

Election endorsements

Excellent forum presented

Dear Sir,
I am writing to express my appreciation to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce for the excellent all-candidates meeting they sponsored on Tuesday evening.

Coun. Sheldon was the first to sound the alarm on this proposal and she has worked diligently, being a tremendous help not only to the citizens group but speaking from the audience at each study group meeting with the proponent.

Haltom Hills is no longer a small town. It stands poised on the threshold, ready to make giant progress into the '90s. I feel confident of her ability to lead us forward so that Haltom Hills will always remain a great place to live and raise a family.

In closing I would like to add I was disappointed to see the councillors in Wards 1 and 4 were all acclaimed, as well as many hydro commissioners, regional councillors and school trustees. A good invigorating all-candidates meeting not only keeps our elected members on their toes but also gives the public, whom they represent, a chance to judge their performance.

Thank you,
Marjorie Kirkwood,
Acton

An innovative leader

Dear Sir,
I have observed Pam Sheldon at council meetings, at the pre-submission consultation meetings of the Haltom Hills quarry/dump proponent and at the all-candidates meeting. There is no doubt in my mind that if I was hiring an in-

dividual to do the job of Mayor as to whom my choice would be that individual would be Pam Sheldon an innovative and visionary leader for today and the future.

Sincerely,
RD Masters,
Acton

Capable and committed

Dear Sir,
I read with interest your article re Bill Robson "joins region race". As President of Smith Kline and French in Canada, Mr. Robson was directly responsible for the business decision to move the company and personnel from Montreal to this area of Ontario. I was one of many fortunate enough to come to call Haltom Hills home.

Having worked with Bill over 25 years in administrative and executive positions this leaves me with no doubts as to his capabilities and the commitment he would bring to this Regional position. I would like to recognize Bill's public spirit in submitting himself as a candidate.

Sincerely,
Ross Bethel,
Georgetown

100 per cent dedication

Dear Sir,
In your Oct. 5, 1988 edition of the Herald, I was pleased to learn that Bill Robson was running in the upcoming Regional election as a candidate in Ward 2.

He was dedicated one hundred per cent to all challenges. Because of the nature of the pharmaceutical industry, Bill has a great deal of experience in dealing with all levels of government.

His experience and commitment would make him a valuable addition to our Regional council.

Yours sincerely,
Ernie W. Dawson,
Georgetown

Vocal and forthright

Dear Sir,
Bill Robson demonstrated at the All Candidates meeting Tuesday, Oct. 25 that he is vocal and forthright. His comments showed that he will brook no nonsense when faced with the tough political issues

ahead. We are fortunate to have someone with his background and experience running as regional councillor in Ward 2.

Sincerely,
RD Masters,
Acton

Outdoor policy not what was hoped for

Despite an outcry from some trustees, The Haltom Board of Education voted to approve what has been called "a watered-down" version of an outdoor education policy.

"We're getting our foot in the door, (but) I'm concerned that the step is too small," said Acton Trustee Arlene Bruce.

Burlington Trustee Peter Abbott said the Board's recommendation, which will not impose outdoor education on schools but will recommend it, is "barely recognizable" from the Board's original proposal. "What we have here is a very, very watered-down version," he told Board members Thursday night.

But Trustee Bruce's main concern is that the Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board will soon negotiate for exclusive use of Scotsdale Farm near Ballinacud. She said the Peel Board's proposal calls for "immediate action" on the part of the Haltom public board.

"I'm asking the Board to take a great leap of faith. I beg you to consider the implications," said Trustee Bruce, referring to the Board recommendation that no leasing or

purchasing of land take place for the outdoor program.

"We do not have any access in the north for outdoor education," she said.

A proposal made by Trustee Bruce to waive the Board rules and pass a recommendation allowing the Board to immediately negotiate for recreational space was rejected by trustees.

But Georgetown Trustee Dick Howitt said he was "pleased" with the Board's recommendation, a recommendation that says that outdoor education will be "encouraged" but not "mandated." A board report also states that no permanent consulting staff or certification staff will be hired.

"It will be left up to the initiative of principals and teachers in individual schools," said Milton Trustee Bob Clarke.

The Board will begin an outdoor education program in the latter half of this school year (1989) spending \$4,500 in 1990 and 1991 projected costs will be \$6,000 per year.

The Outdoor Education program will be up for review in March, 1991.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Seniors' support growing

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following information was submitted to the Herald for publication, in regard to the work towards implementing a seniors centre.

Friends,
Our Oct. 25 meeting was a success with approximately 100 people in attendance.
Great enthusiasm was

everywhere. Our next step is to set up our steering committee.

A meeting was agreed upon for Nov. 9, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown.

Please keep this support growing! We need more help, people, talent and ideas.
We all stand to gain.

Sincerely,
Lew Ward

Remarks are derogatory

Dear Sir,

I could not believe what I read in your October 26 issue, re: "Sparks Fly Between Candidates." I am appalled at Councillor Pam Sheldon's presumptuous statements.

First of all, we (the public) do not know what the "Good Roads" convention is all about. It is Coun. Sheldon's opinion and only her opinion that the convention is nothing more than a social affair. I'm sure Mr. Ed Fulton (Transport Minister) and every other minister or community ambassador would certainly disagree.

Secondly, to suggest that the con-

vention is nothing more than a "drunk" in the same breath as Mr. Miller's name is a lowly attempt of defamation. Her remarks toward the Ministry of Transportation's convention are derogatory to any and all who attend this political function. Why then, did Pam Sheldon also attend this convention on more than one occasion?

I ask you, is this the type of leadership, professionalism and representation we can expect, should Pam Sheldon be elected mayor? I only hope we never have to find out.

Bill Taylor,
Georgetown

African exchange program gets underway

A total of 21 municipal representatives from across Canada commenced consultative meetings in Nairobi last week with municipal counterparts from across sub-Saharan Africa, inaugurating the project Africa 2000: The Municipal Response.

Discussions are focussed on finding new ways for Canadian and African communities to carry out exchanges of municipal professionals and deliver much needed assistance to African municipalities.

Funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and managed by the International Office of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), this project is intended to assist African cities in municipal management.

FCM Second Vice-President Councillor Ray O'Neill of St. John's, Newfoundland, welcomed the Canadian and African municipal delegates to the Nairobi meetings. Coun. O'Neill said, "This project begins a new era in understanding for many Cana-

dians. As we learn about Africa, and share our municipal experience and expertise with our African counterparts, we'll also be seeing our own problems in Canada with a new perspective. This is another pioneering experience for Canadian municipalities."

The Canadian cities represented at these meetings are St. John's Nfld., Edmundston N.B., The Regional Municipality of Halton, Ont., St. Albert Alta., Saanich BC, Kamloops BC, and Duncan BC. Each community has designated an elected representative, a municipal administrator and a community representative to attend. Proposals will be developed during a two-week period for a series of professional exchanges as well as small capital assistance and the delivery of community based aid to the African municipalities. The project is at no cost to Canadian communities, requiring only municipal professional time.

The African municipalities participating include: Accra and Tema, Ghana; Garoua, Cameroon; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Gaborone, Botswana; Zomba, Malawi; Lusaka, Zambia; and Meru, Kenya.

A group of Quebec communities is planning to travel to Africa in early 1989, as part of this project.

FCM's International Program also includes CIDA funded development assistance through the Municipal Professional Exchange and the Chinese Open Cities Projects. These projects have involved a large number of Canadian local governments over the past two years.

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