

# Halton Hills mayoralty candidates discuss issues, answer Herald's election campaign questions

This week The Herald supplied both candidates for mayor in Halton Hills with a list of 20 questions relating to the current election campaign. Both incumbent Mayor Tom Hill and challenger Pete Pomeroy were invited to elaborate freely in their replies to the questions.

In their replies, the two men deal with what they consider the major issue facing Halton Hills, the hydro corridor, regional government and many others.

The following are the candidates' verbatim responses to the questions as submitted to The Herald. Neither candidate was aware of the other's response when preparing his answers.

1 - Are you prepared to divulge publicly the sources of your election campaign funds following the election? Tom Hill - Certainly, I am prepared to disclose campaign fund sources, subject to consent from the contributors.

PETE POMEROY - I would be quite prepared to publicly divulge the sources of my campaign funds although no by-law has been passed requiring local candidates to provide this information.

2 - Do you feel municipal councillors are underpaid, overpaid or properly paid for their services? Hill - I believe the Halton Hills mayor and municipal councillors receive remuneration which is adequate and comparable to that received in surrounding municipalities.

POMEROY - Whether or not the Mayor's and Councillor's positions are properly paid depends on how well each particular Mayor or Councillor is doing his or her job and the amount of time they devote to it.

3 - Do you see the mayoralty as a full-time job in Halton Hills? What about regional councillors' jobs? Area councillors? Hill - My experience has shown that the increasing responsibilities and complexities of the position demand a full-time commitment.

POMEROY - The administration of a municipality of the size of Halton Hills with a budget in excess of \$7,000,000.00 can be nothing short of a full-time job for the Mayor.

4 - Do you accept council's present policy of holding its meetings behind closed doors when personnel matters or issues involving ongoing litigation are to be discussed? If not, would you like to see the policy dropped or amended? Hill - My position is, and always has been that council meetings should be completely open to the public. When matters of Town personnel or ongoing litigation are concerned, on the advice of Town solicitors, meetings are held in camera and I see no reason, in these circumstances only, to disregard that advice.

POMEROY - There is no doubt that the confidential nature of some of Council's deliberations require closed door meetings to avoid embarrassment to personnel or prejudice to the Town's position. I would like to see a much more definitive procedural by-law so that the public's right to information is protected.

5 - What do you feel is the single, most important issue facing Halton Hills council during its forthcoming term? Hill - The main issue

is facing the Council of Halton Hills is whether, and if so, on what terms, Focal Properties Ltd. will be allowed to develop its Georgetown property.

POMEROY - There are many important issues to be dealt with by the incoming Council but I think I would have to say that if there is one issue more important than others, it is the course that development of our municipality is going to take in the next few years in the face of increasing outside development pressures.

6 - What do you feel is the single most important issue facing Halton Regional Council during its forthcoming term? Hill - The most important issue facing Halton Regional Council is the solution of the problem relating to garbage disposal in the Region.

POMEROY - Again, it is very difficult to isolate a single Regional issue that is more important than others, but the establishment of proper waste disposal facilities without further delays would have to rank high on any list of priorities.

7 - What is your position concerning the proposal by Focal Properties Ltd. for the residential development of the company's land south of Georgetown? Hill - I have elsewhere in this newspaper indicated my views on the question of the development of the Focal Properties land.

POMEROY - The question in itself is very simple but the answer is far more complex. My position is that we should stop litigation in order to save the expenses and try to reach a negotiated settlement based on a comprehensive study of the Georgetown planning area.

8 - What direction do you feel Georgetown and Acton should move in terms of urban development? What about rural development in Esquesing? Hill - The Planning Department of the Halton Hills Council has drawn up a proposed Official Plan which calls for infilling and controlled development within the Town of Halton Hills. I supported that proposed Official Plan.

POMEROY - I believe that any development that takes place must be compatible with the existing communities and must be based on a proper residential industrial commercial mix.

9 - Would you personally strive to meet the public's long-standing demand for the provision of an urban transit system in Halton Hills and/or Halton region? Hill - I have expressed myself on the library issue elsewhere in this newspaper.

POMEROY - There is an established need for improved library facilities in Georgetown. The Ontario Municipal Board has told us that we must build a facility that we can afford and no further borrowing can take place for this project. I feel that we must make our decision, based on these facts, and that decision should be made quickly.

10 - What would your response be to the need for improved theatre and/or cultural facilities in Halton Hills? Hill - As a result of hard negotiation on my part with the owners of the new Georgetown Plaza, three new movie theatres will be built in Georgetown. If cultural groups approach Council with concrete proposals, including proposed basic funding, Council would be prepared to entertain such proposals.

POMEROY - There is, at present, a feasibility study being conducted by local service clubs looking into the question of location, costs, type of facility, available grants and community service group funding. After the results of this study are known, and the cost to the taxpayer established, Council will make a decision.

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12 - What do you think of the proposal to move ball diamonds at the Georgetown Fairgrounds to the Alcott Arena site and replacing them with soccer pitches? Hill - On the advice of The Halton Hills Recreation Director, the Town recently engaged a consulting firm to prepare a study on parks and recreational facilities. After it receives the findings of this study, the

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## About The Hills

### Correction:

#### Knechtel is 66

Last week The Herald published an article stating ward one area candidate Ross Knechtel is 76 years old. Mr. Knechtel is 66 years old. The Herald regrets the error.

### Grants for cemetery

The Glen Williams cemetery board will be assisted in the reproduction of its pamphlet on the history of the hamlet by a \$163 grant from Wintario. The provincial ministry of culture and recreation announced this week that \$35,823 worth of grants have been allocated to Halton region organizations. The Georgetown District High School Rebels track and field team will be the recipients of a \$200 grant that will help defray the team's transportation costs in attending the forthcoming OFSSA championships in Kingston.

### Emergency volunteers

Successful candidates at the Red Cross Emergency Services Response Course Sat. October 28, 1978 at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph St., Georgetown were: Sophie Eckroth, Geraldine Lewis, Mary Landerkin, Gordon Landerkin, John Bailey, Ken Chappel, Jens Lausten, Ruby Lausten, Gary McFadden, Ron Reynolds, Glen Lee Collier, Barbara Beigman, Theodore Moshach, Bonita Helen Kennedy, Janet Doyle, Karen Pitt, James Colter, Marjorie Bailey.

Instructors: Logan Egerton, Emergency Services Vice Chairman; Tina Yarem, Instructor Ont.; Blanche Goudekelling, Emergency Service Chairman.

### Arena theft

A small quantity of cigarettes valued at \$80 was stolen from the Prospect Park arena during the weekend. Halton Regional police said the arena was illegally entered through a small window on the west side of the arena.

### Cinderella's on the way

Rehearsals are already underway for the Georgetown Little Theatre's Christmas production of Cinderella, starring Debbie Buresh in the title role. The show will be presented at Howard Wrigglesworth public school Dec. 7 through 10 and will feature guest appearances by special characters R2 and D2 (Gerry Eggleton and Little Theatre president John Roe). The show is being produced by End Williams of the Nornic Studio for the performing arts.

All ads placed for the various departments of the Town of Halton Hills will in future be found in one location of this paper. That location will not change from week to week, so if you are looking for a notice re garbage collection, or tenders, or municipal help wanted, you just have to go to the page before classified and real estate. It is hoped that this will improve the readability of such ads as in the past notices were often overlooked when buried with other ads.

### Hospital convention

Mr. A.E. Morris, Administrator, board members, hospital and medical staff from Georgetown 1 District Memorial Hospital will attend the 1978 OHA convention to be held November 6, 7, and 8, at the Sheridan Centre, Toronto. The theme of this year's convention is "Hospitals in Transition" and over 6,000 hospital trustees, staff and medical staff from Ontario's public hospitals and government psychiatric hospitals and from hospitals and health care organizations across Canada and the United States are expected to attend. The convention will include lectures, panel discussions, and a display of modern hospital equipment. OHA's annual meeting and elections will be held on the first day of the convention.

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital is a member of the Ontario Hospital Association, a non-profit organization of Ontario's hospitals, many private institutions and other health care organizations. The annual convention is one of the many education programs, organized by the OHA for hospital staff and trustees, with the aim of maintaining the highest possible standard of health care for the people of Ontario.

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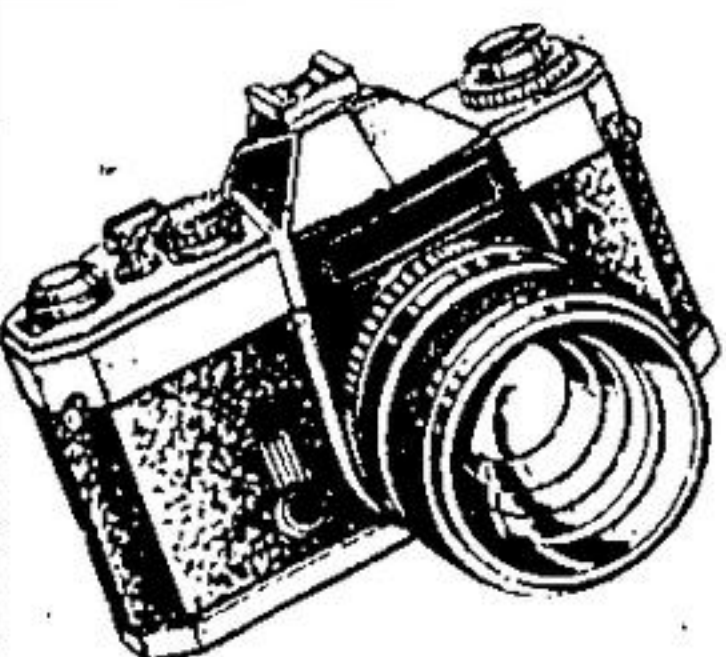
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After hours call 853-1630.

Dr. Leonard Landry is moving to 10 Mountainview Rd. S. Suite 203 Georgetown, Ont. AS OF NOV. 1st 78