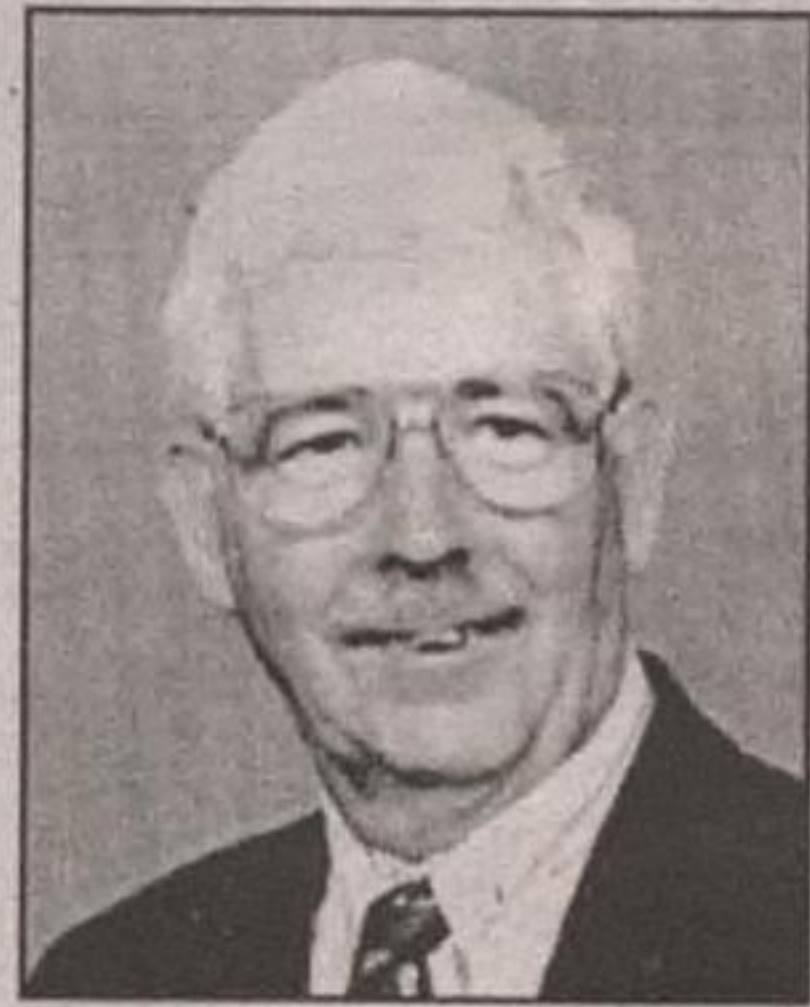


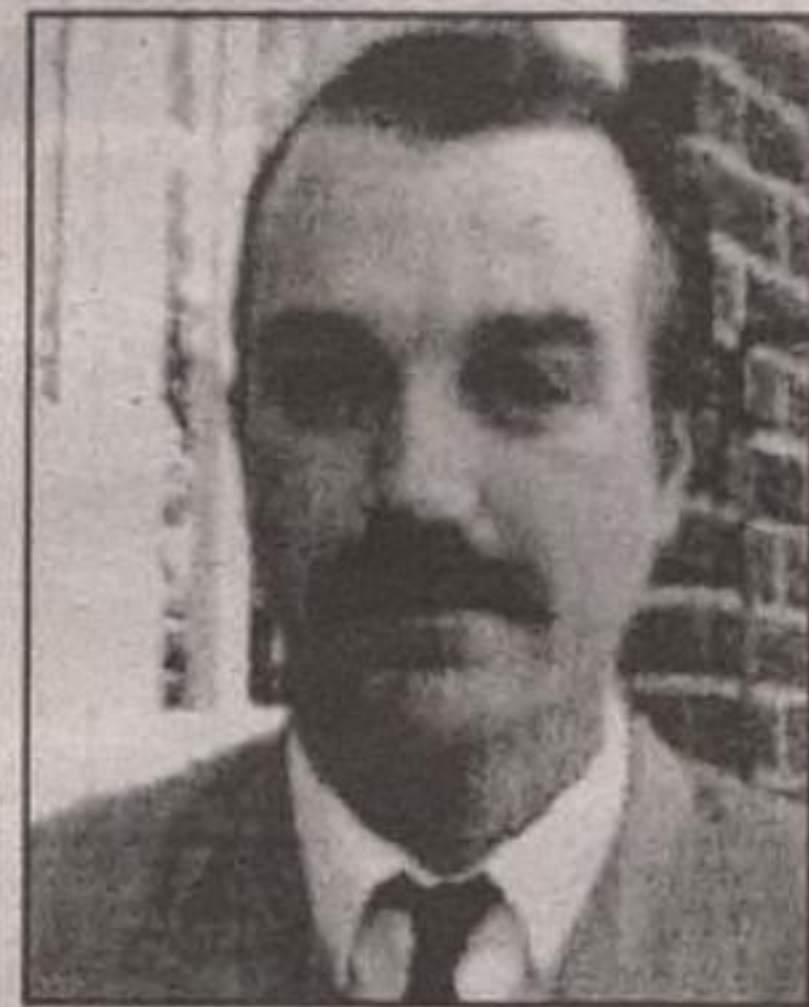
HALTON HILLS WARD 1 Candidates answer questions



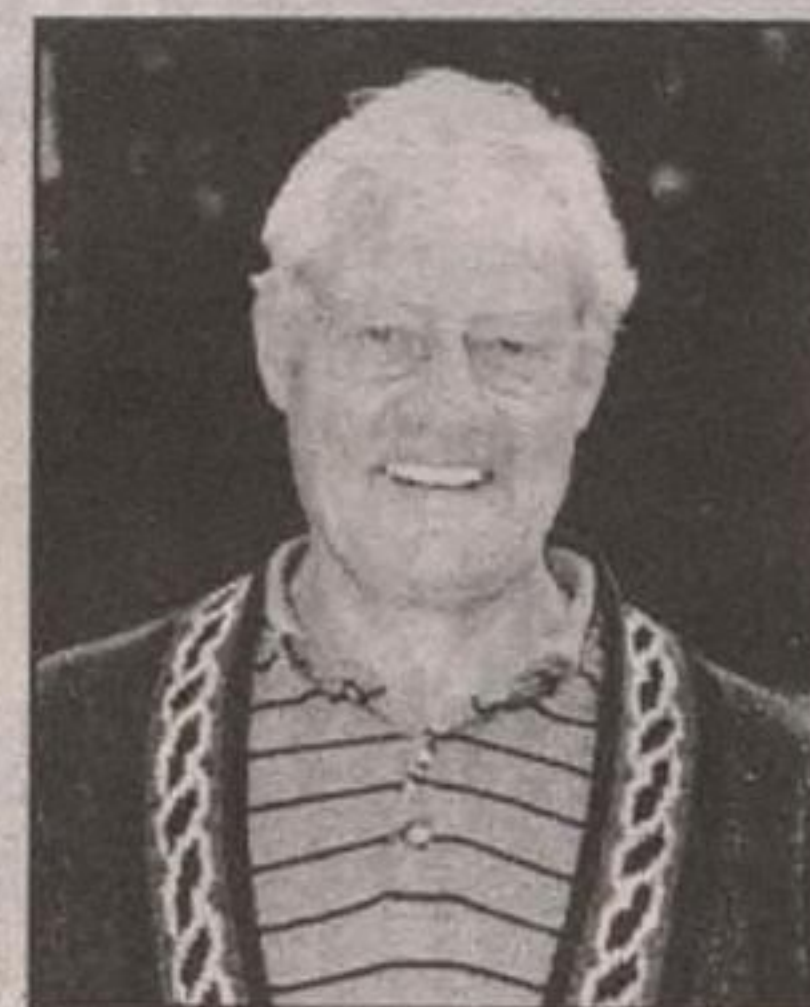
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<p>1: What do you see as your role in revitalizing Acton? What is your vision for the Town and how will you make it a reality?</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS</p>	<p>Plans for new home development should be approved. Industries and business should be attracted to Acton, and existing business should be given support to create new jobs. The resurfacing of several roads in Acton – Brock, Victoria and John Street – should be completed.</p>	<p>My vision is a safe and prosperous (sic) community. My role is a liason (sic) between the people and the politicians. Revitalization is contingent on reserves. As Acton grows, we must examine water availability. Close communication and continued partnership with developers and fair tax contributions are critical.</p>	<p>When we have a clean downtown, meaning no garbage, store fronts appealing, no more loitering, no more littering, everything will happen. People will want to shop. As it is now, people have to walk around and perhaps even cross the street to avoid the scenery. I will continue to work hard to help make this happen.</p>	<p>My role is to continue to work with the B.I.A., The Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Officer to attract businesses into Acton. We need some residential growth to allow Acton the critical mass it needs to attract a balance of healthy businesses. I will work with the Developers and the Region to ensure the upgrades to the Sewage treatment plant and well are done.</p>
<p>2: Vandalism and petty mischief continue to plague the downtown core – increased police presence appears to help. Are you willing to hire additional officers?</p>		<p>No. We should send a letter home to parents telling them they will be held accountable for any damage, and will be required to pay for any repairs due to damage caused by their children. We should hold scheduled meetings at schools between students and police, having police explain the cost and repercussions of vandalism.</p>	<p>Money spent on additional police presence will not only create a safer town, but will encourage residents to speak out about vandalism, violence and petty mischief. It's time to stop the destruction. A stronger police presence is needed.</p>	<p>First and foremost, additional staff may not be necessary. Let's try and work with the present staff. However, if it is mostly unfair to the present population to be disrupted during the night, as is the case very often. If the need is to hire, I will support that.</p>	<p>Yes, I assisted the Acton B.I.A. in bringing the Police Chief here to hear our concerns and to do an analysis of the Downtown area. We also must educate people so they know what the cost of the vandalism is. Citizens must report all acts to the Police as it assists in increasing coverage and enforcement.</p>
<p>3: The retirement of veteran councillor Norm Elliott makes it vitally important that Acton has a strong voice at the council table. What skills and talents will you bring to the debate for Acton voters?</p>		<p>The nine years I spent on the Halton Hills Hydro commission give me a strong voice for the people of Acton. I've been in public service with hydro for over 50 years, helping get results. My only promise is to give 100 per cent of myself to try to get all things that concern Acton citizens heard and resolved.</p>	<p>I am a diligent, determined crusader who speaks out for the rights of the hard-working, taxpaying person. I have made it my personal responsibility to make Acton a safe community. I'm prepared to do that at the municipal level, where I can voice the concerns of the people. I am a man of action.</p>	<p>My experience on Halton Hills Council, Regional council, school board, Chamber of Commerce, and my concern for the community will be my skill, for the Acton voters.</p>	<p>I have always been a strong Voice for Acton and will continue to do so. I will continue to fight for the best interests of all Acton Residents. It is important to have continuity and experience at the Council Chambers and knowledge of the issues.</p>
<p>4: Would you support a tax increase to offset projected cost overruns for Georgetown recreational facilities. Why? Why not?</p>		<p>No. I would not support a tax increase to offset the overrun cost for the new recreational facilities in Georgetown. I believe money would be better spent to come up with local recreational activities for our youth.</p>	<p>No. Why was the Acton arena not properly twinned, with two full ice surfaces in the first place? The price today compared to yesterday should have been foreseen (sic). Why must the taxpayers suffer the consequences of poor, misguided leadership? Did we receive adequate consultation for monies spent? Debenturing over a longer period of time or finding, raising, more funds would be a more sane approach.</p>	<p>If Ward 3 and 4 will pick up the tax increase, I will have no problem with that.</p>	<p>No, not a dedicated tax increases. Without the Arena project pressure will increase for ice time at all of the arenas. All Capital projects (ie. Acton Arena) done are spread across the whole tax base and are open to all residents.</p>
<p>5: Closing comment.</p>		<p>I would appreciate your vote on November 12th and look forward to working with the citizens of Acton. Acton is a great place for our families to live. Thanks for your time.</p>	<p>Vote Stephen Grasby for responsible government. Your voice should be heard.</p>	<p>People will have to be informed again and again that bylaws in place must be enforced, which begins at home. Help make this happen. Vote Jake on November 13.</p>	<p>With an expected amalgamation debate it is imperative to maintain experienced Councillors who know the issues. It has been an honour to serve as your Councillor for this past term.</p>