

The most important town aspect that must be improved



Alf Spence

"The availability of water as a commodity. Water is the singularly most important commodity in the municipality."

Tom Politi

"The main thing that has to be improved in the Town is communication between Council and the public at large, whether it be an individual or a group. I think it could be vastly improved."

Al Cook

"The single most important aspect of the Town that must be improved is that of establishing a senior's centre. Right now we don't provide anything for the social, cultural and recreational needs of this segment of the population. We are all going to be seniors someday whether we like it or not."

"Statistics show that such a facility is needed in our community. It doesn't have to impact our taxes. Property that is surplus to the Town could be sold. This money along with provincial funding could then be used to establish such a centre."

"The need is there."



Gail Rutherford

"Development is the most important issue this new Council will have to deal with. It will have an impact on all members of our community from babies to seniors. It will influence taxes, our water supply, our environment, how businesses succeed or fail, and the very character of our community."

"The process needs to be revitalized and revamped so that people have more effective input and therefore some control over their neighborhoods and lifestyles. They don't want to become another Brampton."

"If public and environmental concerns were put first in the process, delays and added expenses would be avoided and developers could proceed with confidence."



Rob Heaton

"The main aspect of the town that needs to be improved is the quality of service to the public."

"Most Ward 2 people are critical of Town staff appearing to just pay lip service in answering the public's questions and not the value of questions which could lead to changes to the administration of the Town."

Peter Norton

"Looking after our environment is the single most important aspect of Halton Hills that must be improved."

"Without an adequate supply of clean water the town cannot attract industry, which would reduce the tax load on homeowners and provide more jobs. New affordable housing would not be possible. Moreover we would not be able to build a seniors' centre or extend our recreational facilities for our children."

"To ensure a clean water supply we must continue strong opposition to the proposed RSI, Esqueping landfill site."

"Council and citizens alike must work together! Our children are counting on us."

Ron Chatten

"I would like to see the newly elected council spend considerable time deciding what Halton Hills will be like in the year 2000. Using the feedback received these past few weeks, the reports available let council set priorities for the next three years."

"Communicating this direction and these priorities to ratepayers is crucial. Ratepayers elect representatives to listen to their concerns, receive feedback and make decisions. Too often consultants' reports, I feel, are not necessary. The majority of decisions should be made using staff, council, and community knowledge. Working cooperatively within time frames, all groups understand perhaps we can make the whole process more positive and less adversarial. And in the end everyone in Halton Hills benefits."

Grant Emerson

"What we need to do is attract industry. If we can get industry here we can stop increasing everybody's taxes. This is turning into a bedroom community."

Gerald Rennie

"For the community of Acton; confirmation by the Region of Halton and the Ministry of Natural Resources that Acton has sufficient water supply to enable the large projected developments to proceed. Actonians have been waiting for this for years and that confirmation is almost upon us. The larger projected population will ensure the viability for the downtown core and more market services in the area without diminishing the quiet community life that Acton now enjoys."

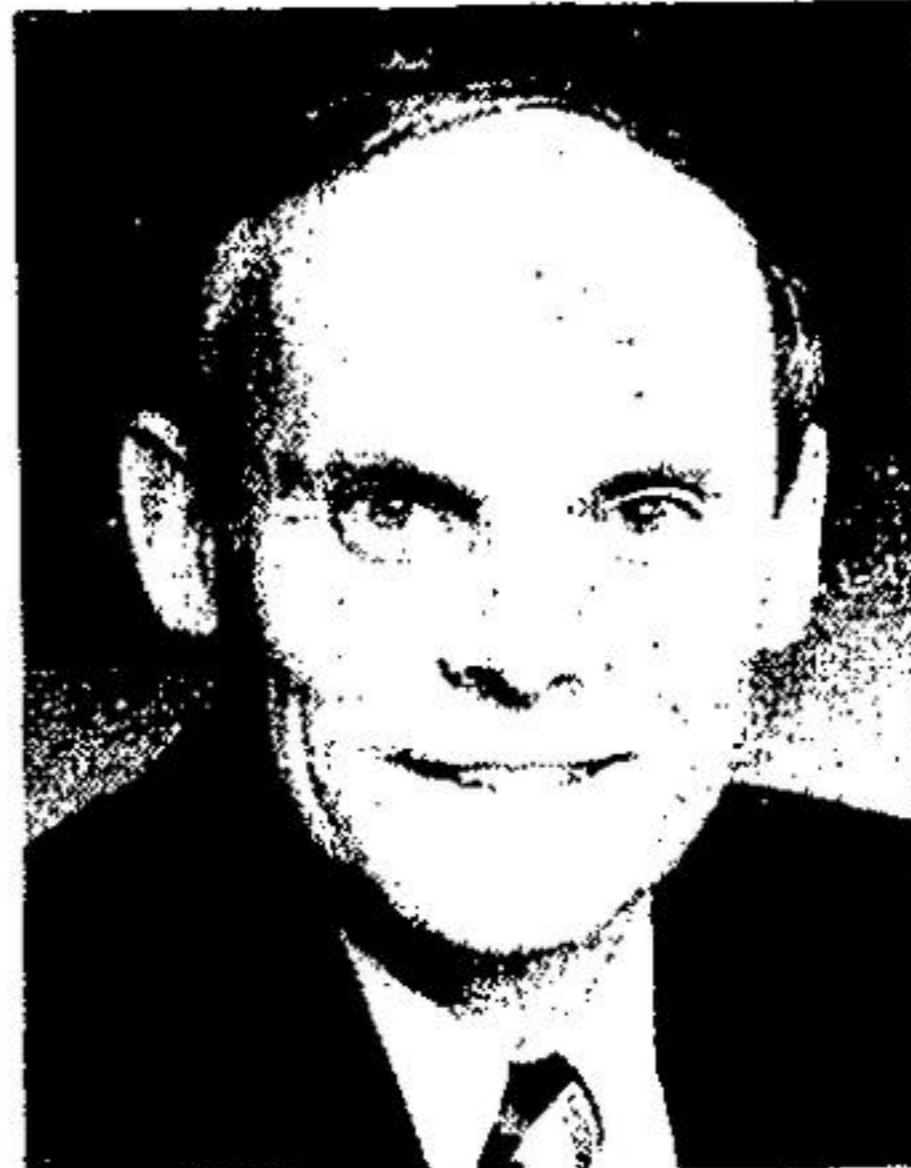
"For the whole Town of Halton Hills, a greater sense among the whole citizenry of living in ONE Town, Halton Hills, which means seeking to live in harmony with an appreciation for one another, and accepting the individual differences which make us unique while working together for the common good of the whole community."

"We can achieve this by:

(a) by accepting that there must be a balance between individual rights and community needs.

(b) by building an even higher level of trust between the residents and the Council.

(c) by electing a Council whose members speak for the whole of Halton Hills and not simply for single-issue pressure groups."



Rob Barlow

"Halton Hills is a community where the people is involved. We take pride in how much we care about our neighborhoods. As mayor I would encourage public input in the decision making process. The people have a right to be informed about Town Council business and they should expect public meetings be held when convenient to them-not the politicians. The future of our Town is in our hands-what is needed is the leadership to protect, and determination to fight for, the right to decide what we want our community to be."

ANNE CURRIE

"I think the most needed improvement is lessening the feeling of uneasiness that seems to prevail among many citizens at this time. In existing neighborhoods, a fear of change seems to exist and the very word development creates controversy. Development or redevelopment that does not threaten the environment must be a given. But development which will not disrupt nor overweigh the neighborhood must be given equal weight in importance, in reassuring residents. The town must allow for a wider range of housing but in-

der to dissipate the fear of change, people must know where and what kinds of changes may occur. The Urban Area Study now being undertaken with the help of 30 local residents will set guidelines where apartments and townhouses are most likely to be located. Some areas are just not appropriate for high rise apartments but many are suitable, including abandoned industrial sites: When people understand what is going on and the process involved, suspicion lessens and the feeling of uneasiness is lifted. A return of the feeling of pride in the community and a boosting of hometown spirit may increase. A further boost in pride in the community will be the improvement along Highway 7, particularly where no landscaping was required when it was built. Examples of landscaping improvement in other areas show what can be done."



Russ Miller

"You really can't single out one most important issue; every issue is important."

"Taxes are an important issue in this election. People are being overtaxed but people must relate that with services provided. Without taxes we can't have services."

"I will always listened to the public with respect to services provided in relation to whether they want taxes to increase, taxes to remain stationary or taxes to decrease. But in many cases people want taxes reduced and services increased."

"So we have to make a responsible decision: to meet the needs of every individual which is almost an impossibility. But I feel we (Council) have had responsible budgets to meet the needs of the public."

"Having said that, the environment is probably the most important issue which includes the Acton landfill proposal and I feel my 15 years experience with the Conservation Authority and my long residency in Town gives me the experience to stop the dump."

Claude Morrissette

"We should try and improve the level of employment. To increase employment you have to bring in industry. You must advertise the Town to let industry know we exist."

Norm Elliott

"The single most important aspect of the Town that needs to be improved is the way in which Council interacts with the public."

"It is absolutely crucial that there be a return to reasonableness for want of a better word, in the manner that discourse occurs between our citizens and the people they elect to represent them."



Norm Elliott

"Council must take the lead role in initiating a less confrontational process. This may be partly achieved through better education to ensure the public understands the process and the often obscure constraints that municipal government works under. It also requires that Council adopt a less defensive stance when criticized by citizens."

"The other side of the equation is that the public must be prepared to accept some decisions of Council without condemning the decision makers."

"Councillors are also citizens and taxpayers. Any changes to facilitate reasonable dialogue between them and the public are to be encouraged."



Kathy Gastle

"Taxes. The public is paying \$13 million a day on our federal debt. The provincial debt isn't any better. And the municipality has been spending more than it has been collecting."

"Georgetown has been studied to death. Consultants are getting rich with our taxpaying dollar. We need sensible budgeting. I think we need to focus on the needs of the community from the public's point of view. The homeowners have been carrying too much of the tax load. We have a ratio of 21 per cent commercial and 78 per cent residential. Therefore Halton Hills needs to double its tax base through industrial and commercial development."

"We have 40 acres of serviced industrial parkland so Georgetown needs to have a committee of experienced people who can recruit prestige industry; and commercial development to reduce the tax burden on the public."



HALTON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presents:

MEET THE CANDIDATES

November 4, 1991 - 7:00 P.M.

Acton High School
Wards 1 & 2 (only) &
Mayoralty Candidates

November 6, 1991 - 7:00 P.M.

Georgetown District High School
Wards 3 & 4 (only) &
Mayoralty Candidates

Candidates will deliver a prepared speech followed by questions from the public.