

Milton chooses Monday

# Campaign nears end for mayoralty candidates

Workers close to the mayoralty candidates and the candidates themselves are optimistic but those involved in the campaign aren't placing bets on the outcome of Monday's election for mayor.

Incumbent Mayor Anne MacArthur and challenger Don Gordon have run two very different campaigns.

Mrs. MacArthur's campaign is a high profile affair featuring Main St. headquarters, glossy brochures and two professionally produced newspapers.

Mr. Gordon, on the other hand, opted to run his campaign with heavy emphasis on door knocking and personal contact with the voters.

**Business approach**

Gordon's campaign has stressed a promise of solid businesslike administration from the beginning. Speaking to 180 people at J. M. Denyes School last week, Mr. Gordon dwelled on that theme.

"To know a town is to walk its streets. To know its people is to visit them in their homes. I have knocked on close to 4,000 doors now.

"I have no headquarters, no people running around with handbills. I believe in face to face contact. I believe in getting information first hand. I'll go to you. When the day comes I'm too busy to meet people, it will be time to meet people.

"People state the town lacks leadership. They don't want a leader that will quit in two years. There has been no leadership in the downtown

core. I'm not a quitter. My term in office will be determined by you, the voter. I'll work to achieve good liaison with boards and commissions all year, not just for a few weeks before an election. Good government is based on hard work for 365 days of the year."

He said the mayor has no right of veto and must carry out the actions of council. "I have the strength and endurance to do it."

"I've walked your streets, visited your homes. I've done this because I care about you and your way of life," he said.

**Renew mandate**

In asking for a renewed mandate at that meeting, Mrs. MacArthur said she had worked as a full time mayor for the past three years.

"People of Milton are important to me. I grew up here. I have friends in this town and I have a stake in this town.

She congratulated council for working well together and carrying out its duties for the town.

"I am leadership. I have proven it. I don't have to promise it. I have the courage of my convictions and I speak out loudly and clearly.

"I have wide experience in dealing with people. My previous experience will help you at the region."

She recalled people saying Milton would not survive, but she said Milton would survive and the town would not go broke.

It was in Brookville, on familiar ground that Mrs. MacArthur delivered the hardest hitting and what is generally conceded as her

best speech in four meet-the-candidate meetings.

"I've been a bit like a kitten. I've received a lot of criticism but I've sat back and taken it.

"But now I guess I'll be Anne of Nassagaweya and take the gloves out and be Tiger of Nassagaweya. I've been criticized for having headquarters in Milton. It is there for the convenience of the people. I'll not be there but you're welcome to stop in for a coffee.

"It is not true that I'm away from grass roots. I've been in Ward One on three occasions recently and shall be out in all wards next week.

"I have not gone away from you. I'm the same Anne MacArthur."

The mayor denied having said she would resign after this two-year term. She told the crowd of about 100 that the transition would take five years. (In a recent news article she was quoted as saying she would not stand for re-election after this term.)

"My staff has been criticized for poor administration because it took a year and a half to stop train whistles from blowing. Well, trains have been blowing whistles in town for 100 years. I think they did pretty well.

"People have been told that I have forgotten the senior citizens. It's not true.

She recalled meetings with the local senior club on locating a drop-in centre in the old library. The mayor said that fell through when the senior citizens were not interested but she said she was working on a proposal that could see the old registry

office used as a senior citizen centre.

**Industrial park**

Mrs. MacArthur said she had shown leadership on the industrial park. She assured those in the audience that industry is needed and that no polluting industries would be permitted.

She criticized challenger Don Gordon for not debating the industrial amendment on the council floor. "That's where you show leadership," she said.

"I'm still your mayor. I'm still there to fight for you. Go with me."

Gordon didn't react to any of the mayor's statements but used his time to clarify his stand on the Campbellville fire hall.

"I didn't vote against any projects up here. I voted against the method. For example the service station.

"I received an emergency phone call about a special meeting to discuss the purchase. I went up to see the building. It was locked and I couldn't get in, but I felt there would be documentation at the meeting.

"The agreement was read out. There was no statement about what shape the building was in."

He said his training as an accountant had conditioned him to think that nothing moved until costs were known.

He said there was no information concerning the structural condition of the piping or electricity.

**Good investment**

Mr. Gordon said he felt he was being rushed into a decision without proper information. Noting that the costs ran close to \$200,000, he said the investment might still be the best thing for the village. "I hope so."

During the question and

answer period Doug Agnew asked why it was that Milton Council was writing to John Rhodes congratulating him for his support in a land severance, when he himself had been denied a severance and he lives right next door to the other case.

The mayor agreed that Agnew should have a separation granted, but she could not interfere with the land division committee, a quasi-judicial body.

**Hydro**

Ian Ferguson asked the mayoralty candidates when equal hydro billing would be introduced across the entire town.

Mr. Gordon said the Lamb Report and other reports dealing with hydro restructuring had yet to be dealt with. He acknowledged the overlap but said he couldn't answer that question until he had seen the reports.

Mrs. MacArthur said the region was waiting on reports out of Waterloo before moving on the subject but she said there could be grave problems for Milton if it had to buy out equity in other PUCs overlapping into Milton. Costs would go into the millions, she said.

At the Denyes meeting Mrs. MacArthur was asked why the town had purchased a new Snorkel fire truck when it had no place to put it.

**No excuses**

She said plans were made to put it in the old works garage but it couldn't be accommodated there. "You can't do everything in three years. Milton did well to get the truck at \$178,000. I make no excuses for that."

Questioned on the industrial developments, Mr. Gordon said he would reduce the proposal to about 600 acres from the 1,500 proposed.

## Nominated candidates Town of Milton elections December 6, 1976

MAYOR (one to be elected)	REGION—WARD 2 (one to be elected)	REGION—WARDS 1-3 (one to be elected)	WARD 1—COUNCIL (2 to be elected)	WARD 2—COUNCIL (4 to be elected)
Donald Gordon *Anne MacArthur	Gus Goutowski Jim Kerr	Don McMillan *Jim Watson	*Richard Day John Lawrence Brian Penman Irene Saunders	Gord Cartwright Rose Harrison Blanche Hinton *Gordon Krantz Don Lambert Don McColeman Emmerson McCready Lester Wood Vee Russell
Ward 3—Council (2 to be elected)	Education—Ward 2 (one to be elected)	Education—Wards 1 & 3 (one to be elected)	Education—SS (one to be elected by Separate School Supporters Milton and Halton Hills)	Separate School Bd. (one to be elected)
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## Field crowded in Ward 3 race

A four-way race in the Nassagaweya-Burlington ward features two incumbents seeking re-election and two newcomers joining the fray.

Brad Clements and Russell Powadluk currently represent the ward. Howard Carney and Elva Newton are the challengers.

Tuesday, Carney told an urban audience that he felt his area had been short-changed on representation. "You've heard candidates say that the town has been merged together with a mandate that is three years old."

**Hasn't happened**

He claimed that this hasn't happened—and that Nassagaweya doesn't feel a part of Milton.

In Brookville Wednesday he said he had been campaigning for nine weeks. He pledged that he would listen to complaints and resolve complaints if he could.

"People are looking for a change. They are looking for strong representation."

He said it will be mandatory for a councillor to be prepared to dig in and work with the people.

"I can say that I've had a better record attending council meetings since September than one of the incumbents."

He was critical of what he termed council's inability to make decisions.

**Calls for secession**

A resident of the area for 20 years, Elva Newton spoke of the steady decline of the decision making process at the local level of government.

She advocated secession from the region.

"Within the Town of Milton, particularly in the rural areas, resentment and frustration are growing. We will not sit still and silent under the dictates of Oakville and Burlington much longer. We will not surrender our right to plan our own future development, to have our own Board of Education, to make our decisions on the where and how of garbage disposal, maintenance of roads, assessment and land use control.

"Bill 151 which created the Regional Government of Halton is not written in stone. Our Premier did not go up the mountain and come down with it inscribed on tablets. With legal Legislation it can be changed. All that is required is the will and purpose to change it. Mississauga has found that will and purpose, why can't we?"

**Too late**

"But let me warn you. If you sit still under regional government much longer, you will have to bear the crippling financial burden of market value assessment, and by then it will be too late. The time to act is now.

"I am heartily against the choice of Site F for a dump, that is not land use, that is land abuse. I would use the site of the Milton Brick yard and reopen the dump in the north end of Nassagaweya on a short term basis, while we made plans to build our own recycling plant in the proposed industrial park. If it were located there, we would

obtain additional revenue for the town by selling cheap steam power to the industries who come to Milton.

"With regard to quarries, I would impose a levy on every ton of sand, gravel or stone leaving the town. The money to be kept in Milton in a trust, for rehabilitation when the quarry is closed. I would issue new permits only when the existing quarries are worked out, to curtail the rapacious appetite of the aggregate industry."

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- Participation in Action Erin group resulting in first community conference to be held in this area
- 2 years as area L.I.P. representative
- with other parents in the community worked to establish the French immersion program in Erin Township
- Co-ordinated Erin's Summer 1972 teen program
- Founding executive member of Hillsburgh's Station Road Nursery School
- Former assistant editor, Erin Advocate

Virginia and her husband Terry run The Village Craft Shop, on Main St. in Erin. In addition they have an editorial consulting business.

Their children Charlotte, 14, David, 13, and Maureen, 12,—attend Erin District High School, and Rachel, 8, is at Brisbane's French Immersion program.

Virginia, 38, is a graduate of the University of Windsor in Sociology and Art. The Kennedy family lives on 17 Sideroad in Erin Township, having moved there from Oakville 5 years ago. She would like to hear from you—business 833-8991 and home 833-9175.

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