

Bowman backs controlled growth in bid for second term on Council

Lil Bowman will seek a second term as Ward 4 town councillor in the Nov. 14 municipal elections. Coun. Bowman first took up a position around the council table in 1985. She lives on Eden Place in Georgetown with her husband Jim, and daughters Anne, Heather and Karen.

Before entering politics Coun. Bowman was a special education teacher in Port Elgin, Owen Sound and in the Peel Board of Education.

Coun. Bowman thinks the town might run up a hefty bill fighting the proposed landfill site in the Acton quarry but she would not say where she would draw the line financially.

"I'd have to cross that bridge when I come to it," she said of possible expenditures of more than \$1 million. Both Milton and Burlington have spent that much fighting landfill sites in their areas.

"I'd hope we don't have to spend that kind of money."

She recognized that the town will have to hire an environmental lawyer but what lies ahead in the way of spending is unclear, she said.

Coun. Bowman also wants growth in Halton Hills to be controlled by limiting the number of new units built each year.

While an expanded industrial tax base is needed to help improve services, Coun. Bowman said she doesn't object to letting the industrial corridor on Highway 401 lie dormant for a few years, rather than service it with water from Lake Ontario leaving southern Halton Hills open to pressure from developers.



Lil Bowman

She wants to make sure "not every bit of grass is covered with asphalt and brick."

Coun. Bowman believes affordable housing should be an issue in Halton Hills but not in the municipal arena.

Municipal taxpayers shouldn't foot the bill to build affordable housing, she said.

"I'm not sure that is our mandate."

"I certainly think that this town should have affordable housing for people but I don't understand why the provincial government is leaving it up to the municipalities to make sure developers have the money," she said of a recent proposal by

owners of the co-operative on Caruthers Road to have the town waive lot levies for the development.

Coun. Bowman also favors the current Sunday shopping law.

While the ultimate decision may lie in the hands of the Region, as a town councillor she would oppose wide open Sunday shopping.

"I see no reason for stores to be open on Sundays," she said.

But tourist-oriented operations should continue to be exempt from the Sunday shopping law, she said.

Repairing Halton Hills' crumbling roads are also an issue with Coun. Bowman but more money for road reconstruction isn't likely, she said.

"Every ward has roads that have to be fixed," she said.

"Where do we get all the money to do all the work that has to be done?"

"I think we've tried very hard to get the roads fixed up," she said adding that she would like to see any extra-revenue in town coffers put towards road repairs.



Opening Liberal Headquarters

Joe Kaplan (right), MP for York Centre and former solicitor general, was on hand for the opening of Halton-Peel Liberal candidate Pierre Klein's campaign headquarters on Guelph Street in Georgetown Saturday.

Joining in the official ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Joe Hewitt, Halton-Peel riding association president, Liberal MPP Walt Elliot; Mr. Klein, and Mr. Kaplan. (Herald photo)

Federal candidates hit the campaign trail

All three political candidates in Halton-Peel are on the hustings throughout the riding this week.

New Democrat Fern Wolf will speak to delegates of the Oakville Labor Council Thursday night.

On Friday, Ms. Wolf will be in Georgetown to attend a speech by Lois Gibbs at Georgetown District High School at 8 p.m.

Ms. Gibbs fought the Love Canal project in New York in the 1970s and she will speak about the proposed Acton landfill site in Acton on Friday.

On Saturday night the NDP party will conduct a social evening in Milton with Ontario Federation of Labor president Gord Wilson.

During the day Ms. Wolf will canvass houses throughout the riding.

On Oct. 17, Ms. Wolf has tentatively arranged a meeting with Bolton New Democrats. Tuesday Ms. Wolf will speak with members of the provincial riding association and on Wednesday night she will speak with a group of retirees from Smith and Stone Inc in Georgetown.

Ms. Wolf will also conduct a storytelling session with three to five-year-old children at the Bolton Public Library.

Progressive Conservative Candidate Garth Turner will be canvassing door-to-door in Halton and Caledon on Wednesday and Thursday.

On Thursday External Affairs Minister Joe Clark will be in town to officially launch Mr. Turner's new "Citizen's Guide to Free Trade" at his campaign office at 120 Guelph St. at 2 p.m.

Then, it's back to Bolton to open a new campaign office and more canvassing.

On Thursday night Mr. Turner will debate Housing Minister Charvita Husek on the affordable housing policy of the provincial government in the Crown Room of the Prince Hotel in Toronto at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Turner will accompany Ms. Gibbs on a tour of the Acton quarry on Friday afternoon, then appear at Georgetown high school for Ms. Gibbs' address.

Mr. Turner has tentative plans to canvass door-to-door in Georgetown

on the weekend. Anyone who wants a copy of Mr. Turner's Citizen's Guide can get one by calling 1-800-265-2993.

Liberal Candidate Pierre Klein will be canvassing the riding today, then attending a Confederation Dinner in Toronto.

He will be canvassing door-to-door in Burlington on Thursday and in Acton all day Friday.

On Saturday, Mr. Klein will make a "whistle stop tour" through Acton,

Limehouse, Glen Williams, Terra Cotta, Chellenham and Norval. Saturday night Mr. Klein will attend a 25th anniversary celebration in Caledon.

Mr. Klein will resume campaigning in Georgetown on Monday winding up with a coffee party at 8 p.m.

He will canvass in Burlington Tuesday with a coffee party in Campbellville at night.

Wednesday morning Mr. Klein will be in Bolton and Caledon East.

Spence joins race for Ward 2 seat

Alf Spence has become the fourth candidate to seek election to one of two councillor's seats for Ward 2 on Halton Hills town council, in the Nov. 14 municipal election.

Mr. Spence joins incumbent Peter Norton, as well as new hopefuls Don McQueen and Robert Heaton in the Ward 2 race.

Born and raised in the municipality, Mr. Spence retired two years ago as an air traffic controller supervisor, after spending 30 years in the field, and feels he has the time to devote to municipal responsibilities.

Mr. Spence and his wife, Gale, have three children, Cheryl, Angela, and Dwight, and operate a 150-acre farm at RR5, Georgetown where they raise thoroughbred horses and Hereford cattle.

Having owned his farm for more than 20 years, Mr. Spence feels the needs of the agricultural community must be addressed. Most notably, he says, the upgrading of arterial, rural roads rates high in priority, and he doesn't feel the agricultural sector has been properly represented.

In reference to the proposed Acton quarry landfill, Mr. Spence says he lines up wholeheartedly against the idea. "The ramifications down the road are too great," he says. "It's like living under the Boulder Dam, and waiting for it to burst."

On the mounting garbage problem, Mr. Spence says it is most important for local council to coordinate with Halton Region to address the problem, and devise a sound recycling program.

The plight of the senior citizens is another area Mr. Spence would like to see addressed properly, and he feels facilities should be made available to them.

Mr. Spence sees another shortfall that he feels hasn't been addressed the way it should be - access for the physically disabled.

Youth concert

Youth For Christ/Hamilton Area and Redeemer College/Student Life will be presenting Kenny Marks and the Remarkables in concert 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, 1988 and special speaker Myles Gentskow from San Diego at Redeemer College located on Highway 53 East of Ancaster Fairgrounds. Tickets are available for \$8 in advance at your local Christian Bookstore or by calling 416 385-5222 or \$10 at the door.

Ballinafad news

By BETTY SOJKA
Ballinafad Correspondent
This past week has been one of the loveliest for vibrant fall colors in the village and surrounding areas. Judging by the traffic, it was apparent that many were enjoying a country drive to view the colorful scenery.

Recently, Jim Bailey was kind enough to install a shelf in the bar at the community center. Being a small community with limited funds, a great majority of the work at the hall has been done strictly on a volunteer basis. All help is welcome and most appreciated.

Another job accomplished at the hall this week was a major clean up of one of the rooms in the basement. Members of the hall board got together on Monday night and cleaned construction debris out of a basement room. The room is slated to be rented for upcoming dog training lessons.

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Alf Spence

"I don't believe this has ever been significantly addressed," he said, "and I believe there are areas where it can be addressed."

Parks and recreation programs must play a meaningful role in the community, according to Mr. Spence. "Costing has to be taken into consideration, and it must be tailored to the community's needs," he says.

Growth of the community must be controlled and meaningful, says Mr. Spence, and be an asset to the municipality.

"We need controlled and thoughtful growth on an assessment base. We have to address the development of industrial lands, including the Highway 401 corridor, in hopes that the area would not become basically a bedroom community."

Mr. Spence is currently a director with the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

He feels his greatest attributes in his bid for a council seat are his understanding of the government structure through his 30 years in government service, his understanding of the agricultural community, and his understanding of economics.

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