

Candidates and issues fail to excite voters

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Municipal candidates still have time to sway Halton Hills voters according to a poll of area residents conducted by The Herald during the past week which revealed that only a small percentage of those polled have already decided on their choice for mayor. There also seems to be no one dominant issue concerning a majority of residents.

Of the 50 residents polled throughout Halton Hills only 17 said they knew which candidate they preferred for mayor. Many residents indicated that they had little knowledge of the two candidates on which to base an opinion and several said they had received campaign

literature from only one of the candidates seeking election in their ward.

While all but one of those polled said they intended to vote on Nov. 13, a surprising number of residents could think of no issues worth expressing an opinion on. A few went so far as to say they were reasonably satisfied with the present council because what problems they had raised had been dealt with to their satisfaction.

ROAD QUESTION

The question of roads was raised by two rural residents who complained about the condition of the road close to their home. There is no consistency to which roads are at fault however, as a Ballinacraig woman griped about the way taxes had gone up and yet the

road near her home is never properly graded and is crumbling because of it. A Stewartstown woman is equally upset at the lack of effort to sign the road in front of her house to stop trucks from mistaking it for Trafalgar Road and tearing along it at a dangerous speed. A Norval man was equally worried about the proposed widening of Winston Churchill Boulevard and noted that if it happens, which he doubts, he would probably move.

Taxes and the way they have increased in recent years irked a couple of residents. A Glen Williams woman explained that in 12 years her taxes have jumped from \$179 to over \$400 and all that has ever been done is to

pave a nearby road. The higher taxes have produced nothing else for her neighbors, she said, not even a street light.

One Acton man suggested that it was time council "stopped coming up with ideas on how to spend more money so members can say 'that was done when I was on council'."

A Georgetown woman was equally worried that council will continue its extravagant spending and "run us into debt."

One farmer on R.R.3, Georgetown felt that regional government is wasting too much money and doing nothing for members of Halton Hills' farming community.

FARM VOTES

"There aren't enough farm votes to count

with them," he said, "so what they do spend in Halton Hills is spent in Acton and Georgetown and the farmers get nothing."

The question of recreational facilities was only raised by two people and their opinions were exactly opposite.

One Ashgrove area woman was upset over the lack of recreation facilities and said that the Georgetown arenas are already full so that youngsters can't book practise time and must travel to Streetsville and other out-of-town arenas. A Georgetown woman who just moved into town from R.R.3, Georgetown felt that "we aren't so bad off here as compared with some other towns I know."

The question of developing Focal Properties' land on the Ninth Line south of Silver Creek was only mentioned by one person. An Ashgrove area resident felt that while the development might be nice to have she doubted that Halton Hills could handle the expense involved in servicing it at this time.

One young man from the Hornby area felt council should be doing something once and for all about the Site F question and the matter of landfill sites in general. He feels there are alternatives to landfill for council willing to spend the money on exploring them and recommends that recycling be begun very soon since it is the method for future garbage disposal and landfill is the old and soon outdated method.

YOUR MORNING SMILE

Film Star: "I told the newspapers that what I wanted most was a little cottage with a husband and at least six children." Her Friend: "What makes you say such things?" Film Star: "The publicity department."

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This Week Mayorality hopefuls

The Halton Hills municipal campaign is beginning to heat up as the campaign heads towards the all-candidates meeting on November 3. This week The Herald offers a preview of what will be said at the meeting as we interview mayorality candidates Tom Hill and Pete Pomeroy.

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BRIAN HAYWARD
Valedictorian

GDHS graduates

Georgetown's class of 78 was out in full force last Friday night as GDHS held commencement activities. The grade 12 and 13 grads, were on hand to pick up their diplomas and the high school's award winning students turned up to collect their honours.

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Chimney sweep

Not everyone is crying the blues about the energy crisis. For chimney sweep, Larry Holmes it has been great for business as people turn to wood burning as a cheaper alternative to fossil fuels.

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Computer switch

Regional councillors are predicting that the switch to uniform water rates may cause problems for the Halton Hills computer.

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Objections valid

Ontario Municipal Board has ruled that objections to a proposed Jehovah's Witness headquarters near Georgetown are worthy of a hearing.

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Gem coach quits

Ron Dixon has resigned as coach of the Junior "B" Georgetown Gemins. Assistant general manager Norm Lockhurst has taken over behind the bench.

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Sabres lose

The Acton Sabres suffered a 12-1 thrashing at the hands of the Streetsville Derbys Friday night. It was the team's fifth straight loss.

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Movers moving

DeBoer's Movers won again in Industrial Hockey League action. A couple of Georgetown Raiders were instrumental in the win.

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Morette cleared of manslaughter charge Judge rules cause of death unclear

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A charge of manslaughter laid against a Georgetown man was dismissed last week in county court.

Dale Harold Morette, 25, of Georgetown, was charged with manslaughter after his friendly arm wrestling match with Lloyd Sedore, 45, also of Georgetown, ended with Mr. Sedore's death on the sidewalk outside the McGibbon Hotel.

Judge Patrick LeSage ruled that while Mr. Sedore's death was "unnecessary, needless and tragic," he was not completely satisfied that the death was the result of a criminal act.

The judge said that he was satisfied that as a result of a push by Mr. Morette, Mr. Sedore did go through the door, and as a result of the amount of alcohol in his bloodstream, he did stumble and fall down the stairs.

He also said that he believed Mr. Morette had kicked the victim, or had attempted to do so, in spite of earlier testimony by Mr. Morette that he had not left the hotel from the time he pushed Mr. Sedore out the door until the time he was summoned outside by police.

However, the judge said he was not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the kicks landed, or that those which did land had caused Mr. Sedore's death.

"If I were to have found in fact that those blows connected, and that they did cause the death of Mr. Sedore, that would be manslaughter," Judge LeSage said.

Dr. Gordon Longfield, who performed the autopsy on Mr. Sedore, said he didn't think it would be possible to say for certain which blow to the head was responsible for the bleeding inside Mr. Sedore's skull.

"It could all be caused by a cumulative effect, or it could be that one was more responsible than the others," he testified.

The official cause of death was described by Dr. Longfield as being "cardiac and respiratory failure due to pressure on the brain stem caused by extreme internal bleeding."

Mr. Morette testified for almost an hour Wednesday morning, describing the events leading up to the altercation between himself and Mr. Sedore.

Mr. Morette said he had not known Mr. Sedore prior to approaching him that evening at the McGibbon Hotel just as Mr. Sedore was leaving. He

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HOSPITAL HALLOWE'EN VISITORS

Georgetown's Red Cross Youth paid a spirit raising visit to the Georgetown Memorial Hospital last Sunday night to give the shut-ins a taste of Halloween fun. Patient Rosemary Blackstone (in bed) was visited by (from left to right) Anita

Drischler, Barbara Bergmann, Wendy Laneburger, and Bonnie Kennedy. Mrs. Blackstone said of the surprise visit, "It made my day."

Photo by Michael Hollett

Planners consider new subdivision could mean 220 large-lot homes

Plans for the construction of some 220 large-lot homes on 62 acres of land on Georgetown's western boundary will be among the development proposals considered at a forthcoming

special meeting of the town planning board.

At an as-yet unspecified date the board will attempt to define areas for the future expansion of urban Georgetown by weighing several outstanding

residential proposals.

Among the plans in hand is a concept by the IBI Group, a planning consultant firm affiliated with Gainsborough Farm Holdings Ltd., that was outlined for the board last Tuesday night.

IBI director Andy McNally reminded the board that consideration of the company's initial application for an official plan amendment, which would allow the residential use of presently-rural land, was deferred two years ago until the issue of sewage treatment capacity allocation could be resolved.

TOO EXPENSIVE

However, he explained, the town's ongoing negotiations over that allocation and over Focal Properties Ltd.'s development plans for south Georgetown have become too "time-consuming and expensive." He urged the board to consider IBI's proposal in the interim.

Mr. McNally stressed that his company's proposal is substantially different from that of Focal Properties Ltd. Instead of attempting to contravene town planning policies by extending the urban boundaries of Georgetown, he said, the IBI Group's proposal involves "in-filling" development that would help the town consolidate an urban envelope which has grown in a "hodge-podge" fashion as former needs dictated.

IBI hopes to build about 220 homes on a 62.5 acre site that

fronts onto Trafalgar Road approximately opposite the Halton Hills municipal offices and behind the Georgetown District Christian school and church.

Pointing out that the area is dotted with "urban uses in search of a boundary," company spokesman Scott Rutledge told the board that IBI's proposal would enable the town to follow up on a development pattern that is already established. The IBI homes would be close to downtown Georgetown, he observed, and could be serviced with municipal water and sanitary sewers through modest extensions of existing trunk lines.

DREW CRITICISM

Mr. Rutledge drew criticism from Mayor Tom Hill when he speculated that the servicing of the site would ultimately help the town extend services to Stewarttown. The mayor expressed doubt that the subdivision would be of much advantage to Stewarttown

homeowners.

Mr. Rutledge cited the Ontario Municipal Board's recent ruling on a proposed residential development in Oakville by which that municipality was advised to accommodate the

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Acton plaza blocked merchants oppose plan

Opposition by downtown Acton merchants and a negative assessment by municipal staff has prompted the town planning board to reject a proposal for the construction of a major shopping centre on Acton's eastern boundary.

Henry Joseph and Ann Jarvis of A.E. LePage Ltd., a consulting firm hired by the

shopping centre, Landawn Shopping Centres Ltd., provided the board last Tuesday with the results of a comprehensive commercial survey of Acton shopping facilities that supported the company's application for official plan and zoning bylaw amendments.

Representatives of Acton's downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) were on hand with conflicting survey results, however, to endorse the town planning department's conclusion that such a major shopping facility on the community's outskirts must be considered "prematuration."

PLANS UNWELLED

Landawn unveiled its plans earlier this year for the 97,950 square foot plaza, for which tentative commitments had been made by the Zehr's supermarket chain and Canadian Tire. The two stores were to have dominated the plaza site,

leaving about 44,000-square feet for as many as ten smaller retail outlets. The overall site had been reduced in size from 14 to 8.7 acres.

The survey completed in early October by A.E. LePage revealed that 84 per cent of the Acton residents polled by consultants favored the construction of a new plaza, citing a lack of choice among existing Acton foodstores as a prime reason. Mr. Joseph further reported that fully half of the dollars spent on food and other goods that are available in Acton instead go outside the community, to Georgetown, Guelph and elsewhere.

Mr. Joseph predicted a dip in sales at existing Acton foodstores during the first few months of operation at the proposed Zehr's outlet. He informed the board, though, that

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TANKER, JEEP COLLIDE

Volunteer firefighters were summoned to the scene of a jeep-tractor trailer collision on Highway 7 at Silver Creek Friday to free the driver of the Canadian Armed Forces jeep whose legs became trapped in the impact. Rescue workers used a towtruck to separate the two vehicles before easing the jeep driver, Christopher Murray, 24, of Etobicoke out of his seat and into a waiting ambulance. Mr. Murray was taken to Georgetown

District Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Toronto Western Hospital. Police report that the driver of the tandem tanker truck, which was empty at the time, Lawrence Rach of Burlington, was attempting to pass the jeep on the downslope when the jeep started to make a left turn. Mr. Murray's injuries were described as serious following the accident.

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