and Nassagaweya on the present Halton County Board of Education received acclamation as Halton Region Board of Education representative for Wards 1 (Acton) and 2 (Esqueping) of the North Halton area.

Mr. Watson has represented Acton and Nassagaweya since the county board was formed in 1963. He was also a member of local school boards in Acton.

A retired restaurant operator, Mr. Watson, wife Rene, daughters Jane and Mary and son John live in Acton on Burbank Drive.

## Parks board

Various matters of business were attended to at the last meeting of parks board.

It was noted that profits at the arena booth had remained good during August in spite of increases in labor costs and food. Mr. Chapman attributed this to additional sales.

Mr. Townsley assured members of the Board the ice plant would be all checked out and ready to make ice before he goes on vacation October 5. He said ice making could commence in 55 or 60 degree weather provided the sun was not bright and heating the roof. Member Orv Chapman felt the cement block walls recently installed would aid ice making some, which Mr. Townsley acknowledged.

Chairlady Diane Spielvogel presided for the two hour meeting.

Parochialism has got to go out the window, declares area one council candidate Les Duby. "The new municipality is a new concept, and basically I'm very confident that the council is going to do a good job for the community."

"My main contribution," explains Acton's mayor, "would be based on my present knowledge." He fears that if a councillor didn't have enough experience, by the time he's aware, inroads into his areas of local concern could have been made by the majority of councillors.

As the mayor of the town, Les Duby is already closely allied with the formation of regional government. The steering committee of regional mayors and clerks has already met four times to formulate policy which will be recommended to the new council. As a "for instance," Mr. Duby points out the new region must immediately have an official seal. He's been plumping to have aspects of Acton's beautiful crest incorporated in this new seal.

My biggest hangup, he explains, is the opposition some people feel to regional government. Something had to take place, he says forcefully. Regional government was required.

Powers now have to be on the basis of larger government. One of the criticisms over his 14 years on Acton Council has been how little jurisdiction Acton does actually have over its own affairs.

**Speed up process**  
Regionalization will speed up the grant process, ap-

plications for hearings, rational planning and development of the total area. It'll also reduce the infighting for assessment. Annexation will be applied over the whole area, and Acton will continue to grow. However Acton will still have to live within the decision-making of provincial government departments, he asserts. Growth will be in a more orderly fashion than in the past when Acton "fought Esqueping for land."

We have to have experience to compete around this new council table, he insists. And he adds delightedly that after trying, as mayor, to be impartial for the past 11 years, he would like to be very partial indeed on the new area council. Acton will be his prime concern.

Not apologizing  
He is very aware he has been criticized for not running for the mayor's seat. "I'm not apologizing," he declared. "The mayor has to be a full-time job and regional councillor, too. After 34 years with my company (he's personnel head at Beardmore I have to rationalize. It would be an imposition on the employer, no matter who."

Certainly the northern area will have to have a new council headquarters; existing one are all inadequate. However Mayor Duby would push for permanent sub-offices in Acton and Georgetown.

Shared concerns  
I'd be most concerned about the decision-making process in the new council and making sure there are equitable decisions, he says, adding he's sure this is the way things will be done. After all, over all his years of association with neighboring



LES DUBY

councils "we have shared the same concerns."

His many years of political involvement include 14 years on Acton council, 11 as mayor; president of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council; president of the Town and Village section of the Ontario Municipal Association, executive member for nine years of the Ontario Association of Mayors and Reeves, hydro commissioner 11 years, and most recently, election to the board of directors of the new Association of Municipalities of Ontario, an amalgamation of the OMA and Mayors and Reeves Association. He's an RCAF vet and Legion member, active in St. Alban's church and a cheerful tender at most community events (sometimes with guitar). Always accessible for chats, he's this week concerned about the people's

# Good future seen by Inscoc

"I hope to see Acton as a leading community in regional government; I can see where smaller municipalities, amalgamated as one community, can benefit with a bigger voice at Queen's Park."

Barry Inscoc, 37, is married with two children. He has been a resident of Acton for the past 18 years and feels it is his adopted community. He has already proved his allegiance to the town of Acton by appliance of energies in various fields of community endeavour, and is anxious to represent Acton in a ward one seat on area government.

A freshman member of Acton council, Mr. Inscoc has served on the Acton parks and recreation committee for the past three years and has been active in local minor sports programs.

Communication lack  
He is concerned about the lack of communication between the residents of Acton and regional government and feels that more publicity in the press, T.V., flyers, and in all other media should be brought before the public giving the taxpayers better understanding of how it will affect them.

general lack of information, despite mailings and many attempts at explaining the new set-up.

He realizes that the workload will be very heavy in the first few years. He's out four nights a week now and says frankly that until Dec. 31 he expects to "never be home."

"But I'm a political animal and I enjoy what I do! That's why I want to stay concerned and represent Acton on the area council."

"It will be up to the people to make representation for what they want," he said. "Although regional government will be strange to many people they must not be afraid of it." Mr. Inscoc feels it is up to area representatives to keep the public well informed of what is hap-



BARRY INSCOC

pening in both levels of regional government but doesn't want Acton to slip away from the grass root level of politics.

Born and raised in Mississauga and Brampton area Mr. Inscoc would like to see Acton progress at a designed controlled rate "not an urban sprawl like a concrete jungle." He feels that as long as the elected representatives of Acton are resourceful and energetic Acton will not suffer from not enough voice at the regional level. "We must let them know that this is a community of 5,500 people here" he said and indicated that council headquarters should be centralized as a measure in the right direction. "Now that regional government is here" he said, "let's start on the right foot."

Although Mr. Inscoc is interested in all phases of recreation he feels that the communities of both Acton and Georgetown have adequate park areas. "Within a 15 minute drive we can get to any type recreation area required," he said but specified that he would like to see diversified recreation for all levels for both men and women.

Mr. Inscoc's past experience has taught him that council representation requires hours of time consumption but he is prepared to give as much time as required to represent the residents of the Acton community thoroughly. "I would like to promote some provision to entertain all

delegations and encourage people to participate at meetings," he said and was adamant that "if I can benefit the community as a whole I will make no bones about going to Queen's Park and making Acton's voice heard."

Senior citizens  
If he gets elected into office Mr. Inscoc said he would promote good adequate accommodation for senior citizens in Acton. Although he feels that Acton's downtown business men should show initiative and interest in the area of revitalizing the downtown core, he would take a hard look at the problems of residents of the Acton downtown areas in other communities which have suffered from outside provision to entertain all

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J. McGeachie,  
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ONE MAYOR	BEST	<input type="checkbox"/>
	MacARTHUR	<input type="checkbox"/>
ONE REGIONAL COUNCILLOR	McMILLAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
	WATSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TWO LOCAL COUNCILLORS	DAY	<input type="checkbox"/>
	GORDON	<input type="checkbox"/>
	GREEN	<input type="checkbox"/>
ONE NAME OF NEW TOWN	MILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>
	MONAWK	<input type="checkbox"/>

Jim Watson  
Deputy-Reeve  
Halton County Council 1973

## PHIL SIDDALL FOR MAYOR

### Some Good Reasons

- Rural areas should be retained for productive farming and recreation.
- Development should be contained within the present urban areas.
- Growth of Acton with its own character as an equal urban community should be encouraged.
- Planning and Zoning changes should only be made after discussions with residents in the neighborhoods which may be affected.
- Established residential areas should continue to be improved with road improvements and tree planting.
- Better ways of waste disposal should be developed and the use of quarries for land fill opposed.
- A policy to provide adequate park land near residential areas should be actively pursued before all open land is eaten up by development.
- Recreational facilities should be extended in neighborhood parks and Pool and Arena projects completed without any more lost time.
- Municipal government should be made efficient and businesslike without becoming bureaucratic or secretive.
- Local offices should be provided for the convenience of tax payers to pay their bills, obtain licenses, information and assistance.
- Respect for our area should be developed at the regional level by having hard working, dedicated and responsible members on the regional Council.
- Innovative forms of housing should be sought to keep the area primarily owner-occupied and prevent the onslaught of high rise development.
- Ways of reducing municipal costs for senior citizens should be investigated and more senior citizen accommodation provided.
- The Mayor should be available to and responsive to the people.
- The Mayor should be a superior administrator and leader with intelligence and energy to lead the three communities into the era of regionalism.

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# PHIL SIDDALL

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