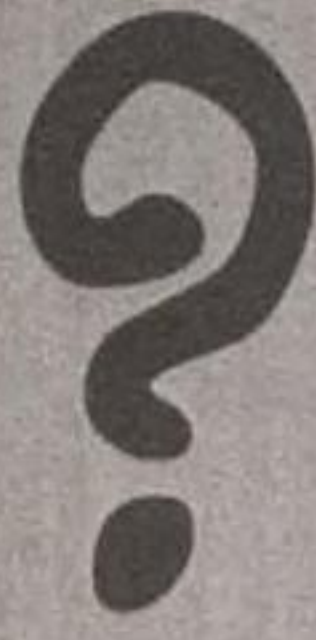

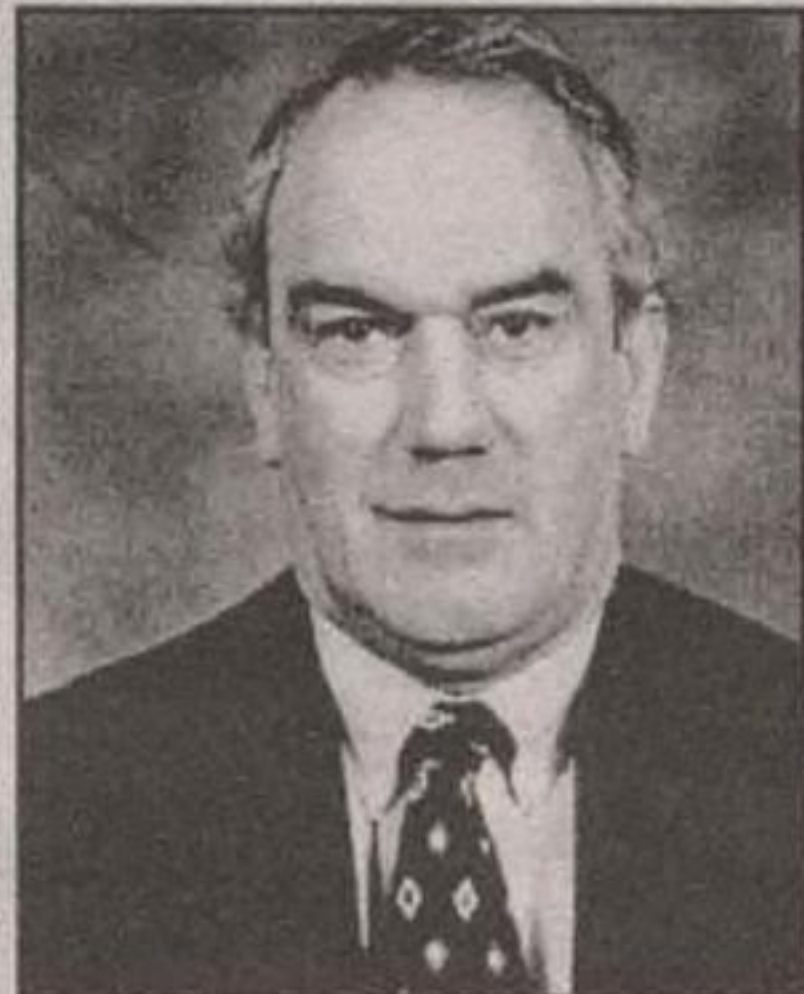





HALTON HILLS WARD 2

WARD 1 & 2

Regional

candidates answer questions

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| 1: Faced with the threat of GTA urban sprawl, how will you protect ward Two's prime agricultural land and rural character from development? | <p>In our review of the Official Plan and hamlet secondary plans, it's imperative we consult the public and developers so appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board are minimized. My position as chairman of the Glen Williams Secondary Plan gives me a key role of ensuring everyone's voice is heard.</p> | <p>The Town of Halton Hills MUST deliver a strong message to the neighbouring communities that we are determined to hold onto our agricultural land. There are current "new residents" who have purchased farmland to use, as a place to dump waste materials and soil, not permitted in neighbouring communities. This is NOT right.</p> | <p>A strong Official Plan and willingness on the part of Council-to enforce it would be a strong deterrent to urban sprawl. A recent Region report states the projected population for Halton Hills can be accommodated within the current urban designation; this would eliminate the need to extend urban sprawl into agricultural land.</p> | <p>The best way to protect against urban sprawl is to have a strong Official Plan that won't be challenged at the Ontario Municipal Board. Agricultural land must be protected as 30 per cent of farms have disappeared in the last 15 years. Public input is paramount in the Town Official Plan review.</p> | <p>Halton Hills must be proactive if we are to protect what agricultural land and rural character we have left. Council needs new bylaws that will discourage further development in these areas. All levels of government must seek funding to purchase agricultural lands so farmers don't lose their possible retirement fund when they want to sell their land.</p> |
| 2: Rural ratepayers regularly complain about the poor condition of rural roads and the volume and type of heavy traffic - especially gravel trucks - which use them. How would you deal with the issue? | <p>Creating key contacts with the aggregate industry made dealing with speeding trucks/ unsafe loads easier and my continual fight at budget talks to direct our fair share of money into road improvement has made our rural roads safe. By designating truck routes, we'll be better able to keep track of the trucks on our roads.</p> | <p>2: Gravel is an industry that affects many regions of Halton. For the most part they are a good corporate partner, employing many residents. There are rules in place to cover the extraction and routes of travel. We MUST police the proper loading and routing of the trucks.</p> | <p>I recommend forming a Strategy Committee comprised of rural residents, Town staff, the police and the trucking companies, to make recommendations on appropriately designated truck routes - long-term solutions that would cut road repair costs.</p> | <p>If the Alcott Arena isn't twinned, pressure will increase on Acton arena ice time. I support twinning Alcott. If the tenders for the Leisure Centre come in way over budget, it may have to be deferred a few years until we can bring in a balanced budget. I will not want to see capital roads projects in Acton or Ward two being deferred to pay for these facilities.</p> | <p>Heavy trucks must be forced to use the most direct (shortest) route to the nearest highway. If there are bylaws in place-enforce them! If not, make them. Any damage done to those short routes must be repaired. The province must replace instead of remove legislation that will heavily fine those who don't comply.</p> |
| 3: What talent and skills will make you an effective strong voice at the council table? How will you be accountable to the voters? | <p>I've demonstrated my strong ability to maintain order and procedure. I've shown I'm able to deal with serious issues at the top level and ensure decisions are made. At general committee, I've demonstrated my abilities to be a team player, an objective listener, a constant advocate and powerful communicator.</p> | <p>I have managed a large staff of employees. I have dealt with people who carry their emotions on their sleeves. Ratepayers' groups from all across Halton Hills should meet with Ward Two Councillors on a regular basis.</p> | <p>As a long-term resident who is no stranger to local government, not only have I appeared before Council with issues that were of concern to me, but I also participated daily in discussions with my husband about his job as a Ward 2 Regional Councillor over a five-year period. I have the energy, interest and communication skills to represent Ward 2. I'm a team player.</p> | <p>I will continue to be positive about our town, we have a lot to offer. Acton needs to attract residential/commercial and industrial growth. Some businesses must take a little bit more pride and pick up litter at their stores. My role will be to work with the developers and the new Economic Development Officer so Acton isn't ignored when attracting new business or industry to Halton Hills.</p> | <p>I feel I have proven my talents and skills over the past 15 years, doing my utmost to be a strong voice for this community as a resident. If elected, nothing changes. With such little representation at the regional level we have no choice but to be a strong voice.</p> |
| 4: How can you help rural residents who are having trouble with the quality or quantity of their water in light of the Walkerton tragedy? | <p>Halton Region must send out water sampling kits to all well users and if they don't, the Town should. Information should be mailed to rural residents on corrective measures to improve water quality.</p> | <p>Water quantity and quality is a genuine concern to all with wells. Farmers' ponds are also affected by the quantity. We must first educate the residents of the value of sourcing, proper testing and subsequent monitoring. The sludge dumping policy of the Region may need addressing; today's solution may create tomorrow's problems.</p> | <p>All rural residents should be proactive and take advantage of informational programs offered by Halton Region. I would also liaise (sic) with the Regional Councillors on individual well owners' problems.</p> | <p>I have 18 years of invaluable experience in local and regional politics that gives me the background to serve you. I have always been a fighter for Acton, (recently I was involved in the Home Hardware application, the proposed sale of the MSB lands) and I will always endeavor to look after Acton's interests.</p> | <p>The province must help our area with the amount of water the quarry operators are permitted to pump from our aquifer each day, only to return it to the streams with poor water quality. The sludging in this area must stop as it contaminates the water supply.</p> |
| 5: Closing comment. | <p>For the past five years, I have listened to the constituents and made the best decisions possible to support their needs. I make decisions based on all the facts and believe safety is a top priority.</p> | <p>The elected representatives of Ward Two, MUST work together for the betterment of Ward Two and Halton Hills as a whole. Ward Two residents, farmers and rural representatives.</p> | <p>I welcome the opportunity to draw on my own resources of honesty, integrity, energy and willingness to listen. I will ALWAYS RETURN ALL CONSTITUENTS' PHONE CALLS!</p> | <p>I believe I have served you well and honestly over the year. I respectfully request your support at election time to enable me to continue dealing with the important challenges which lie ahead.</p> | <p>You must remember when the election is over you settle for nothing less than good representation. After all, you the people are the boss, those elected the employees.</p> |