

ON THE HUSTINGS THROUGH HALTON HILLS...

Response to The Herald's offer to candidates was so great

that we regret we can not publish everyone's reply this week

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Regional Council

ROY BOOTH

Thank you for offering me the opportunity to express my views and reasons for seeking office in the upcoming election.

My main reasons for deciding to request a Regional position are as follows: I am the only representative from Ward 3, who on a recorded vote, voted opposed to the construction of the "Million Dollar Town employees building expansion" program. I intend to remain opposed, unless information is forthcoming to indicate that it is both necessary, and financially liable. I am opposed to Regional

Government in its present form and will work towards making it work for the people by maintaining closer communication with the constituents. I'm amazed at how many people are not even aware that each ward has a Regional Representative let alone who that representative is. Regional Government can be likened to a snowball which was set in motion atop the Ontario government hill. As it progresses it gains momentum and size and seems to be destroying its very reason for being. Unfortunately now that it is rolling it can't be stopped

let alone reversed. We can however provide strong leadership to guide it onto a more gentle slope to bring it to rest with as little damage as possible to the community which it should be serving. I am very much in favour of controlled development that will provide reasonable cost housing. As Chairman of Planning in 1974 I presented the low cost housing development on Maple Ave. and had a unique system set up where the town told the developer what price could be charged for the units the final figure was \$34,500.00 an admirable accomplishment for today's high costs. I intend to work towards the implementation of a Regional Industrial Commission so that we can more fully utilize the excellent Industrial Park with its unequalled rail system in our town. This fact was not even known by our Regional Planners until during discussions with them I brought it up. The core area more concerned with the industrial base of the Region is Burlington and Oakville, and don't concern themselves about the needs of the North.

Regional Government. Above all I want to represent Ward 3 and know I will do a good job of it.

There are several questions which should be asked.

Why was the expansion to the Georgetown Sewage Treatment plant not budgeted for at the Region. The original cost was to have been one million two hundred thousand, delays have now forced that price to over four million.

Why was the Region not aware that the low cost housing project on Maple Ave required a six inch water main. Delays there caused the price of the homes to go from the original estimates of \$27,500.00 to \$34,500.00.

Why was there no mention of a Regional Industrial Commission until recently. Additional industry in Georgetown could have softened the blow of the removal of the two million dollar annual payroll from the economy when Duntar closes.

These are a few of the questions which require answers with your help I would like to make it possible that those type of questions need not be asked.

Thank you
Yours truly
Roy Booth

FRED HARRISON

To the Georgetown Herald:
My reasons for running for the position of Regional Councillor for Ward 3 are:

1) I have been a taxpayer in this ward since the early 1940's.

2) In past years, I have had the privilege of representing this ward on six different councils.

3) I was an employee of the Town of Georgetown for two and a half years. I was the Purchasing Agent, Welfare Administrator and Inspector of Services for all new subdivisions. I was transferred to the County of Halton and subsequently, the Region of Halton to the Department of Social

and Family Services as a Field Representative. For the next five and a half years, I worked in Georgetown and area where I frequently travelled every street and could see the need for improvement in our Town.

I am against the building of a new Administration Building, as it has not been proven to my satisfaction that it is necessary. I am against the installation of an 8 inch or larger watermain to serve this building which, technically, is not a taxpayer and could be considered a liability to all taxpayers of Halton Hills.

I am not in favor of creating new departments because the past has shown that as soon as

a new department head is set up, he builds an empire around him, demanding more help that requires more money, which in turn necessitates more expense.

Another thing I am against is opening new subdivisions on the boundaries of Georgetown to benefit subdividers and land speculators. The cost of these subdivisions could put the taxes beyond the ability of many of our citizens to pay - i.e. people on controlled income and senior citizens.

I am in favour of reserving our sewage disposal capacity for new industry that will in turn give employment opportunities for the present people

living in town.

One reason I think I can represent all the people of Ward 3 is that I have no axe to grind. I am not hindered in anyway whatever, that I cannot vote on all business that comes before Council with an open mind, as there is no chance of being accused of a conflict of interest.

If elected I promise to do everything in my power to hold down taxes, not only at the local level but at the Regional level as well.

I can also promise I will work diligently on behalf of the people of Ward 3, for a better and pleasanter Town to live in, but remember, Big does not always mean better.

Fred (Tut) Harrison

Area Council

DAN TIMMONS

TO THE RESIDENTS OF WARD 3

My name is Dan Timmons, by now I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you. I've lived in Georgetown for the past 6 years and I'm married with two children and live at 99 Charles Street.

I am deeply concerned with the operation of our present council and I feel a review of staff requirement is badly needed. Like it or not, the swing to the one tier system of government is upon us. For example, all our vital services are controlled by the Region: water, sewers, transit.

At present if you have a problem or a complaint, do you get results from your local councillor? If not, what will happen when you have to call upon a councillor at the Regional level under a one tier

system of government? GOOD LUCK! Because you'll need it.

Many people and Councillors say Regionalism is here to stay. I disagree. The reason being, Regional Government was forced upon us. We did not vote on this form of government and if the Province of Ontario can not make it work in 3 years, since its inception, then I say, all municipalities governed by regionalism must protest and review this bureaucratic system and to return vital services back to communities which operated effectively prior to January, 1974 and also, before the Province of Ontario or the Region takes control of planning and zoning of our town (Halton Hills) at the cost of our people.

As for my stand on the Municipal Complex, I say this, I will not support a push new

complex for the Councillors and Department Heads of our town. The reason being, the Councillors must spend town money on the people and the needs of our town first, e.g. library, sidewalks, re-surfacing, of roads in older areas of Ward 3 and other priorities. With your help and support on December 6, 1976, I assure the residents of Ward 3 that I

will work honestly and diligently on your behalf to represent you and your needs and desires at the local council.

Sincerely yours,
Dan Timmons
99 Charles Street
877-1778

PETER POMEROY

Dear Sir:

After participating for the last 8 years in the business community of ward 3, I feel I have a good concept of the present problems facing the new council.

It has been my experience in the past that duplication between committee and council has slowed down the mechanics of the operation.

Solution: TEAM WORK

Ward 3 has many interesting sites available for such things as the new library, the new cultural arts centre, and what better location than the ward 3 area to facilitate the expected growth in the years to come.

Solution: Carefully controlled planning

It is of great concern to me that the core of Georgetown does not lose its identity. Too often today, the older sectors are bulldozed to make room for large shopping complexes. I firmly believe that the identity of the older sector is worth protecting.

The new council will have its metal tested in short order; the decision on the municipal complex. To date, \$19,823.00 has been paid to an architect. The job now at hand is to make the best use of that expenditure. Before anymore taxpayers money is spent I would like to see an independent survey made on the necessity for this expenditure.

My last 8 years has kept me in tune with what the people in ward 3 are expecting from council; the next 2 years will hopefully let me put this into effect.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Pomroy.

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HARRY LEVY

I am 49 years old, having been born in London, England where I spent my youth.

I was called to serve in the Army and by the age of 19 was commissioned with the rank of Lieutenant and saw short service in the Far and Middle East.

On demobilization, I became involved in political affairs and, at age 21 was elected to Municipal Government in a town with a population of 100,000. In 1956, we came to Canada and eventually settled, by choice in Georgetown. Within a short period I became involved in Scouting and was the first Chairman of the 4th Georgetown Group Committee and, for two years was the President of the District Scout Council. At the same time, I became a member of the local Kinsmen Club serving as President and later was elected as a Deputy Governor being responsible for 13 other clubs. The Girls Softball League was inaugurated during my year as President and, as Deputy Governor I won several efficiency awards on a National level. I accepted the challenge of chairing the Bantam Hockey Tournament and, in the 10 years under my leadership, it became to be known as the best tournament of its kind in Canada. For my services to the Club and the Community, I was awarded the highest degree of recognition in the Association of Kinsmen, that of Life Membership.

Involved in local political affairs started in 1968 when I was first elected to the Georgetown Council and in the next 5 years, served as Chairman of Roads and Works Committee, Administration and Finance Committee. I also

served as Chairman of the very successful 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

In Halton Hills Council, I have been on the Finance and Personnel Committee being its Chairman in 1975, Chairman of the Town Negotiating Committee with the Union, Chairman of Personnel Interview Committee and of the Transit Study Committee (currently holding meetings).

In my 8 years on Council, I have always made myself available to help residents with problems no matter where they lived within two town limits.

The question of the proposed Municipal Complex was first introduced to Council early in 1976, and on the first vote to approve the proposal in principle, I was the ONLY member to vote against it. At subsequent meetings other Council members joined me and eventually the proposal was shelved until 1977. However, if I had not persevered with my opposition in the early stages, the complex may have been proceeding right now. Very briefly, the town staff are adequately housed now; we are operating on a tight financial schedule and there are more urgent services we could provide to the residents for \$1 million if the need arises and we certainly do not need a "White Elephant" when the future of one or two tier government is uncertain.

My background and record of successful leadership encourages me to believe that I can bring ability and dignity to an office that is reflective of the Town, and to be a true representative of the WHOLE Town of Halton Hills.

Yours truly,
HARRY LEVY

TOM HILL

Dear Resident of Halton Hills;

I am glad to have this opportunity to address you through the facilities offered by the Georgetown Herald.

As many of you know, I was born in Glen Williams in 1920 and have lived and worked in the area all my life. I was married in 1942 to Ida McMennamy; my wife died in 1974. I have one daughter who is a high school teacher of history. I entered municipal politics in 1966 because of my concern for people; that concern is still with me. I see one of the main duties of the mayor as being accessible daily to the rate-payers. Municipal government is so complex today that I feel the mayor should be available to help rate-payers with their complaints, inquiries and problems.

I do not believe that a municipal complex should be built now or in the foreseeable future. It is an unnecessary expense. I, however, do feel that the exercise of considering the complex was a valuable experience for the Town because it got the rate-payers involved in a crucial issue and demonstrated that it is possible for them to "fight city-hall."

We have lived with regional government for three years and I know it is time to make some changes. We must realize that we will never be able to abolish the system, but I feel we can work to make the system work more equitably

and inexpensively. I want to see the control of water and sewage returned to the local municipality. I want to see changes in the planning department so that the duplication of our own planner's work is eliminated. In short, I want to see services returned to the local municipality so that duplication and slow maintenance of these services are discontinued. The result will be reduced taxes and better control of programs.

I think that one of the problems which the town will have to face in the next two years is growth. If the Town is to carry and maintain its level of services without further burdening the rate-payer, the tax base of the Town must be broadened and expanded. To do that the Town must encourage the development of residential, small commercial facilities and secondary industry. I am committed to the orderly development of the Town in this respect. In order to accomplish this development there must be changes in the sewage systems. I have been trying and will continue to try to obtain the necessary grants and co-operation from the provincial government in order to do this.

Lastly, I want to encourage each and every one of you to vote on December 6th. If you would like to meet me, please feel free to call either 877-3321 or 877-2692.

Tom Hill

Ward 3

WALTER BIEHN

When a new candidate declares himself for elected office, it seems to me that voters should particularly wonder two things.

1. Who is he?
and
2. Why is he running?

No. 1 is easy to answer. I have been a resident of the Georgetown portion of Halton Hills since 1940. I met and married my wife, Mary Feller, here, and with her raised our family of three. Our 35 years of happy married life ended with her recent death from cancer.

Born in Chesley, my family moved to Windsor when I was a youngster. I received my schooling there and at the University of Western Ontario, London (B.A. Business Administration, 1939).

I purchased the Herald in early 1940 and, except for three years army service while my wife ran the business, was editor and publisher until 1973. I was manager of North Halton Golf and Country Club for a year, then decided to semi-retire and take a part-time office job with Dico Company in Brampton.

I live in one of the older sections of town at 26 Queen Street, centrally located in Ward 3, where I seek one of the two area council seats.

The answer to No. 2 is more complex. My interest in municipal affairs goes back to the years when, as editor of the Herald, I reported most of the town council meetings. As a reporter I participated mentally in debates, agreeing and disagreeing with council decisions, writing news accounts of meetings, and occasionally putting my opinions in print editorially.

I would hope that this background might help me serve you as a councillor.

Now working at a part-time job, and living alone, with evenings and some daytimes free, I feel I can devote the necessary time to public business.

Some years ago, I served as a public school trustee, as chairman of the Georgetown board of education in its one brief year of existence, and then as a member of North Halton district high school board, which administered schools in Georgetown, Acton and Milton.

If I have any small claim to fame, it would be my efforts in helping to start a plan to build a central high school for the

three towns at Spexside. This was strongly opposed by the provincial government, which later changed position completely and would only allow schools to be built in urban communities. The end result was three separate schools in the three towns.

I cite this as an example of what can happen to government thinking, and as a reason I would oppose at present any large expenditure on a municipal government complex.

I am still a die-hard oppo-

nent of putting two towns, 8 miles apart, in one municipal area. Perhaps Queen's Park thinking will some day change, as it did in school locations, and Georgetown and Acton may regain their civic entities.

Other areas in which I have served include men's club president and warden at St. George's Anglican Church, secretary of the Lions Club some years back; and at present, secretary-treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce.

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