

ELECTION CENTRAL

Choices in Wards 3, 4

WARD 3 LOCAL COUNCIL RACE



Akers

Ward 3 local council candidate Jim Akers said recently that a veteran councillor once warned him to steer away from making promises during an election which might prove difficult to keep in the "realities" of council.

But as a team player on council, he wants to help:

- respond to residents questions and concerns quickly;
- in the revitalization of Georgetown's historic downtown core, noting that senior citizens living nearby should have a close place in which to shop;
- deal with road issues which are cropping up in the ward's older areas;
- strive for "fiscal restraint during these hard economical times".



Barrager

Ward 3 local council candidate Dave Barrager told The Herald recently that he's not entirely satisfied the municipality's affairs are being managed properly.

With the business experience he has from operating his own cleaning firm, Mr. Barrager hopes to apply some of that knowledge to helping manage the town.

Mr. Barrager maintains:

- that there are areas in the town's affairs where money is being wasted. The town must be treated by a business corporation and its funds are not drawn from a "bottomless well";
- that something should be done to avoid engineering errors which necessitate additional road reconstruction;
- regional government is likely to be with us for some time; all councillors should try and make it work;
- there have been useful planning studies done and then shelved. Outside bureaucracy is limiting the effectiveness of local planning.



Carney

Halton Hills' ability to grow is being hindered by a large and costly outside bureaucracy, Ward 3 candidate for local council Phil Carney maintains.

If elected, he wants to improve communications between council and public agencies and provincial ministries which are involved with town development.

Because local council's right to set a course for the town's future is being overshadowed by outside interests, he's concerned that the democratic process is being jeopardized. Mr. Carney wants to see:

- Georgetown grow, providing more inexpensive housing for young people and senior citizens; yet he says it's important to preserve the community's unique character;
- the cost of recreation and who's going to pay for it dealt with by council;
- town council give at least moral support to the Georgetown hospital's bid to build new treatment facilities for elderly patients.



Poulstrup

Campaigning in the area of Ward 3 straddled by King and Guelph Streets, local council candidate Finn Poulstrup heard many residents complain about the condition of roads.

Mr. Poulstrup believes that the town needs a proper roads and drainage improvement plan. And if elected to represent Ward 3 residents, he also wants council to:

- end long-term borrowing;
- make the recreation department's user-pay proposal an item which council should deal with immediately, before next summer's sports programs get underway;
- try and maintain the same level of service residents have enjoyed from the town, but keep costs low;
- work closely with police to find ways of curbing vandalism. He suggests that while Georgetown's new station has given the force a stronger presence in Georgetown, foot patrols are also a good idea.



Young

Having talked to many residents since he announced his candidacy several weeks ago for a Ward 3 town council seat, Jim Young says issues have changed since he served on the former town of Georgetown council in the 1960s.

While people seem more interested in council business these days, he noted, it's still important for the councillor to be readily available to answer questions his constituents may have. Some of the things he'd like to see council do in the future:

- re-organize the town's planning board (now made up entirely of town councillors) so that it includes at least five members of the general public not affiliated with the political administration;
- keep tax increases, if any are needed next year, to the six or five per cent guidelines recommended by the federal government;
- ensure that the town's library budget is adequate enough to purchase new reading material for residents.

Council duties

Continued from page A1 reading about them in the newspaper, they're probably not aware of the amount of "homework" councillors wade through each week, at the least the ones concerned with maintaining the trust referred to earlier.

For most of us, the material they read to prepare for meetings is dry as dust and seemingly as unimportant; but in order for decisions to be made soundly or questions raised with a certain amount of authority, councillors must be thoroughly briefed. They review everything from official plan policies and arena lights to what kind of load restrictions should be imposed on traffic travelling along town roads during the spring thaw.

So what do residents owe their councillors? A little respect when calling with complaints, an interest in issues facing council and how the councillor is dealing with those concerns.

Councillors will no doubt agree that interest in municipal affairs shouldn't be limited to tax time and elections.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD



McCauley

Incumbent separate school trustee Irene McCauley wants to continue devoting herself full-time to the educational needs of the town's Catholic children and their families.

Having enrolled in a number of board committees and noting that she has worked with her constituents on board affairs, Mrs. McCauley said she



Simmons

Providing youngsters with a Catholic education in a world becoming even more complex is a goal to which separate school candidate Tom Simmons would commit himself if elected Nov. 8.

Mr. Simmons, a Georgetown resident, described himself at the recent all-candidates meeting as a "salesman for Catholic education"



Wood

As the separate school representative on the Halton Hills Library board, Irene Wood is not unfamiliar with educational issues facing families involved with the Catholic school system.

Now running for the town's Catholic trusteeship, Mrs. Wood wants to work with other trustees after the Nov. 8 election to move the board "towards

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Levy

Council's next term will be very tough, incumbent Ward 4 councillor Harry Levy predicts. And how the town copes in the next three years (fraught with economic hardships) will depend on experienced leadership on town council.

In the future, he says, council will have to interpret the official plan as its used in reference to new development. In addition, he'd like to see annual budget increases kept low, something he has strived for as the town's budget chief for several years.

Coun. Levy also wants to bring back the recreation advisory committee, allowing the public more say in the town's needs.

In his campaign literature, Coun. Levy would like to continue with a roads construction program and promote traffic safety. He says he remains opposed to having existing taxpayers pay costs for new development of residential land.



Serjeantson

Incumbent Ward 4 local councillor Marilyn Serjeantson predicts that one of the toughest jobs municipal reps will have next term will be keeping costs down.

The real trick, she adds, will be cutting costs while providing the town with levels of service to which it has become accustomed. Coun. Serjeantson is seeking her fourth term on council.

People in her ward, she says, have noticed some of the accomplishments the two previous councils have made to the area: the widening of Guelph Street, an improvement in parks and a new cultural centre for the town's use. As the town continues to grow, she wants to:

- see that the lands south of Silver Creek (now included in Georgetown's expanded urban boundary) are developed according to a detailed secondary plan. Costs of that development should not be a burden on existing taxpayers;
- encourage more use of the town's industrial land to build up new bases of assessment and jobs.



Ross

The message Mike Ross is receiving in Ward 4 is that residents want their taxes kept low.

He told The Herald Monday in the midst of his campaign to secure one of the ward's two local council seats that cost-cutting is not an easy task; but he has experience running municipal administrations and believes budgets should be based on a careful review of "essential" and "discretionary" programs.

Mr. Ross is also telling residents:

- that he has an interest in the relationship between volunteers in the community's sports clubs and the recreation department. He feels the rec department should be more responsive to the needs of volunteer administrators running clubs for youngsters' benefits;
- he's keenly interested in planning. As head of a traffic engineering firm in Georgetown, Mr. Ross says he is quite familiar with planning issues facing municipalities.



Clarke

Public school board candidate Richard Clarke is hearing a similar message from many residents he's met while on the campaign trail: People want the board to make the most of resources it already has and they won't tolerate a tax increase as large as the one earlier this year.

There are schools in the region, he says, which are underused because enrollment continues to decline and they should be closed. As Ward 3 and 4's school trustee, he wants to:

- help solve problems teachers perceive in the matching textbooks to curriculum;
- use his financial knowledge to help build a budget palatable to most parents;
- examine ways of making high school students better prepared to face the pressures of holding a job once they graduate. He agrees that employers should provide the board with more feedback about programs which involve students in the workforce.



Fisher

Since incumbent Wards 3 and 4 school trustee Betty Fisher was first elected in 1978, she has worked on the board's special education committee to review computer programming in schools and a number of other education-related agencies.

After last year's school budget was set, Mrs. Fisher joined fellow trustees the late Betty Walker and Acton's Arlene Bruce to explain the hike to the public. During her third term, if elected Monday night, she hopes to:

- emphasize the importance of "basics" in classroom study--reading, writing and mathematics --to ensure that students have mastered them before they graduate from high school;
- have more communication with taxpayers to make the "system more accountable to the people";
- provide a secondary school education which reflects needs in society and to encourage co-op-

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active programs with industry and business;

- keep next year's budget increase, if any, to six per cent or lower.

WARD 3 HYDRO



Tennant

The process that created Halton Hills Hydro is still going on two years later and at least one Commission candidate believes it will take experience to see that the job's finished properly.

Ab Tennant has maintained during his campaign



Fletcher

Ralph Fletcher has spent a good part of his life learning about hydro utilities and he's willing to use his experience as Ward 3's representative on the Halton Hills Hydro Commission.

He told The Herald he is proficient in overhead,



Tretter

Norm Tretter may be a relative newcomer to Georgetown, having moved to Terry Court two years ago, but he understands hydro utilities and wants the public to learn more about them, too.

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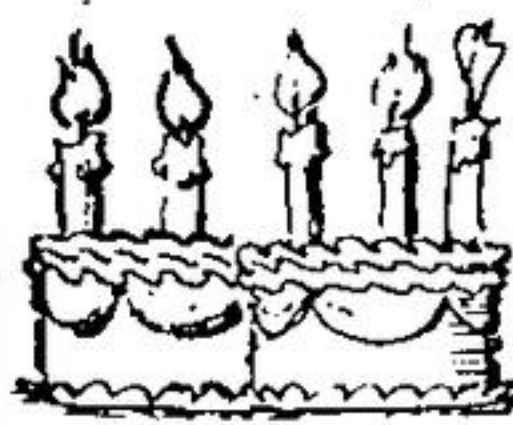
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