

# Howitt favors area planner

Although he has mixed feelings about regional government, Dick Howitt, candidate for area council in Ward 2 (Esquesing) says "We have to try to make it work."

"Esquesing will notice the change more than the larger municipalities where council meetings are usually conducted in a more formal manner," he predicts.

Because of this, Mr. Howitt suggests that if possible, the new area council try working without a procedural by-law.

"In speaking to representatives from Oakville and Burlington, I've

found that councils there often spend more time arguing procedure than doing business," he explains.

He says he is definitely in favor of allowing deputations to attend regular council meetings.

"We've done this in Esquesing and have been able to maintain close contact with the people," he claims.

Now that the township has had its official plan approved and approval of the zoning by-law is imminent, he thinks the new council should consider hiring a full time planner.

Need planner  
"Not only has the area

reached the size to warrant this, but at this stage pressures from developers will become greater in the northern area," he maintains.

"I'm not concerned with trying to stop development, I would just like to see development in the proper way," he explains.

Having a full time planner would also help to process zoning by-law amendments, he feels. He warns that representatives from Acton and Georgetown on an area planning board may not be quite as concerned about how the plan is amended in Esquesing as township

residents are.

"In representing Ward 2, I'll be very concerned that the people there are not required to pay for services in urban areas that they won't be able to take advantage of," he promises.

He adds however, that recreation is not one of these. "Recreation is a service for which we should share the cost," he says.

Opposes trades  
He hopes a lot of politicking between wards and the trading of votes does not occur and predicts that it will not.

"I think the majority of the representatives from the

three municipalities can reason things out," he says.

A possible increase in government subsidies for road work once Esquesing is classified as an urban area may result in a big improvement in road conditions, he says.

A lawyer, Mr. Howitt has been a member of Esquesing Council for the past three years. He resides with his wife Carol and daughter Sarah on 16 Sideroad between the Fourth and Fifth Lines of Esquesing.

# WARD 2



DICK HOWITT

# Candidates' meeting . . .

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Siddall outlined his preparation of the Georgetown Council brief which was followed by Queen's Park and led to the southern boundary of the northern area being extended to Highway 401 instead of Five Sideroad. He claimed he has gained the respect of Queen's Park the mayor of the new area will need in future dealings.

He suggested new ideas in housing should be looked into so that more people will be able to own their own homes and reported he has already presented a report on how this can be done.

Final speaker, Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith, also a candidate for mayor of the new area said every effort should be made to hold taxes at least to existing levels under the new regional government setup.

He told ratepayers their concern about rural dumping is justified and promised, if elected he will not allow any municipality to use the north as a dump site. It was his hope a recycling program now underway in Georgetown could be extended through the northern area.

Smith said he hopes the provincial government statement that regional government in Halton is merely a restructuring of the county system is true.

He informed the audience Georgetown has 4.2 million gallons of water per day of underground water which it does not use, but could be pumped.

As mayor he would work to make the International Flowing match to be held in Esquesing in 1974 the best ever.

# Len Coxe acclaimed



LEN COXE

Esquesing Deputy-reeve Len Coxe was acclaimed Regional Councillor for Ward 2 (Esquesing).

Deputy-reeve Coxe expressed his appreciation to Ward 2 electors at a Meet the Candidates night in Stewarttown Monday.

Mr. Coxe was first elected to Esquesing Council in 1970. Last December he scored a landslide victory at the polls to become deputy-reeve.

A painter and decorator, Mr. Coxe and wife Ruth live on the Seventh Line of Esquesing near Ashgrove.

# Maltby wants better roads

An important part of the job of area councillor in Ward 2 (Esquesing) will be making sure the nine urban members of the new council are aware of the needs of rural residents, claims George Maltby, a candidate for area council in Ward 2.

"I believe rural people better understand what goes on in the towns, than town people do what goes on in the township," the incumbent Esquesing Councillor suggests.

"For instance, roads are not a big issue in the towns, but they represent the largest problem in the township."

In talking to township ratepayers, Mr. Maltby says he

has learned many would not object to more money being spent on roads, providing the roads display some improvement.

"Rural roads must be improved and I would like the opportunity to initiate programs that would be constructive and long lasting," he says.

"Road costs are increasing and we must demonstrate to the Ontario government that we require more dollars in grants."

Police grants  
Mr. Maltby also feels the new council or the Halton Region council should negotiate with the province for additional grants to offset the

cost of the regional police force which is to be introduced. He points out that township ratepayers do not now pay directly through taxation for police protection.

Since he was elected last December, Maltby says he has strongly encouraged council to enforce its by-laws to protect the best interests of township residents.

"If a by-law is unfair, rather than ignoring it, we should change or rescind it," he suggests.

Toronto International dragway management's lack of consideration of local residents has led council to prosecute its operators, he points

out.

He proposes that a concentrated study of recreational facilities and future needs in the northern area be carried out soon after the council begins governing in January. He further suggests that a survey of out of area resident use of facilities be conducted.

Mr. Maltby explains that the township's official plan has now been approved and that Esquesing Council is now awaiting approval of its zoning by-law, so that the plan may be implemented to work for the betterment of the community.

An advantage to his candidacy, he says, is the arrange-

ment he has made with his employer to give the time necessary to research problems so that people will benefit.

"The first year on the new amalgamated council will be very time consuming," he says. "The normal course of my job allows me to travel through part of the township almost every day."

Mr. Maltby is a sales administrator with the Atlas Alloys firm. He lives with his wife Gail and sons Gregory, Guy and Geoffrey on the Third Line of Esquesing just north of Highway 7. He is in his first year as a member of council



GEORGE MALTBY

# Miller makes region return

A keen interest in the community and Esquesing township has prompted Russell Miller to let his name stand for the position of area councillor in Ward 2 (Esquesing).

The former deputy-reeve of Esquesing, who was defeated in a close race for reeve last December feels that with the Ward 2 representation reduced from five to three, those three representatives must be prepared to handle many phone calls and complaints formerly directed to the reeve.

He points to his experience in serving on county council for two years as an asset to his candidacy.

"There's only a minority of candidates running in the

area with whom I have not sat on committees at the county level and in regional government discussions. I feel knowing these people personally will benefit me," he says.

Mr. Miller would recommend that salaries for area councillors be based on meeting attendance, with deduction for meetings missed.

"I would hope salaries would not exceed what councillors are presently being paid," he says.

He favors retention of the system of allowing deputations to attend regular meetings and strongly recommends that all meetings be open.

Development of the township on a controlled basis would please Mr. Miller. He predicts there will be a hike in taxes, but emphasizes it will be council's responsibility to work against tax hikes by trying to obtain a better residential-industrial assessment balance in the area.

"We need some industrial development, but I strongly recommend it be planned industry, perhaps in the form of an industrial park," he explains.

Applications from township residents for amendments to the forthcoming zoning by-law should get top priority after January 1, Mr. Miller claims.

"These people have waited four years now because of the

holding by-law and that's far too long," he claims.

He is in favor of council looking into the possibility of operating a municipally-owned mobile home park. Young people and pensioners are hard pressed to purchase and maintain their own homes, he points out.

Mr. Miller recommends that road construction, maintenance and policing on township roads bearing heavy truck traffic be improved.

"Council has to come up with a new program for this without taxing people too heavily," he says.

He favors retention and construction of recreational facilities in Acton and Georgetown with the town-

ship contributing towards the cost on per capita basis grants.

"I fought rural dumping as a resident and would certainly stay on the same side as a councillor," he promises. He believes smokeless incineration and recycling are the answer to municipal waste disposal problems.

Company policy at Domtar Fine Papers in Georgetown where he is employed would allow him the necessary time to attend important meetings.

Mr. Miller has served four years on Esquesing Council, two of them as deputy-reeve. He resides with his wife Jerry, sons Bradley and Randy and daughters Laurie and Sherry on the Eighth Line of Esquesing.



RUSSELL MILLER

like to see recycling and incineration whereby energy can be produced, he introduced in the area. He said he does not believe there is such a thing as sanitary landfill.

Smith re-emphasized his previous statement that Georgetown is in a position to pump 7 million gallons of water per day and replied negatively to a question about the possible bad effects on the area water table.

Siddall said he would be prepared to give up his job to become a full time mayor, if that were necessary, but felt it a little premature to say whether or not it would be a full time job. He said he has received clearance from his employers to attend after-noon regional council meetings.

Asked what will happen to clerks and staff of the three municipalities, Hunter said he felt sure all clerks will be used in the area and that he is of the opinion none will be laid off.

In spite of the fact construction of a swimming pool and recreational complex was approved at a recent meeting of Georgetown Council, Hill said he doesn't think the people of Georgetown will construct such a thing in the area without letting Acton and Esquesing have a say in it.

"We'll all have to use it. I say Esquesing should be ready to donate some money for it," he said.

Asked what his council attendance record was, Howitt replied he has missed only two or three council meetings this year because of a vacation. He indicated attendance of the township council as a whole has been good.

Truck traffic  
Miller said he feels money spent on studies concerning

truck traffic in the township has been wasted.

"Our first step in solving the truck traffic problem is to improve construction, maintenance and policing," he claimed. "If roads are constructed and maintained well, trucks are not as offensive."

Acclaimed Ward 2 Regional Councillor-elect Len Coxe says he has no idea what the salary for regional councillors will be.

"I've heard anywhere from \$4,000 to \$15,000," he said. "Personally I feel both figures are ridiculous which may indicate I'm somewhere in between in my opinion."

Siddall explained legislation for establishment of the new area specifically calls for settling up of urban service areas. This means specific areas will be taxed according to the services they receive, he explained.

Hill told the meeting Esquesing Council will prosecute operators of Toronto International Dragway for alleged violation of the racing by-law. He said, as mayor, he would take this alleged violation into consideration when operators apply for a license next year.

Hunter said he didn't think any candidate could answer a question put to him on the comparative costs of administering the new area and the three present municipalities. He offered to pass the question to anyone, but received no takers.

Smith elaborated on the Georgetown recycling program, informing the audience it is a pilot project on cardboard.

No questions were addressed to Mr. Maltby.

# "LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER AND KEEP OUR NORTHERN COMMUNITY A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE"

At the Acton Fair and in your homes, I have met many of you and listened to your concerns.

Your concerns about pollution, rural dumping, transportation, recreation, industrial development, roads, planned development, and taxes are also my concerns.



**BILL SMITH**  
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I am 43, married with two children, own and operate an automotive parts business, and have been active in minor baseball, hockey, home and school and boy scouts.

During my 11 years on council and 3 years as mayor, I have always made myself available to concerned citizens, service clubs and athletic organizations. (My phone number is 877-3043)

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