

Don McMillan

Jim Watson faces challenge at region

The job hasn't been easy but Milton Council has worked well together as a team. Regional Councillor Jim Watson told a meeting at Brookville Wednesday night. While parochialism has been rare at the local level it has been obvious at the regional level, he claimed. In spite of paring local budgets to the bone, costs have risen Mr. Watson said. He listed improvements to the parking lot in Campbellville, evidence of planning for recreation at the tennis courts and Lions Club Hall

among the achievements of the council in the Nassagaweya area. He said it was imperative to have new industry in town to balance the residential growth taking place. Concerned

He said the growth had to be brought about in harmony with lifestyles. Watson said he remained concerned about quarry trucks using village roads. Former Nassagaweya Councillor Cal McIntyre told Watson the fire hall would have been better for the people had it been located in Brookville as opposed to Campbellville. He noted that only people

within five miles of a fire hall enjoyed lower insurance rates and residents of Camp-

77 apply for post

A total of 77 applications have been received for the vacant position of Director of Parks and Recreation, Clerk Jack McGeachie told Milton Council Monday.

Applications are still being received and he asked council whether they should be sorted and reduced to a smaller quantity. Council had asked the applications be referred to them for the Dec. 13 meeting.

benefit because of their location in relationship to the

The clerk indicated there were about six with the A certification, 12 with B or less, two local and the balance mainly with Bachelor of Arts degrees in physical education or other fields.

Council authorized the clerk and deputy clerk to review the applications and present a reduced number to the appropriate committee, with the committee to recommend a group to council for interviews.

Milton fire hall. Watson acknowledged the idea had merit and asked if Mr. McIntyre had spoken to anybody about it. He hadn't.

"I follow up on hundreds of suggestions, but if I don't hear them there isn't much I can do," he replied.

Watson defeated former clerk and councillor Don McMillan in the last election and is being challenged by McMillan once again. Throughout the campaign McMillan has stressed the need for diligent homework and common sense.

"Decisions that are made in the next two years affect your life style and pocket-book. The tools I will use are diligent homework, reasonable ideas and good plain common sense," he told the audience.

"The most pressing items I would like to look into are our fair share of the cost of education and our share of costs at the regional level. This can be done and still retain the respect of other councillors, which I have proven before. I would like to see a clean up in the confusion of land use control. This confusion has been caused by regional government's duplication of official plans. I believe in a policy of farmlands coming first and that other uses must not create any problems in the future for either themselves or the municipality. I am not in favor of the creation of large

subdivisions in the country.

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Grant on channel

An Ontario grant of \$58,500 for channel improvement work on 16 Mile Creek has been provided to the Halton Region Conservation Authority, Natural Resources Minister Leo Bernier announced. The channelization project will be done on the Middle Branch of the creek, upstream of the Scotch Block Reservoir at Halton Hills. Total estimated cost of the project is \$117,000.

Computer to ease welfare workload

Halton's General Welfare Assistance branch of Social and Family Services Department will get a new helper soon if Regional Council endorses a recommendation made by its Administration

Committee. The helper is a computer which is estimated to cost \$5,000 to start and \$6,000 per year to operate. A memo to the committee, Social and Family Services Administrator Rennie Vivian said the computer would represent a savings of time in the daily routine work, preparation of statistics, preparation of caseload data, monthly payroll and among other things the preparation of subsidy claims.

assistance had been given and how much. Burlington Mayor George Harrington said he hoped the computer could assist in putting a halt to the dial-a-check scheme that has been used in the past. Harrington recalled a fraud artist going to the department a few months ago to receive a cheque and later bragging to a reporter about how easy it is to beat the system.

Field crowded

(Continued from Page 18) "I promise you strong and honest representation in council to work for the public interest, not my own. I have always believed that, if elected to public office, you serve the people, not yourself," she said.

Easy to throw out Councillor Brad Clements said that it was easy to say "throw regional government out" but he cautioned the people when he suggested he couldn't see a return to the old system of government. He said council would have to work within it and urged people to elect councillors who would work to make it better.

He said council is committed to a program of tar and chipping and general upgrading of rural roads and suggested it might be necessary to go over and beyond the amount the province will subsidize.

A fire department would be formed in Campbellville soon and urged volunteers to become involved, he said.

Favorable trend He spoke of estate type developments as a favorable trend in land use patterns.

A meeting will be held in the ward Dec. 8 to discuss library service, he announced, and invited interested people to attend.

He said council remained adamant that Springbank trucks would not be allowed to send trucks through the village.

Clements said market value assessment could hit the rural areas hard, but acknowledged that at this time there is an incomplete picture.

Russ Powadiuk reported on his stewardship and assured his constituents that the council was working together as a cohesive unit and the rural areas paid only for what they got.

He said he had been fundamental in getting the fire hall in Campbellville and hoped it will be ready for operation by April. It will reduce insurance rates for people in the area, he claimed.

Lighted tennis courts, with shower rooms and a community room will be an asset to the area, he said. Plans called for heavier expenditures for gravel on roads in 1977 and 1978. "Gravel will not be spared," he promised.

All better off "I have helped this area as others. Times are not easy. Leadership was needed. I saw the need. I led, and Ward Three and all of Milton are better off for it."

Powadiuk was asked by George Jackson if he felt there was any reason to apologize concerning his occupation.

"I'm in investment and real estate. I don't apologize for these things, I make things happen. I have an interest in estate development on non-agricultural land. It is no great extravagance.

"I've purchased property for the town at no charge. I've made free trees available at no charge," the councillor answered.

Questions priorities A second questioner noted that Powadiuk was involved in investments, farming, real estate and council work. He claimed each one seemed to require a lot of time and wondered where council work stood on his list of priorities. Powadiuk acknowledged being late for meetings if he

had business commitments, but "I spend my council time working for you."

Powadiuk suggested that if the questioner had waited for four years with questions to ask and had never contacted him, he wasn't holding up his end of the bargain. "Where are your priorities?" he asked.

Powadiuk scoffed at the question and suggested it was ridiculous.

Services for homes covered by Ont. grant

Approval of an interest-free loan of \$6,035,667 to assist the Regional Municipality of Halton in servicing land, was announced this week.

The funds will be provided through the Ontario Housing Action Program during the next four years. They will help to finance sewage works in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills; water works in Burlington, Oakville and Milton; and flood control work in Milton, Minister of Housing John Rhodes explained.

The land servicing will provide the capacity for almost 20,000 housing units in the region.

"The area municipalities are committed to supporting the region in servicing the land," said Mr. Rhodes.

Consistent "My ministry has worked closely with officials from the region to ensure that adequate servicing will be made

available to meet future housing needs. "The provision of the funds is consistent with the provincial policy of assisting municipalities to make land available for affordable housing."

Since OHAP was activated in 1974, a total of \$85.5 million in interest-free loans has been committed to municipalities to assist them in meeting their land servicing requirements.

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Move in 78?

Halton Region's Administration Committee has approved an agreement to continue to rent space for its headquarters from P. G. Lush and Associates for another year. The agreement recognizes the possibility of further extensions.

The region will pay \$11,255.25 per month with an additional payment of \$31,662 to be made April 1, 1977.

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