

Watson seeks re-election in Milton's rural wards

First elected in 1969 Jim Watson will seek re-election to Regional Council, serving wards one and three in Milton. Those wards encompass the entire rural area.

Mr. Watson is employed as a realtor with Bailey McLean and runs a farm operation at his home on Steeles Ave.

In an interview this week Councillor Watson said his basic approach during the three year term had been one of unity.

He said he was pleased to see how the various areas of the new town had been brought together. "I recall relations between Milton and Nassagaweya prior to regional council. It was never that positive. There was a lot of infighting."

"When I see the way things have come together I'm pleased to have been a part of that team."

Good supports
Mr. Watson noted the council had received good support from both the staff and the provincial cabinet ministers in Halton.

He listed the construction of the new rink, construction of a lighted ball diamond in Brookville, lights in Omagh park, tennis courts in Dorset



Jim Watson

Park and Campbellville and the acquisition of the Campbellville Lions club hall as notable accomplishments of the council. He said the Lions Club hall purchase was one of the highlights of council achievements and it was done with very little expense. He noted winning control of Drumquin Park was of considerable significance.

Terrific job
"The works department has done a terrific job of snow removal on the 187 miles of road in the town. That operation was as efficient as any in Ontario."

"Rural roads barely maintained the status quo. But I recognize the best possible job was done in view of the cutbacks."

"Council is still concerned about the residential growth the town is committed to. We have been successful in phasing one major development (Victoria Woods) in over a 10 year period."

"I'm delighted about the industrial amendment and the possibility of increasing

the industrial assessment base for the town. That is a real must."

"The north, with co-operation from Oakville, maintained the chargeback system in spite of legislation in Bill 151," Mr. Watson said.

Respect
Mr. Watson said he was concerned about the lack of common respect and trust at the region. "In fact we don't have regional government we have urban government dominated by Lakeshore urbanites."

"We see this very clearly in the choice of regional headquarters and the choice of a landfill site."

Mr. Watson said that Milton

suffered at the region because of what he called the "numbers game."

"This never happened under the old county system," he suggested. "I'm determined that the rural homeowner won't pay for urban benefits such as sewers, sidewalks, and garbage collection."

Watson said he was unhappy with the prospect that the town's future could be determined by the regional planning committee. Milton should control its own destiny he argued.

"I'm not a fence sitter. I'll take a position on any issue and hope that it is the same view as those who elected me."

Brad Clements seeks rural council seat

Councillor G. Brad Clements, who has been one of two Milton council representatives for the rural Ward Three (formerly Nassagaweya and Burlington) confirmed this week he will be seeking the same seat again on Milton Council for 1977-78.

"I have considered running for a regional seat this year, but I feel I am needed more at the local level right now," he said. But he indicated a regional seat was still a future goal and more experience at the local level might help him step up later.

The second local councillor in Ward Three, Russell Powadiuk, had earlier announced he will again be a candidate for a Ward Three local seat. He was out of town this week and not available for comment.

A third man in the race this Dec. 6 is Ford of Canada supervisor Howard Carney, who lives on Derry Rd. west of Kildebride. He has lived in the ward for three years and



Brad Clements

is making his first attempt for a council seat. He lists education and recreation as priority issues in the rural ward.

Councillor Clements, married with three sons in school, is a sales representative with Canadian SKF Co. He has been with the firm eight years and earlier worked for Ont-

ario Steel Products (now North American Rockwell) in Milton for five years. He is a mechanical engineer who graduated from Hamilton Institute of Technology (now Mohawk College) in 1963.

He was born and educated in the North Burlington area. He lives on Derry Rd. near Appleby Line.

Councillor Clements lists roads, fire protection, land use, landfill sites and reassessment as the major issues right now in Ward Three.

Roads in the ward are better now than they were three years ago and the town has gained by the experience, he said. Maintenance is the most costly part of roads. He feels the town should have a master plan, listing priorities for road work.

Milton should go higher than the provincially subsidizable limit on roads and spend its own money to improve them, he added. Many gravel roads should be tarred and chipped.

Fire protection to the ward will be improved soon with the opening of the Campbellville substation and the launching of a small volunteer brigade in the village, he said. The substation is designed to serve the whole of Ward Three, with back-up service from Milton. He said he will press for a mini-pumper (available at a cost of about \$40,000) to serve the rural area as a first line vehicle. A regular pumper or tanker would be the back-up truck.

"I would like to see the best use of all land, including farmland," he said. "Rural estate subdivisions are better types of development than strip development."

As for the garbage dump proposed at Site F, Tremaine and Britannia Rds., Councillor Clements said he is opposed to its location there.

Wards 1 and 2

Pierce enters trustee race

Douglas Pierce, R. R. 1, Terra Cotta, has joined the race for the Wards One and Two Halton Hills seat on the Halton Board of Education.



Douglas Pierce

Pierce, who has lived in Esquesing for eight years, entered the lists this week, making it a three way race so far for the combined Esquesing-Acton seat. Incumbent Tom Watson and former Halton County Warden Bert Hinton, both of Acton, have already announced their candidacies.

The newest entry said in an interview this week he feels his 23 years experience in the

municipal field will be an asset to him as a trustee and is running for the board since that is where the majority of the local tax dollar is spent.

Pierce is the Director of Water Finance Services for Peel Region and before that was the Treasurer for the Mississauga Water Commission. He noted he handles a budget of \$20 million in his position with Peel Region so he will have experience to assist the board in budgeting.

Married with four children, one attending Centennial School and another Georgetown High School, Pierce is 47 years old.

"I read that vice-chairman of the board Bill Herd says only he and a woman have any experience among the candidates so I decided to run because I think my experience at council and water commission meetings will be of some help. I will also be able to understand the problems administrators face and might be able to help them, too," Pierce said.

He said he thinks in recent years education and the board has been kind of ignored by most people despite the fact it spends most of the local tax dollars.

Pierce has a great interest in children and notes he has been a coach in Glen Williams minor baseball for the last seven years.

Hunsley seeks Esquesing seat

Nick Hunsley, 22 Sideroad, has entered the race for area councillor in Ward Two (Esquesing).

Mr. Hunsley said he is opposed to the duplication of services between the regional and local levels since it in-



Nick Hunsley

creases taxes. He said an area as large as Esquesing should have more representation on regional council.

He advocates community associations for all the hamlets to give them a stronger voice and to spur community activity. He said at present the rural areas receive little

in the way of services and recreation facilities, and promises every effort to upgrade the rural share.

Mr. Hunsley stated he is opposed to the many closed meetings of the local council, and said committee work should be better prepared so it is not reshaped at council.

He sees Ward Two (Esquesing) as the critical area for the planning of residential and commercial land, since this is where the pressure for development will come.

He said he disagreed with the system which requires notice on Thursday to appear on council agenda Monday night.

Mr. Hunsley, 38, works for the City of Mississauga in the engineering, works and building department as an inspector. "Through my work I am familiar with councils and talking before them."

He is married with three children and has lived in the area for the past four years.

92.9 per cent

Halton Hills town treasurer Ray King reported to Finance and Personnel committee that 92.9 per cent of the current taxes had been paid.

"Last year's track record was good, and this year is even better," he told the committee members.

Election roundup

Tom Simmons

Newcomer after S.S. board seat

Tom Simmons, Delrex Boulevard, Georgetown, will try and unseat Halton Hills Separate School Board Trustee Hartley Sherk.

Simmons, a chartered accountant who is National Fleet Sales Manager with American Motors, Brampton, feels his extensive background in finance and administration will be an asset to him as a trustee.

He is calling for straightforward and constructive communication with both parents and teachers as one means of improving the separate school education system in Halton.

"There are many concerned parents who feel that both the needs of their children and the problems confronted daily by teachers are not adequately presented to the board. Parents and teachers either individually or as an association should be able to express their views to the board through the trustee," Simmons says.

He admits he isn't an expert on education but places a high priority in doing everything he can to ensure his children and others in Halton



Tom Simmons

Hills receive a Catholic education.

"In today's secular world this can only be achieved with a strong, viable, separate school system that properly equips our children with the skills and knowledge required in our complex society. As a trustee I want to resolve any problems that dilute the effectiveness of our teachers or school system," Simmons says.

Hartley Sherk runs again

Halton Hills trustee and Chairman of the Halton Separate School Board Hartley Sherk announced this week he will be running for re-election in this year's election.

In an interview this week, Sherk, who lives on Shelley Street, Georgetown, said even after 10 years service as a trustee he still views the job as a challenge.

Sherk was picked as chairman of the board in April of this year to replace Dr. Leno Braida, who resigned. He served five years on the old Georgetown board and five years on the county board.

He said he is running again because he still feels he can make a contribution and there are many areas of board business he would like to see completed before retiring from the board.

He cited opening of Stone School, Acton's first separate school next fall, the start of Halton's first separate high school, located in Burlington, also slated to open in September of 1977, and the busing of Georgetown separate school graduates to a separate high school next fall, as among the important projects he wants to help see completed.

Sherk wants to continue working towards separate school supporters getting the best value in the education system for their tax dollar and added a plan for re-organization of administration and better utilization of staff still needs to be completed.



Hartley Sherk

Wards 1 and 3

Rosemarie Knoflack joins trustee race

Rosemarie Knoflack, mother of three school age children in the area, has joined the race for the trustee seat representing rural Milton Wards One and Three on the Halton Board of Education.

She will be competing against Ivan Armstrong and Neil Johnson for the position.

A resident of R. R. 1 Milton for 12 years, Mrs. Knoflack is self-employed as a private duty registered nurse working out of the Community Nursing Registry in Hamilton, a non-profit organization.

Parent volunteer
She has been a parent volunteer at Palermo Public School for three years and was actively involved with the Halton Board of Education on two occasions in the return of a staff member to the Palermo School.

Mrs. Knoflack feels there should be more emphasis on learning in all grades—especially kindergarten to grade six.

"I believe we should get back to the basics in reading, writing, grammar and arithmetic, so that the children will have the opportunity to obtain the education they deserve," she said.

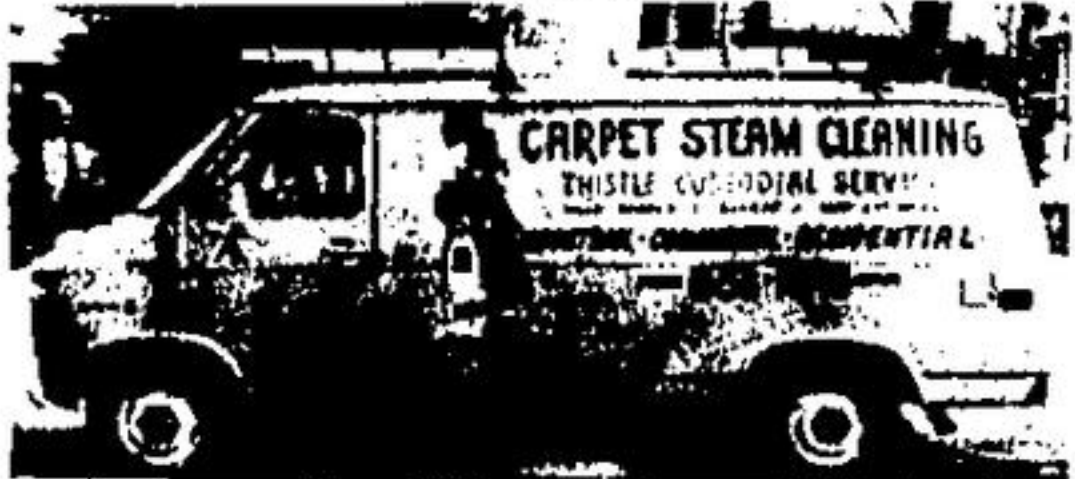
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Rosemarie Knoflack

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