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He spoke of the delays in the decision-making process and cited the parking problem in Acton.

He spoke of a specific building which contravenes the zoning bylaw.

Bad timing
He criticized the timing of Mill reconstruction, suggested it could have been finished after Christmas or work could have continued 24 hours around the clock. The merchants lose business at a time they count on increased sales. "Who the hell cared?" Using Wallace as a truck route he termed "insane." Why is the pumping station breaking down all the time? If the people of Acton are serious and not just bitching they can push to get out of regional government. If not, we've got to make it work better, he said.

Les Duby

Les Duby was on Acton council 14 years, 11 years as mayor and has been the past three years on Halton Hills council. He was president of the Town and Village section of the Ontario Municipal Association, and executive member of the organization of small urban municipalities, and executive member of the former Association of Mayors and Reeves for nine years, hydro commissioner 14 years, served on the board of directors for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for five years, is an RCAF overseas veteran and a past president of the Legion branch.

He also spoke of his experience in industrial and personnel relations. "People are my business."

He married an Acton girl, and both are active in St. Alban's church. He is a choir member, warden and licensed lay reader.

"Why am I so concerned about Acton? Because I recall so vividly the aspirations and hopes of the residents. . . . It was utter irony that in the year of its 100th anniversary, Acton became embroiled in the regional concept."

Retain identity
He said he is determined to do all in his power to see our town retain its identity to whatever degree possible.

Since citizens rejected the municipal complex he would follow their wishes, and congratulates them on standing up for it.

He referred to the delay in senior citizen housing and said he wants to see the new details of planning come to fruition.

He will fight the threat of one-tier government. "I didn't know there were this many hang-ups getting things done," Mr. Duby stated.

Peter Marks

As an elected official from 1968 to 1973 Peter Marks sat on Acton and county council; he has worked in factories and offices in industrial and business management; he has post-secondary qualifications in business management and engineering and is currently completing his M.A. in Counselling Psychology; he is a community consultant, family counsellor with the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario. He is married with three children.

Mr. Marks explained his motivation was promoted by numerous comments relating the frustrations many of us are experiencing in the reduction of our influence to control services, costs and living standards in our town. Although we have received some benefits from regional government, the need has never been greater for preventative planning and policies. We need constructive alternatives. Regional government is nothing more or less than the people we elect to do the job. . . .

In addition to being sensitive to families' needs and their increased limitations on income, I believe I have the administrative ability to develop policy which will



Tom Hill

provide our community with an acceptable quality of service we can afford. Authority should be backed by community groups and volunteers. . . .

I am qualified in communications skills. People must have communication to get the message across.

Ed Wood

Ed Wood served on the Acton parks and recreation board and then the recreation advisory committee for wards one and two. He and his wife own Family Cleaners. They and sons Chris and Danny are all active in minor softball association and he coached in the Legion Minor Hockey league.

He told the audience "Regional government has been a bitter pill for most of us to swallow. We are going to have to elect representatives who are not afraid to buck the system, even if it means removing our town from Halton Hills.

He suggested a citizens committee to thoroughly investigate the legal and economic results of leaving Halton Hills and Halton region.

Know where stand
If elected, he promises to let voters know what's happening. You deserve to know where you stand. . . .

I am not completely opposed to the concept of central administration, however I think a decentralized system would be beneficial to Acton. . . .

"Our community spirit has never been better. The town is becoming aware of the sad condition we've been allowed to reach. Fortunately for Acton, concerned citizens have headed to the council chambers attempting to get a better deal for Acton.

Questions
Written questions were answered.

What is your stand on a truck route or bypass?
Duby: The answer is to have your support to start pushing again for a provincial bypass. He referred to the time several years ago when the plans for a bypass were taken off the drawing board by the province. Wallace seemed suitable temporarily; Church and Bower are not constructed to take trucks constantly.

McKenzie: Most towns have a bypass; it's time Acton did too. He would support a proper bypass.

Duby: Favors proper bypass not going through a residential area.

Marks: Good preventative planning is needed. East of Churchill is being planned now; provisions should be made for a truck route there.

Wood: I would set up an information meeting with the people of Bovis. We are all in agreement a bypass is needed for Acton. But where? Now's the time to plan for it.

Would you favor additional commercial growth, and prefer to develop downtown or strip plazas?

McKenzie: Favors downtown, with offstreet parking, and if that's not sufficient we should go for a proper new commercial plaza.

Duby: Has no objection to a plaza. The downtown merchant can compete. There's enough business for everybody.

Marks: Favors promoting a strong downtown business core. When downtown cores suffer, delinquency increases. When downtown businesses are forced to close down, we lose a large tax revenue.

Duby: Favors the Business Improvement Area concept; results have been seen. Taxes and assessment must be considered. If land is properly zoned, developers can go ahead. What will be best for the people?

Wood: Would favor a plaza in two years. Downtown was formerly like a ghost town. . . . now there are new merchants who have banded together and are sold on revitalization. Downtown will be competitive given two years. "We know you're not all shopping in town!" We can make it better for Actonians.

How should Acton grow over next few years?

Duby: Let's get the brakes on and slow to 12,000 after we reach 10,000. He referred to our geographical location and sewage plant capacity.

McKenzie: Feels 10,000 should be the maximum. Sewage disposal plant and Black Creek limit expansion.

Duby: I hear all the time, the sewage plant limits capacity. Is it really true? I have heard the effluent in the Black Creek is so clean you can drink it.

He favors home for all incomes, perhaps 15,000 people. When a developer comes in, we should have control.

Marks: There are three main factors—people do not want a community of 10 to 12,000. Costs are a factor; developers must pay adequate lot levies. You have to look to truck routes and community services. Growth rate should not be more than 8 to 10 per cent per annum; he would root for 3 to 5 per cent.

Wood: We don't have the facilities for 10 to 12,000 people. I'm in favor of putting the brakes on right now and let Acton grow slowly. If not we will find ourselves in an even bigger mess than we are now.

Would you raise your own salary if sitting on council?
McKenzie: No.
Duby: Wouldn't object to lowering it.

Wood: No.
Duby: No way. . . . he has

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Harry Levy

seen his salary go from \$400 a year to \$5,500 as Halton Hills councillor.

Marks: Said he wished to be frank. To do the job you need 20 hours a week. Lots of people are coming in who are losing money by doing this job, including myself.

Thirteen people are going to administer a \$10 million budget. People pay \$15 an hour for someone to fix their TV, but \$5 for someone handling all that money. . . . I would not initiate an increase but would support one.

Three people are contesting the Ward 1 and 2 seat on the Board of Education.

H. H. Hinton

Bert Hinton is a charter member and past chairman of the Board of Governors of Sheridan College, charter member and president of the Association of College of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario, on the Halton county elementary and secondary schools consultative committee, belonged to the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, the Canadian Vocational Institute, Ontario, Canadian and world craft councils, was reeve of Acton and warden of Halton county. He is the owner of Hinton's store.

The accent is on youth, he said. Education is everyone's business, and rising costs are the concern of the taxpayers. The board is responsible for spending million of dollars.

The addition to the school board building cost enough money to build a small school. . . .

Soaring costs
No private enterprise could afford such a huge increase in operating costs and costs are still soaring.

It is high time the Halton County Board of Education became less innovative in ways to spend money and got to our children's interests. . . .

He urges a return to basics and said a diploma should be worth something. Students want to know where they stand. The board has been playing with people and deceiving the public, he accused.

Douglas Pierce

Doug Pierce is 47, married with four children, and lives on 27 sidersoad. He is director of water finance services for Peel region, was for 16 years treasurer of Mississauga Water Commission, is president of Peel Credit Union, is a Presbyterian and active in the community.

He began by saying he would represent both wards one and two.

Why doesn't the board go for all the money they can possibly get through grants? They don't ask for anything extra, he claimed.

He felt a student-teacher ratio of 35 to 1 is too high; some classrooms have over 30 students. Members of the board should be directors, not managers.

Was it necessary to spend a million dollars for an addition to the administration building?

Liaison
Over 50 per cent of our taxes go to education; we should be better informed. As well as liaison with the public, the board should have improved liaison with teachers. They can't meet without the administration present.

He favors going back to the core system.

Tom Watson

Tom Watson has been on the Halton Board of Education since 1969, was on the interim planning board which laid the groundwork for the board as it stands. He was on Acton public school board 14 years, and then was Acton public school board appointee to the high school board for four years and was chairman of both. He is a life-long Acton resident with the exception of the wars years in the RCAF, operated a restaurant for 27 years and is now a printer. He and wife Renee have six children. He's Presbyterian, Legion member, Walker Lodge member.

Tom Watson said the main object of his remarks would be to tell the positive things being accomplished by the Halton Board of Education and over which he is proud to have had influence. The most important is the teaching staff, who have interest and dedication to their job of giving the children the best of themselves.

The need for core curriculum has been recognized for some time and it is being developed and implemented. The Primary Task Force is improving the learning process in the early years. . . .

Get better
The idea seems to be spreading that since there is

increased need for remedial teaching, the regular teaching job is inferior. I dispute this vigorously—we are getting better at recognizing problems and trying to overcome them. Many of those getting help would have been drop outs in the past. We are expecting a lot more of our schools than used to be expected of them. . . .

The Board and administration are not a group of people with set ideas but are most co-operative and willing to listen. . . .

I have been instrumental in changing bus routes and proving the need for the new high school at Acton should take precedence over Milton. Board of Education candidates answered several questions from the floor.

Would you be in favor of raising the board members' salaries?
Hinton: favors a reduction. Pierce: no increase for the next two years.

Watson: in no way will they be increased; in all likelihood they will be reduced. This was considered already.

Are you proud Halton has one of the highest pupil-teacher ratios in the province?
Watson: The question must have come from a teacher. . . . No one has been able to prove it makes that much difference.

If the ratio is lowered by one student, it will cost one million dollars.

Hinton: This is a teacher-oriented question. The teachers have had a 50 per cent increase but there is not a 50 per cent increase in productivity. There's a rationale to be kept. . . . there is a noisy minority. . . . It's hard for us to distinguish what it entails. The principal has responsibility.

Pierce: A decrease would cost a million—what they spent on the administration building and they have two million in reserve. Children deserve to have the ratio reduced. The money's there.

What recourse should parents have if they do not agree with the subject content of a course?
Pierce: I'd be happy to take any problem to the board. It has to come from the board to administration.

Watson: Parents can talk to the teacher - the principal - from there to the board. Or a parent could go to the board and ask for a session. . . . Some depend on the child's word and don't find out the answers at the school. . . .

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