

Six candidates for Ward 2 council seat

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 picked-up by private contractors is another concern.
 The region needs to be "picked up by its boot straps and given a good shaking" on the landfill issue, Moulden said.
 She explained the region has spent millions fighting neighbors of Site F to try and put a dump in rural Milton as well as on studies and is no closer to a new dump than they ever were. Moulden is concerned about a possible dump site in Halton Hills and believes the only answer for what to do with Halton's garbage is a recycling plant.
 The province set up a flood plain control committee which held public hearings, but none in this area despite the fact there are two conservation authorities concerned with Esqueping. She objects to the fact those hearings were held without local residents being notified and decisions will be made without local input. She also said provincial government planners in Toronto must be made more aware of rural problems and concerns.

Peter Norton

The quality of goods and services delivered to Esqueping residents in relation to the taxes they pay is the important issue in ward two, according to candidate Peter Norton.
 Esqueping voters feel they are paying a lot and not getting much for their tax dollars.
 On the subject of Section 63 property assessment and tax reform, Norton hasn't decided where he stands yet. In the spring a tax impact study is supposed to be completed and he is reserving his opinion until he can review those documents. Also, he feels nobody should be stating a preference one way or the other on this subject until

such time as the tax impact study is completed and reviewed.
 However, he has made up his mind solidly about one aspect of taxation, mill rate increases shouldn't be exceeding the inflation rate.
 Norton and voters are concerned about the purchase of the Stevens property in Georgetown for a future home of a municipal complex. While he figures it's too late to halt the purchase, he's very cautious about the building of a complex.
 He questions why council is even looking at building a complex these days. "The timing isn't great."

Norton pointed out that governments are telling people spending must be restrained, yet council is talking about asking the taxpayers to pay for a project which could easily wind up costing in excess of \$5 million.

People are also concerned about the "indiscriminate" spread of the aggregate industry and the disappearance of prime agricultural land. Halton Hills must be careful or all of the beautiful open spaces will disappear and people don't want the rural area turned into another Bramalea or Mississauga.

Farmers aren't getting rich these days and people forget their financial plight. Norton thinks it would help if each farmer was allowed to sever off a maximum of two or three parcels for housing development and then they don't come back with further applications. This type of policy is used in Caledon. Such a move might make farming more "lucrative."

Before any proposed landfill sites are made public government must assemble all the proper information and correct planning facts. Norton pointed to one potential dump site in rural Halton Hills shouldn't even be

considered because it would impact on residents in the area and damage local creeks and wells.

People aren't happy with the process being followed to allow rural housing development. Other issues include lack of water in some areas of Glen Williams, the need for more sidewalks in hamlets, the sad condition of many rural roads and the need for more industry in Halton Hills to create jobs and reduce the mill rate.

Norton pledged if he's elected he'll be approachable and accessible to hear peoples' concerns.

Tony Taylor

Tony Taylor is concerned about seeing Halton Hills possibly adopting Section 63 for property assessment reform because it would be unfair to "suddenly slam" owners of older homes with a staggering tax hike.

He feels that nobody really has the right answers now on the equalized assessment subject and believes a big tax hike would especially hurt people on fixed incomes.

He suggests if council does opt for Section 63 that it either be phased in over 10 years or else only implement it for each property after its sold so the new owner will feel the crunch.

Farmers need "serious consideration" with respect to Section 63, more hardship shouldn't been dumped on the agricultural community. Farmers are an "endangered species", Taylor declared.

A municipal complex isn't something Halton Hills is ready for, he said. At a time when most governments are practising restraint Halton Hills should also be setting an example.

The Town may need improved facilities, but Esqueping voters feel it would be better

to simply put a small addition on the Trafalgar Rd. building to cover municipal needs for another 10 years.

Voters are saying Halton Hills isn't big enough for a "Mississauga type complex yet" and a project they fear will wind up costing \$5 to \$8 million just isn't needed now.

Also, if the Town has any spare cash it should be spent on the "disgusting" and "obscene" rural roads. People aren't looking for paved roads, just "well maintained gravel roads."

Not all cultural-recreation centres in the rural area are problems, but a few are and no more should be allowed in the rural area until the "sorrowful situation" is solved. Taylor says about all that can be done now is "total enforcement of bylaws" and suggests if the problems can't be resolved then buffer areas should be built between the centres and the agricultural-residential community using a "reasonable depth" of trees.

People aren't too satisfied with not only the value they receive for their taxes but also the quality of the "representation they receive." Voters feel they are kept too much in the dark and Taylor believes a newsletter would keep people informed.

The beauty and naturalness of the rural area could disappear over the next 10 years, Taylor warns, adding "intelligent long term planning for orderly growth" is needed.

In cases where development is taking place, traffic, water and drainage concerns must be examined carefully because lack of study and controls can have "disastrous" effects on existing residents. "Council should approach rural development carefully in the future with peoples' feelings in mind."

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