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A \$5,000 SMILE is beamed by local pilot and airstrip operator Vic Kovachik of Bell School Line, Milton, who with partner Tom Lees of Dundas won first prize in The Great Burlington Centennial Seaplane Race last week. The pair flew into the \$10,000 first prize when they arrived home from the five-day, 2,100-mile trip to Kenora and Ottawa in Tom's two-seater seaplane. Vic, a veteran of 20 years' flying, has never entered a race before.

(Photo by R. Downs)

## "Tenacious" chairman praised

# Arena wins OMB approval plan to start building soon

Milton's second arena moved a step closer Monday as Milton Council, after receiving Ontario Municipal Board approval, engaged A.

## Rabid foxes on rise

There have been at least two cases of rabies reported in this area recently, Halton Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley told the Administration Committee of Halton County Council last week.

He said two farms lost stock to rabid foxes. On one occasion five beef calves were killed on one farm, and a Jersey cow was killed on another farm.

Stanley said he had seen three foxes recently and indicated to the committee that the foxes appeared to be at a peak in their population cycle.

He said it may be necessary to put notices in local papers warning people of the situation and the possible danger.

M. Spriet and Associates to prepare the required plans. Ministry of Education approval had also been received to locate the arena on a high school site at the corner of Main St. and Thompson Rd.

A jubilant chairman of the Arena Board, Bill Rowney predicted construction could start by December 1 if no major obstacles were encountered. It is expected the second arena will be in operation by September 1 next year.

Personal delivery Mr. Rowney personally delivered letters between Ministries Friday to ensure final approvals for the project could be cleared in time to be dealt with at the Monday Council meeting.

He noted the Arena Board had met Sunday to recommend to council the engaging of the firm to prepare plans and call tenders.

"If we're not able to proceed with every stage at the time final tenders come in, I hope we'll be able to obtain finances in the community. I already have a donation of \$500," Rowney reported to council.

The project, estimated at \$400,000 to include refrigeration, construction and

furnishing, will now advance to final plan preparation.

Regional job Mayor B. Best reminded members water and sewer service have not yet been extended to the site although they are planned for next year. He noted, however, that next year such works become a regional responsibility.

Chairman Rowney noted the Board of Education would require the same services,

probably in advance of 1975 completion of the planned school, and he thought they would be available. He noted too that property owners had already signed local improvement petitions for the services.

Preliminary plans for the new arena show an ice surface 85 feet by 190 feet with dressing rooms on one side wall under a seating area. Players and officials will be

located on the opposite side which provides for no seating in the area.

Community room Dressing rooms, storage, office and equipment rooms are located at the front of the arena and along one side.

Over the service corridor at the front of the building is a 45 foot by 95 foot community room with kitchen, wash-room, bar and coat room. The area can be entered by a

separate entrance at the front of the arena and functions could be held in the arena and the community room simultaneously.

A raised seating area, six feet above the ice surface, begins five feet back from the edge of the ice. The area provides accommodation for an estimated 1,170. The concession area or tuck shop is located on one side of the

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## It's 121 years young

# New features for fair

It may be 121 years old this weekend, but Milton Fall Fair is forever changing and there are plenty of new features as well as old on tap for the Friday-Saturday fair.

Directors have spent the past year arranging a fun-filled weekend of competitions, entertainment and fun for fair-goers and they are hoping for a perfect weekend of weather and a large crowd to make the fair another success.

Officials extended a particularly warm invitation to new residents in Milton and area to visit the fair and compete in the many classes. Fall fairs, once primarily oriented toward rural people, have changed over the years and there's as much to see and do for urban people as there is for the farm folk.

Dancers, riders New features of the 1973 fair include a highland dancing exhibition by local

dancers on Friday evening at 7:30 in front of the grandstand, a musical ride featuring horses and riders from the Allan Cutts farm at Palermo, a new dog show competition for children and dozens of new classes and competitions in virtually every section of the fair.

Competitions will be featured in horses, beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, grain, hay vegetables, fruit, domestic

and preserves, women's work, institute work, flowers and plants, arts and crafts, school work, junior exhibits and 4-H club work.

The fair starts Friday with entries placed in the morning and judging underway all afternoon inside the various halls. Friday evening the grounds are open to the public and hall exhibits are on display from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The dancing display is at the grandstand at 7:30 and the Holstein show gets going at 7 p.m. in the cattle rings.

Livestock featured Saturday's program starts at 10 a.m. with the 4-H call club judging. Cattle shows start at noon hour and light and heavy horse classes begin at 12:30 p.m. The official opening by Halton Warden Anne MacArthur and crowning of the fair queen and princess will be held at 1 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

Harness horse races start at 1 p.m. and continue through the afternoon with

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## Roll up a sleeve tomorrow

It's time once again to roll up your sleeve and "give a pint of blood away."

Milton Red Cross has scheduled its second blood clinic of 1973 this Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Legion hall on Charles St. Hours are 2 to 5 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and all new and former donors are urged to attend, to help keep the area blood banks filled.

Clinic organizers report coffee and donuts will be served to all donors and a free babysitting service will be provided for homemakers who can't get away without the children. A record turnout is desired.

## Howlett's recommendation

# Hydro towers would surround Milton

An independent study conducted by Bruce Howlett for the Solandt Commission has determined the preferred route for the 500 KV hydro route from Middleport to Pickering generally runs along the Parkway Belt across the centre of Halton, using Milton as a pivot for two crossings of the Niagara Escarpment.

In a presentation at Queen's Park Thursday morning, Howlett outlined the route for press and municipal representatives. He answered questions about the route which girdles Halton through the Milton area.

He said the Parkway route is the shortest, has a comparatively low environmental impact, has fewer substations than the northerly alternate, is possibly the cheapest in overall cost and conforms to provincial plans for future utility corridors. He also said the route is generally accepted by the public, by several provincial agencies and local governments and by a number of citizens' groups.

Disadvantages of the Parkway for the 610 foot swath of towers include higher costs for "improved appearance" towers, relatively higher costs for land, and the

possibility of delay if the province does not act expeditiously to permit Hydro to buy land in the Belt.

The preferred route is called a "Modified Route Q" and came partly from the suggestion of John Schneider, an industrialist from the

Acton area, who suggested it was superior to any that had been presented at a series of public meetings prior to the one in Acton. It is identical to the route known as "R" which Ontario Hydro rejected, except for the double crossing of the

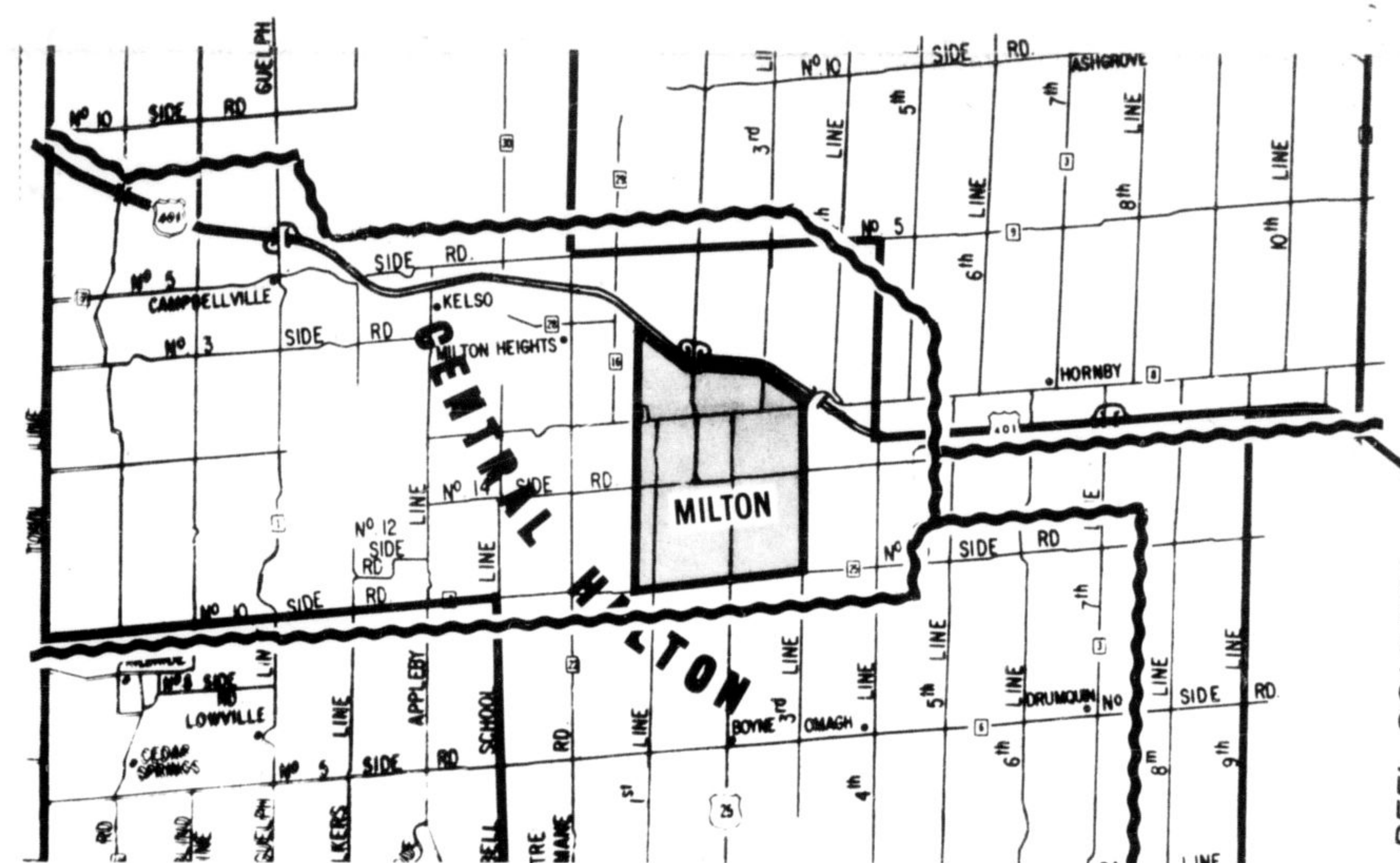
Niagara Escarpment which would occur south of Rattlesnake Point and also at the 401 highway crossing.

The preferred route would cross Halton along 401 highway, jog north of 401 near Milton, angling across the Escarpment on a slope, through a quarry and scattered woodlands which Howlett feels will reduce the visual impact.

Not final Although the route for the towers has been the result of eight months of deliberations and study by the Bruce Howlett team, Dr. Ormond Solandt, head of the commission appointed to determine the best route, says the final decision will not be made until another series of public meetings is held to debate the proposals unveiled Thursday.

"I am hopeful for a dialogue for the preferred route," he said, indicating it was open for discussion and new suggestions. "The public should say what seems to them to matter."

Hydro said it was willing to accept any route provided adequate consideration is given to environmental, engineering, social and



THE WIGGLY LINE follows the Modified "Q" route which has been selected by B.H.I. as the preferred route for the 500 KV Hydro transmission corridor across Halton. Two other options are not shown. The hydro lines would cross the escarp-

ment at two points in the Modified "Q"—below Rattlesnake Point and along 401 highway and the Howlett firm has recommended they go underground when Hydro technology makes it feasible.

## Conflict, school wing, closed meetings discussed

# Crowd hears, questions 19 candidates

Close to 150 people attended a meet-the-candidates meeting at Martin St. School last night (Tuesday). The meeting was the first for Central Halton residents to become acquainted with those seeking office in the approaching election. Candidates for regional and local council and board of education seats attended the meeting and fielded questions.

Questions varied from queries about how Mayor Brian Best avoided a conflict of interest to a viewpoint on the government's refusal to allow a vocational wing to be built on the new high school planned for Milton.

Declares it On the conflict of interest query the mayor said that he declared any point of conflict and withdrew from discussion. If it seemed necessary he left the room while matters of personal interest to him were discussed.

"We work on the basis of one man and one vote and nothing is passed without a majority," he told a questioner.

Answering a question about closed meetings Mayor Best said there were many advantages to holding closed meetings rather than open ones.

He said he didn't like the idea of people who make submissions to council learning the results through the press rather than through official correspondence from the town.

He indicated that reporters had taken comments out of context in some places and suggested one municipality lost an industry through premature publicity.

Majority rules The Mayor acknowledged however, that if the majority of council wished to have all committee meetings open this would be done. He indicated the efficiency of the council would not be as great without some closed meetings.

Replying to a question from George Jackson, a Milton Library Board member, mayorality candidate Mrs. Anne MacArthur said she felt a library was important for the town.

"I have indicated in my brochure that I feel this is important. I feel you need it. You needed it long ago," she said.

Nassagawya resident Gordon Agnew asked what business Mrs. MacArthur brought to the township during her term as reeve and asked if she paid business tax to the township for her antique business.

Review, not bring "I have personally brought no business to the township. The job of the reeve is to review the position of those who want to bring business, not to bring it."

She said Mr. Agnew would recall the township's official plan did not permit much industry other than quarries. "I do not support more quarries. We have our share now. We tried to encourage estate-type development but were hampered by conservation. That is better assessment than any gravel pit. I'll tell you," she concluded.

Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event Reg DiCola curtailed further debate between the

two, ruling personalities shouldn't be debated at that meeting.

In reply to a question from Colin Smillie, ward one council candidate Rick Day suggested \$4,000 was a fair salary for a local councillor.

He said people had to be reimbursed for the time lost at work and time away from their family. "If you have it too low, you restrict it to the independently wealthy or

## Wrong information sent 1,000 voters

Voter information cards incorrectly listing polling places for north Burlington residents in Central Halton have been mailed it was discovered this week.

Due to problems in the computer information from which cards were printed, polling places were incorrectly listed for up to 1,000 North Burlington voters, Milton officials revealed Tuesday.

Correct voting locations will be advertised next week, for those residents in north Burlington affected.

people on welfare."

Answering the same question, Milton councillor Jim Kerr said he had attended 69 meetings in the first six months of 1973. He said he was paid \$2,000 plus \$12 per meeting for planning board and \$10 per meeting for parks and recreation. He agreed \$4,000 wasn't excessive for local councillors.

Board of education trustee Bill Lawson asked for his

opinion on the government's refusal to allow a 400 pupil place wing for special vocational students that had been planned to be built in conjunction with the new high school in Milton.

Await enrolment He explained he had favored the wing and noted that it may have to wait another year or more until there is sufficient enrolment to convince the ministry of the need.

In the earlier part of the meeting the various candidates had spoken on their background and platforms.

Mayor Brian Best said there had been far better management in Milton than there had been in Nassagawya. He noted the mill rate had jumped from 42.6 to 44.8 in Milton and from 21.66 to 28.99 in Nassagawya for a similar period of time and pointed out the tax arrears in Milton made up a much smaller percentage of the total taxes than was the case in Nassagawya.

Rural roads study He promised to engage a roads study in the rural area as well as a program

that would replace equipment and provide improved street lighting in the rural area and work towards a more active parks and recreation program in the rural area.

In the urban area he said he would work towards completion of the library and arena further development of parks and a second senior citizens apartment complex as well as better transportation in and out of town. He said he would continue to work towards bringing industry to town.

Mr. Best said Milton Council with the support from Rick Day and Don Gordon had been responsible for Milton remaining as an individual municipality. Had it not been for them, Milton would have been part of North Halton, he said.

Conservation holdings Mrs. MacArthur defended her record. She noted the mill rate had gone up in her township but suggested the area had 2,500 acres of conservation land and indicated that was one factor contributing to the mill rate increase.

She said the township had

no debenture debt. If the township bought something it paid for it. She recalled installation of a communications system for the roads department, an extension to the roads building, renovations to the township hall and improvements to the recreation program that have been completed recently.

Mrs. MacArthur said she had never been parochial but had always fought for her township and would fight for all of Central Halton if elected.

Save dollars She said she had proven her ability to save tax dollars and recalled convincing the provincial government to give Halton Region an extension of time in which they could spend the consolidated fund established by the province to cover start up costs in a new region.

She said other regions had wasted the money to meet a deadline in spending. She said she and others had defeated an expensive proposal to establish police headquarters in Milton for the region. She said that in her council she was chair-

man and guided council but it was council that made decisions.

She claimed to have knowledge of both urban and rural problems and offered all of her time to the affairs of the municipality.

Others spoke Others who spoke included candidates for regional council for wards one and three Don McMillan, and Jim Watson, regional candidates for ward two Marjorie Powys and Bob McCuaig and local candidates for ward one Rick Day, Don Gordon and Tony Green.

Others included ward three acclamations Brad Clements and Russ Powadiuk and ward two contestants Ron Harris, Jim Kerr, Gord Krantz, Art Melanson and Hazel Porter.

A sixth candidate Gord Cartwright did not attend the meeting.

Board of education candidates for ward two Ivan Armstrong and Bill Lawson spoke as did Doug Wood who was acclaimed to Board of Education in ward one.

Accounts of their speeches will be published next week.