Tame candidates face the voters

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Unlike previous all-candidate meetings during this municipal election campaign, Tuesday's meeting for Wards 1 and 2 at Acton High School could best be described as tame.

Given the relatively few questions asked by the audience of approximately 200 during the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce-sponsored meeting, audience members were there more to listen to the candidates, than challenge them.

However, some questions were asked that received applause from the audience and put the candidates on the hot seat.

Ward 2 resident Alex McKee asked Mayoralty candidates, Rob Barlow and Russ Miller whether they would help initiate a non-biased committee to look into the feasibility of dismantling Regional government?

Mr. McKee acknowledged the question may be unfair since it is akin to asking whether the two would build their own coffin.

Both candidates agreed Halton Hills residents are over taxed and the suggestion was a good one.

They assured Mr. McKee they would establish the appropriate committee as soon as possible, if elected.

"I first got elected to Regional government because I opposed it,"

Candidate withdraws

Len Medland, a candidate for Halton Hills Hydro Commissioner in Ward 2, has withdrawn from the Nov. 12 municipal election.

Mr. Medland contacted the Herald Monday, explaining he has withdrawn from the election because of an illness in the family.

"I feel I couldn't properly represent the constituents at this time," he said.

"I apologize to the ratepayers," added Mr. Medland.

Mr. Medland's withdrawal leaves Hydro Commissioner candidates Murt Allison and Sebastian Rinder running in Ward 2. said Mr. Miller.

Challenged by Heather Croft, a resident of Willow Park in Norval, to state how each would help the mobile home park residents relocate once they are evicted from the property, Mr. Miller said adamantly, "as far as I am concerned you should be paid off with taxpayers money."

Mr. Barlow was less direct in his response, saying, "I would do whatever we could do to help you relocate."

On the issue of the expected expansion of the United Aggregates quarry south of Sideroad 22, Mr. Barlow said he opposes the expansion, but provided no solution on how the expansion could be stopped. He acknowledged the quarry company has a licence to expand the quarry operation.

Mr. Barlow continued by saying, if the wells of neighboring residents went dry because of the expansion, those residents should be compensated.

Mr. Miller said he supports the quarry expansion because the quarry is a major source of employment.

"I believe the quarry can be expanded while protecting the wetlands in the area." He didn't elaborate.

Not surprisingly, they both spoke out against the Acton dump proposal.

Mr. Miller advocated the Town continue to pressure the provincial government to kill the dump proposal and prevent it from going through an expensive Environmental Assessment hearing.

Mr.Barlow countered by saying he is concerned with the Town depending on provincial government to stop the dump proposal. He said the Town should challenge the issue through the courts.

Regional and Town Councillor candidates for Wards 1 were all asked to state their position on the possibility of a new arena in Acton.

Regional councillor candidate for Ward 1 Rick Bonnette said he supports the Town applying for provincial grant money next year so construction on a new arena could be started in 1993.

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Poppy week kick-off

Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, Poppy Chairperson, Marion Carney, is pictured above pinning a poppy on Legion member Gilbert English to kick-off Poppy Week in Halton Hills -Nov. 1 to Nov. 11. Legion member Orval Paul,

Assistant Poppy Chairman, is also pictured above. Branch 120 members will be selling poppies at various locations throughout the Town during poppy week. (Herald Photo)

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Young heroine

Halton Hills firefighters and police say the quick action of a Georgetown girl was instrumental in saving a life and property when she led firefighters to a house fire near Clayhill Rd. in Georgetown Friday night.

The girl, 11-year-old Anne Beaver of Georgetown, heard a smoke alarm sounding from one of her neighbors' houses and flagged down firetrucks which were in the area looking but unable to find the home in the thick fog.

Firefighters had been alerted there was a house fire when they received a call from an occupant who only managed to tell firefighters the house was approximately two miles north of Glen Williams on the east side of the road before phone contact was lost.

"We headed out even though we didn't have the exact location but it was too foggy to see anything," said John Martin, a fire prevention officer with the Halton Hills Fire Department.

"We could smell the smoke but we all thought it was coming from a wood stove."

At the same time, Miss Beaver noticed the smell and the searching fire trucks and went outside to investigate when she heard the smoke alarm and took action.

Firefighters soon began fighting the fire and administering first aid to a victim who was found lying outside the house. The victim was taken away by ambulance.

A hole was cut in the roof of the home to help firefighters reach the blaze which had started in the kitchen after combustible liquid (believed to be oil) ignited on the stove. The fire had spread to the second story of the home.

The fire was put out but damage is estimated at \$60,000.

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