

Opinion poll

105 to 15 against fluoride in water

Last week's fluoride opinion poll totals 105 people opposed to fluoride and 15 in favor.

Many comments were added to the ballots which were perused with great interest by regional councillor Pat McKenzie on Tuesday.

The opinion poll on fluoride produced 84 ballots this past

week.

Due to the postal strike, most of the ballots were brought to the Free Press office. Since the local post office was in fact open, the few ballots which were mailed locally did arrive. Several people phoned in their comments because of the strike.

Regional councillor Pat

McKenzie read through the ballots Tuesday and just wished he had heard from some of the people before. "I am very pleased with the response," he commented. He would have liked to have had these opinions a couple of weeks ago, when the issue arose.

Since some of the comments concerned the iron, he

was happy to report that steps were being taken that very day to improve the taste, appearance and smell of the water from the Fairy Lake well.

I am sure the new regional councillor can follow this up early in December, he said.

Regional director of public works Bob Moore, told of the

results of the opinion poll by councillor McKenzie, says the new council should address itself to the issue. "I agree with that," councillor McKenzie said Tuesday.

Here are the figures from the opinion poll.

Are you in favor of a fluoridated water supply for Acton?

No: 72 ballots, signed by 105 people. Of these, 91 people wanted a vote on the subject. Seven did not want a vote and seven did not tick this choice.

In favor of fluoridated water were 12 ballots representing 15 people who signed them. Of these, nine did not want a vote and six did.

The town's population is about 7,000.

Cars collide near railroad

Two cars collided near the railway crossing on Mill Street October 18 morning.

Halton Regional Police estimate the damage to the auto driven by Sharon Perkins, 43 Maria St., to be \$200. Damage to the other car driven by Arline Coultrup, 48 Roseford Terrace, is in the neighborhood of \$50, according to police.

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Fluoride: yes!

We vote our councillors into office. Are we then going to ask for a plebiscite on every move?

Fluoridated water will benefit us all.

I have been surprised and extremely disappointed by the Free Press obvious attempts to stir up controversy. Now because "a couple of people urged the Free Press to publish the ballot" you continue to try to incite public reaction. I have yet to read an emotional,

intelligent report explaining the benefits. There are many major problems and issues in our society that need public arousal and education to address them.

In Rexdale, with fluoridated water, our children had no cavities in their teeth. After living in Acton for three years, they now have cavities.

A plebiscite only if public concern warrants the cost. We need some engineers to give us our money's worth on

our water.

The cost of dental care is high! Why not help reduce cavities! Listen to the dentists. They don't really want to reduce their business but they do care about good dental health.

Fluoride has been in the Toronto water supply for a number of years. I feel my children have benefitted from it while we were residents there.

We elect representatives to take such decisions.

Fluoride: no!

I am opposed to all chemicals added to our water.

I would like something added to the water to take the iron out.

There are already too many chemicals in what we consume.

The presence of iron in the water supply is a worry; the less chemicals we use the better. Glad to see the paper has brought this vote out as I feel most Actonians are apathetic.

The iron has ruined our drinking water and stains sinks and tubs.

How many of the dentists live in town? Do they put fluoride in their wells?

Who needs extra fluoride when you can get it in toothpaste or at the dentist's?

It's a disgrace to force this onto everybody.

Better teach proper diet. I definitely do not want sodium silicate added to our drinking water.

Bring our water from Toronto for our tea.

Other sources of fluoride are available that are a matter of choice.

Many thanks for the opportunity.

The water from the well by the lake is not fit for human use. It both tastes and smells like an old frog pond. Please use the good water from the 4th line well.

I believe fluoride accumulates in the body. It is not essential after permanent teeth formation.

Concentrate on the iron content. We used to have such

good water.

I can get all the fluoride I want from Crest toothpaste.

Regional government has no right to push something we don't want down our throats.

We need a vote!

It is unfair and unthinkable that the council would add chemicals to our good water without consulting the paying public. I was surprised that Acton did not start the opinion poll before this. We like to think Acton water had a part in us locating here.

One more decision made

without consulting anyone.

Adding fluoride to public water should be decided by knowledgeable people, such as biochemists, not politicians.

A couple from Guelph: concerned people carry pure water in a bottle to fluoridated areas and cannot risk dining in these municipalities.

If there is the slightest chance that one person may be harmed by the addition of fluoride to the water we must rebel against it.

Betty Fisher . . . (Continued from page 12)

she said. She hasn't been a teacher but has been a parent volunteer with children with reading difficulties. The most effective way of learning what is happening in schools, she added is "by rolling up your sleeves and working."

On the issue of declining enrolment and rising costs, Fisher said it is important to understand the board receives provincial funding amounting to 53 per cent for the elementary panel and 59 per cent for the secondary, with the balance coming from the municipal tax levy. As long as the board is below the spending ceiling of the provincial government the municipal levy won't need to be increased, she said.

"But as enrolment declines we find we have large classes," which can be alleviated by moving consultants and co-ordinators from administrative positions back into the classroom, she said, admitting that it would not be a popular course for the administrative staff.

"But in economic restraint, everyone has to be sensible and focus on the classroom."

Teachers are losing their jobs because of declining enrolment but the administrative staff aren't, she said.

The pupil teacher ratio (PTR) "is a hoax perpetrated on the taxpayer because PTR comprises everyone in the school except for the mop in the cupboard but is unrealistic as far as class size. The board should be looking at overall class size." The PTR is 23:1 in elementary and 18:1 in secondary school.

"And except for special education classes and technical education classes, the class sizes may range over 30," she said. "This has to be alleviated by bringing in administrative and support staff to reduce class sizes. We have many teachers at the administrative level whose time could be better spent in the classroom with the children."

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Institute for Studies in Education).

She was also directly involved in the health curriculum committee and set up guidelines for health care program for K to eight. She also has attended meetings of different schools systems in Halton.

"I am virtually dedicated to learning about all the educational structures and how we can better our kids."

Halton Renaissance

Fisher said she was a member of Halton Renaissance, a parent group founded by Rev. Ken Campbell that advocates a Judeo-Christian style of teaching. Her membership was for a three month period about four years ago, she said, adding that she no longer is a member of Renaissance or any other organized parental group.

Fisher is a member of the Halton Hills Library Board and is the board of education appointee to the board. She said she will not drop her association with the library board because she has made a three year commitment to serve there. There is no conflict of interest with the board of education on the matter because the board does not fund the library.

Nor does she plan to drop her affiliation with the Halton Hills Arts Council.

Fisher said that one of the reasons she is running is that the concerns of taxpayers in wards one and two are not competently handled at the board of education.

Fisher said that when she found out there was another candidate up against Hinton, "I'd already plunged deep into a campaign and could not back out. If I could back out, I would."

With Pamela Sheldon of Speyside also in the race to unseat the incumbent, Fisher admitted there was a "real possibility the vote could be split. I hope not."

The Basics

Fisher said she makes it a point not to refer to core curriculum "because core curriculum includes everything but the kitchen sink and does not necessarily mean learning basics such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar, oral communication and simple mathematics."

"Our schools are constantly confronted with remedial programs because our children are being passed from grade to grade with many who have not completed their year's work. This is very cruel to the child because at some stage he must learn these skills and he may find when he gets to grade six or seven he is put into a remedial program to learn the basics he should have acquired three or four years before."

Remedial programs put strain on the child and stress on the educational system, she said. As well, remedial programs take extra dollars

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THE LIQUOR LICENCE ACT 1975
THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT 1977

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSA IN THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON
BY-LAW NO. 24-1978

A by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Eramosa in the County of Wellington for the submission to a vote of a question under the provision of The Municipal Elections Act 1977 to the qualified electors in the municipality;

WHEREAS at the time of the coming into force of The Ontario Temperance Act, a by-law dated 1910 was in force within the limits of the municipality prohibiting the sale of liquor by retail therein;

AND WHEREAS by Section 50 of Regulation 100/75 under The Liquor Licence Act 1975, the issuance of a liquor licence to premises located in a municipality is confined to those municipalities where an affirmative vote has been taken on the relevant questions as stated in the Regulations under The Liquor Licence Act;

AND WHEREAS under Section 122 of The Municipal Elections Act, the Council of a municipality may submit to a vote of the persons qualified to be entered on the voters' list and to vote at elections in the municipality any question (or questions) set forth in The Liquor Licence Act 1975;

AND WHEREAS the Council considers it expedient and desirable to submit to a vote of the persons qualified to vote thereon as aforesaid the following question:

ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE SALE OF SPIRITS, BEER AND WINE UNDER A LOUNGE LICENCE FOR CONSUMPTION ON LICENSED PREMISES?

AND WHEREAS The Council considers it expedient and desirable that the vote on the question shall be taken upon the day upon which, under The Municipal Elections Act, a poll will be held at the next election of members to Council;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to provide by-law for the submission of the said question to the persons qualified to vote thereon and for the taking of their votes thereon;

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Eramosa in the County of Wellington enacts as follows:

1. Under The Municipal Elections Act 1977 there is hereby submitted to a vote of the persons qualified to be entered on the voters' list and to vote at elections in the municipality, the following question pursuant to the Regulations under The Liquor Licence Act 1975:

ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE SALE OF SPIRITS, BEER AND WINE UNDER A LOUNGE LICENCE FOR CONSUMPTION ON LICENSED PREMISES?

2. The vote shall be taken upon the day upon which, under The Municipal Elections Act 1977, a poll will be held at the next election of members to Council.

PASSED this 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 1978.

Jean Gray
Deputy Clerk

W. H. Adsett
Mayor or Reeve

L. Lloyd T. Hindley, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Eramosa, hereby certify that this is a true copy of By-law No. 24 1978, passed by the council of The Corporation of the Township of Eramosa on the 11th day of September, 1978.

Lloyd T. Hindley
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSA

Clark's Notice of First Posting of Preliminary List

The Municipal Election Act, 1977, Section 24 (1) and (2)
Preliminary List, 1978, of THE TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSA

County of Wellington

Notice is hereby given that I have complied with Section 24 of The Municipal Election Act, 1977, and that I have posted up at my office, The Municipal Building, R.R. 1, Rockwood, Ontario on or before the 21st day of October, 1978, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the municipality at municipal elections, and that such list remains here for inspection.

And I hereby call upon all electors to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law.

The last day for filing complaints is the 27th day of October, 1978.

The place at which the revision will commence is TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE, The Municipal Building, R.R. 1, Rockwood, Ontario.

The time at which the revision will commence is 9.00 a.m., October 28th, 1978.

DATED this 16th day of October, 1978.

L. T. Hindley,
Clerk, Township of Eramosa.

TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSA

Revision and Certification of Assessment Commissioner's List

Re: School Support Entry

Notice is hereby given that I have posted up at my office at the Municipal Office, R.R. 1, Rockwood, Ontario, on or before the 21st day of October, 1978, the Census List as prepared by the Assessment Commissioner, showing the school support of every inhabitant who is entitled to direct taxes for school support purposes, and that such list remains here for inspection.

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