

Drop 'in like a lion' approach

Rookie councillors advise candidates

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There's nothing wrong with ambition; but any candidate who thinks that, once elected, he can bring sweeping change to town council is in for a bit of surprise, the town's three first-year councillors agreed.

Polled by The Herald last week, Georgetown Ward 3 councillors Finn Poulstrup and Phil Carney, and Acton's Rick Bonnette said it has taken them between four and six months to feel comfortable with their new political chores.

They mentioned how perspectives can change when a new councillor has to deal with issues directly, and not as a candidate observing from the outside.

"What really impressed me when I got on council was the depth of

knowledge of the people already there," Coun. Poulstrup commented. One of the first things he did was

said, it's advisable for rookie councillors to sit back for a few meetings and find out how things work. As the

decision-makers meant an adjustment in administrative thinking.

"It's sometimes frustrating if you're used to making decisions on your own," Coun. Poulstrup said. "On council, you may feel you're right about something, but you have to convince 12 other people."

Coun. Carney has spent most of his working life in some element of sales or another and carried his enjoyment of working with people to council.

"It's easy to criticize council when you're on the outside," he said. "When you get on, you may find out a lot of things about an issue you weren't aware of and you need to seek the whole picture to make decisions."

Only part of a councillor's time is spent at Monday night general committee or council meetings, he

pointed out. A councillor also has to deal directly with constituent inquiries or complaints.

In addition, Coun. Bonnette later added, there are many sub-committee meetings to attend.

LISTEN WELL

"You have to be patient, listen to the people and get back to them pretty quickly," Coun. Carney said.

Before he ran for election last fall, Coun. Carney was "pretty conversant" with Halton Hills municipal administration.

Once a member of a Georgetown development firm, he was, by his own admission, one of the harshest critics of the administration.

Now, he finds himself praising town staff for "doing a hell of a job often under difficult circumstances."

"Staff are very good. They're most co-operative with new coun-

cillors. I've learned they're doing things the way they have to do them."

While he acknowledges that election promises carry dangers, Coun. Bonnette maintains that a candidate should present his campaign issues to council at some point after he is elected. That way, he said, opinions are shared, and the item may get more attention later.

One rule of thumb to keep in mind, Coun. Bonnette said, is "never to back off on what you believe in." After he was elected, he raised a concern about the safety of 14 swans living around Fairy Lake in Acton.

Unless they were moved to open water, the swans (which can't fly because their wings have been clipped) risked starvation and freezing to death in winter.

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PHIL CARNEY

RICK BONNETTE

FINN POULSTRUP

to get hold of as many studies, going back as far as five to eight years, to better familiarize himself with issues still concerning council today.

There is so much to learn, he

manager of a local real estate firm, Coun. Poulstrup is used to making on-the-spot decisions and having them carried out by his staff.

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President, director meet Kiwanis Club

Chamber wants higher profile

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce has plans to increase its visibility in the community, a move already shown by lobbying laws affecting second hand stores and wrecking yards, says a chamber director.

All-candidates meeting

An eleventh-hour, meet-the-candidates night for Esqueing voters has been organized by the Georgetown and Acton Chambers of Commerce.

Acton Chamber president Steve Dawkins and Georgetown president Dave Kentner confirmed Monday the all candidates meeting will be held Thursday night in the Georgetown Optimist Club Hall on Highway 7.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Esqueing voters will choose from six candidates—Tony Taylor, Jim France, Dollie Moulden, Robert Heaton, Peter Norton and Jake Kulken—when they head to the polls Monday.

If there's one area where candidates agree, it's in urging Esqueing residents to get out and vote—most of the major issues before town council these days originate in the town's rural area.

Meanwhile, 20 people turned up at the advanced poll held Saturday at the town's Trafalgar Road office. The results of that poll won't be known until election night.



In a speech to the Georgetown Kiwanis club during a luncheon last Wednesday, Rick West talked of the chamber's desire to restructure their organization so that each member has a specific job.

Meetings have now changed from a loose three hours into an efficient one and a half hour, says Mr. West.

Chamber president Dave Kentner is a classic example of the change from the old Georgetown to the new Georgetown, Mr. West said.

POLICY STATEMENT

Citing examples such as a policy statement on the municipal complex issue and setting up a committee for the 120th anniversary celebrations in 1984, plus the current colorful business directory, he said they were a small part of what the Chamber does for the town.

Chamber president Dave Kentner, who also spoke to the Kiwanians, stressed the need to restructure the board of directors in order to work more productively.

He would like to see more monitoring of on-going programs such as membership drives, so that day to day work of the chamber would be properly cared for.

Creating an issues directorate helps to increase community awareness of the chamber and issues affecting it, such

as the municipal complex, Mr. Kentner said.

NO RAMBLING

Monthly meetings no longer have rambling reports without a conclusion, says Mr. Kentner. Now each vice-president (Brian MacAdam and Rud Whiting) has one half of the board members answering to him.

During a meeting the vice-president has a half hour to conduct business concerning his directors. When a report is presented there must either be a recommendation, followed by either an approval, amendment or withdrawal, Mr. Kentner said.

Each director has to report at each meeting, which puts pressure on everyone to do a little more work than they might do otherwise, he said.

Rud Whiting supervises the areas of promotions, public relations, civic affairs, issues, education, industrial matters, handled by directors Rick West, Lynn Barnard, Jack Beer, Murray Lawton, Dick Howitt and Brenda Sissett.

Brian MacAdam supervises the areas of social, finance, personnel, facilities and administration handled by directors Ted Gorth, Bill Ward, Walter Dixon, Dave Barrager and Ron Dodokin.

Mr. Kentner sees one

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THE GRRRRREAT BROTHERS

It was a kind of concert you would want to wrap up a week of entertainment at the cultural centre, celebrating its second anniversary. The Good Brothers played for two hours Friday night to a near sell-out crowd, extolling the virtues of life on the road and places and people they've met. Seen here from the seven-time Juno award winning band are (left to right) bassist Michael Love, Larry Good and Brian Good.

(Herald photo by Dave Rowney)

New fencing, 'visibility' controls

Scrap yard rules approved

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A Limehouse wrecking yard may be able to keep its front yard parking area if it erects a four-foot high chain link fence.

It was a concession the town's general committee made a week ago Tuesday night as it reviewed its licensing

regulations for wrecking yards.

Representing Halton Auto Wreckers, Georgetown lawyer David Page said the town's 25-foot set back from the road allowance, coupled with restrictions on off-street parking, prevent Halton Auto Wrecker's Fred Tolten from enjoying full use of the

property.

The bylaw originally restricted offstreet parking to the business hours of wrecking yards.

In a report to committee, bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty said wrecking yard owners said they should be allowed to use space available for parking the same as any other business.

FENCING REDUCED

Fencing will only be required for the front of wrecking yards abut-

ing highways and for part of the sides as well for yards on other arteries.

Those fences must be at least eight feet (and not more than 16 feet) high.

On one side of Mr. Tolten's land the fence is over 16 feet high, but a neighbor asked the committee to make a special consideration for Halton Auto Wreckers.

It means that much less of the dump behind is visible, he pointed

out. At the committee meeting and at council a week later, Mr. Page pressed for a reduction in the distance from which stockpiled cars may not be seen behind the front fence of a wrecking yard.

Cars, he suggested, should not be seen at 33 feet away from the front fence. The draft bylaw suggested a distance of 75 feet and council later approved a 100-foot distance.

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CVCA watershed plan unveiled to public

The nine-volume watershed plan for the Credit River has been released for public review and comment.

Proposed by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the watershed plan spans a five year period to 1988 and proposes to spend \$30.4

million on watershed planning and development.

The plan is currently being reviewed by government agencies and copies can be viewed at central libraries in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Erin and Orangeville or the

CVCA's headquarters in Meadowdale on Mill Street.

The deadline for comments is Oct. 31.

Thirty per cent of the watershed's longterm budget is earmarked for control projects. In a longer, 20-year plan, the CVCA hopes to improve

flood risk conditions in twenty centres, 12 of them in the five-year watershed plan.

The source of the Credit River is about four kilometers northeast of Orangeville and flows southeasterly 88 kilometers to Mississauga.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Charges laid in mishap

A 46-year old Georgetown woman was taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital with minor injuries Oct. 12 at 7:40 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Clare was treated and released for her injuries.

The driver of a GMC pickup was charged with following too closely when he rear-ended a driver on Highway 7 who had stopped for a school bus. There was \$50 damage.

GDMH anniversary

The Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital is holding a special luncheon to commemorate its 25th anniversary. The past presidents' and 25th luncheon will be held Friday, Nov. 4 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. There will be several guest speakers at the luncheon which begins at 12:30 p.m.

The tickets are \$6 each. As part of the anniversary celebrations, there will also be a dinner and dance Dec. 2 at the Holy Cross Church Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 per couple.

Tickets are available in the hospital gift shop, or call 877-4802 for more information and bookings.

Restitution ordered

Convicted of stealing \$18,930 from Acton's Pioneer Petroleum (Central) Ltd. last December, Dennis Devine of Georgetown was sentenced Oct. 11 in county court to six months of jail and ordered to make restitution to the company.

The 30-year old former manager of the gas bar pleaded guilty in September to the theft. He worked five months for the company, since the Acton station was opened in July, 1982.

Mr. Devine was an unsuccessful candidate in the November, 1982 municipal election.

Car stolen

An unlocked 1979 Chrysler was taken from the taxi stand at 98 Mill Street in Georgetown Oct. 12 and recovered the same night with \$2,000 damage done to it near Eighth Line.

Halton regional police said the car was found abandoned on Wildwood Road. The thief had lost control of the vehicle while rounding a right turn and had run off the roadway on the north side, sideswiping a tree.

The suspect then fled the scene of the accident.

No traffic lights

There won't be a full set of traffic lights at the Guelph Street-Delrex Boulevard intersection this year. Town engineer Bob Austin told town council Monday night that traffic counts carried out before and after Guelph Street was widened in 1980-1981 haven't justified the expense of lights. The province won't subsidize the project unless there's a higher count. The town had tentatively placed some funds for lights in this year's budget.

Shop break-in

The superintendent at 112 Mill St. found a thief had broken in through the front door of his residence in Georgetown and made off with \$240 cash and some rent cheques, Friday.

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JOHNNY APPLESEEDS



Wolf cubs invaded Halton Hills Saturday in their annual apple day fund-raising drive. Back at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Rd. S. in Georgetown, cubs helped to pack away the few remaining apples not yet sold. Seen here stacking some delicious 'macs' are (left to right) David Jackman, Mike Delouche and Colin Kay.

(Herald photo)