

Candidates speak to empty seats at meeting in Stewarttown school

Less than 100 of Ward 2's (Esquesing) more than 6000 eligible voters showed up at Stewarttown school for a Meet the Candidates night Monday, lending support to the popular prediction that the October 1 regional government election may set a new low for percentage turnout at the polls. A similar night in Georgetown last week was also poorly attended.

The event, organized by a group of Ward 2 ratepayers offered the four mayoralty candidates in the new North Halton area (Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing) and the three area council candidates in Ward 2 an opportunity to present their platforms and then ratepayers a chance to question them. Esquesing Deputy-reeve Len Cox who was acclaimed as Ward 2's representative on the Halton Region council also spoke, expressing his thanks to electors for the acclamation.

First of three candidates for area council to speak, Dick Howitt a member of the present Esquesing township council said he is mainly concerned with the possibility of the new 13 man area council becoming remote from the people and the chance the area council will lose controls of planning.

To avoid the first potential problem he suggested the new council retain the system of allowing deputations to attend regular meetings, one that is presently practiced in Esquesing. The council should also continue to make citizen appointments to planning board and the land division committee, he said.

Howitt said the new council should consider the possibility of hiring a full time planner. He explained that the new Halton Region will have a plan of its own and that the area plan which would eventually be an incorporation of the Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing official plans would have to fit into that larger plan.

Presents record
Second candidate for area council, George Maltby, also an incumbent in Esquesing preferred to stand on his record as a councillor during the past year. He told the meeting he has already attended 70 meetings this year and has made arrangements with his employers to spend the necessary time under increased workload conditions at the area council level.

He explained he had advised Norval residents last spring to petition Esquesing Council for a solution to their well pollution problem, advice that was finally accepted when a deputation approached council last week. He said he would welcome a similar petition from Glen Williams where he claimed some water problem does exist.

Maltby expressed concern about the cost of the new regional policing system, but said he had learned from speaking to many ratepayers that they would not object to a slight mill rate increase if the money were spent on a responsible road improvement program in the township.

He expressed confidence about his capabilities to deal with urban problems as well. Former Esquesing Deputy-reeve Russell Miller, the third area council candidate to speak said he is running mainly because of his interest in the community and Esquesing township.

He said he hopes to be able to do something about costs, which he claims will rise under regional government. Miller said he feels his experience serving on county council will be an aid to him, if he is elected to the area council. He also referred to his participation in local sports and church organizations, supporting his community interest claim.

Mayorality runners
Among the four mayoralty candidates, Esquesing Reeve Tom Hill spoke first, telling the audience they should look at the new form of govern-

ment as a means to use their numbers to gain more influence at Queen's Park.

He said Esquesing township is in good shape financially on the advent of regional government with assets in the capital reserve fund being used to offset an over-spent roads budget.

Hill said he hoped the recently approved official plan will help maintain Esquesing's rural character, while allowing for some industrial expansion to provide job opportunities for local residents at the same time.

He promised to attack the job of mayor with determination and said he has arranged for up to four years leave of absence from his employers to serve full time.

Second mayoralty candidate, to the microphone, Georgetown Councillor Bill Hunter recalled his municipal government experience, serving 12 years on council, nine of them also on county council. He was Halton County Warden in 1968.

During that time he explained he sat on every county council committee and also took part in early regional government discussions.

He predicted it will take at least a year for a plan for the Halton Region to be formed and said he doesn't think there will be much change in planning in the area before then. Hunter said he has always supported active sports programs which benefit personal development and promised he will be a full time mayor, available to the people and their needs, if elected.

More business
Georgetown Councillor Phil Siddall, third mayoralty speaker expressed the opinion local government should become more businesslike without becoming bureaucratic. Council should not be doing the work of the staff and when the work isn't being done, the staff should understand that such a situation cannot be tolerated by the taxpayer, he said.

He said he will propose to the other municipalities and to Queen's Park that taxes be frozen for senior citizens for as long as they remain in their homes. This would give dignity to the very people who worked to give us the prosperity we enjoy today, he suggested.

Siddall outlined his preparation of the Georgetown Council brief which was followed by Queen's Park and led to the southern boundary of the northern area being extended to Highway 401 instead of Five Sideroad. He claimed he has gained the respect of Queen's Park the mayor of the new area will need in future dealings.

He suggested new ideas in housing should be looked into so that more people will be able to own their own homes and reported he has already presented a report on how this can be done.

Final speaker, Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith, also a candidate for mayor of the

new area said every effort should be made to hold taxes at least to existing levels under the new regional government setup.

He told ratepayers their concern about rural dumping is justified and promised, if elected he will not allow any municipality to use the north as a dump site. It was his hope a recycling program now underway in Georgetown could be extended through the northern area.

Smith said he hopes the provincial government statement that regional government in Halton is merely a restructuring of the county system is true.

He informed the audience Georgetown has 4.2 million gallons of water per day of underground water which it does not use, but could be pumped.

As mayor he would work to make the International Plowing match to be held in Esquesing in 1974 the best ever.

Pose questions
Following a speech outlining regional government by Halton Region chairman Allan Masson, meeting chairman Peter Oprica posed questions submitted in writing by ratepayers.

Howitt said the Esquesing official plan will continue in effect for some time including a small portion of the township which was lost to the Central Halton area in the regional realignment. Eventually, he said, the plans of Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing will be incorporated into an area plan which must not conflict with the regional plan, he added.

On the subject of waste disposal, Miller said he would like to see recycling and incineration whereby energy can be produced, be introduced in the area. He said he does not believe there is such a thing as sanitary landfill.

Smith re-emphasized his previous statement that Georgetown is in a position to pump 7 million gallons of water per day and replied negatively to a question about the possible bad effects on the area water table.

Siddall said he would be prepared to give up his job to become a full time mayor, if that were necessary, but felt it a little premature to say whether or not it would be a full time job. He said he has received clearance from his employers to attend afternoon regional council meetings.

Asked what will happen to clerks and staff of the three municipalities, Hunter said he felt sure all clerks will be used in the area and that he is of the opinion none will be laid off.

In spite of the fact construction of a swimming pool and recreational complex was approved at a recent meeting of Georgetown Council, Hill said he doesn't think

the people of Georgetown will construct such a thing in the area without letting Acton and Esquesing have a say in it.

"We'll all have to use it. I say Esquesing should be ready to donate some money for it," he said.

Asked what his council attendance record was, Howitt replied he has missed only two or three council meetings this year because of a vacation. He indicated attendance of the township council as a whole has been good.

Truck traffic
Miller said he feels money spent on studies concerning truck traffic in the township has been wasted.

"Our first step in solving the truck traffic problem is to improve construction, maintenance and policing," he claimed. "If roads are constructed and maintained well, trucks are not as offensive."

Acclaimed Ward 2 Regional Councillor-elect Len Cox said he has no idea what the salary for regional councillors will be.

"I've heard anywhere from \$4,000 to \$15,000," he said. "Personally I feel both figures are ridiculous which may indicate I'm somewhere in between in my opinion."

Siddall explained legislation for establishment of the new area specifically calls for setting up of urban service areas. This means specific areas will be taxed according to the services they receive, he explained.

Hill told the meeting Esquesing Council will prosecute operators of Toronto International Dragway for alleged violation of the racing by-law. He said, as mayor, he would take this alleged violation into consideration when operators apply for a license next year.

What will become of the hamlet names and mailing addresses in the township? Miller said as far as he understands both will remain as they are now, except that a portion of the township near Milton may experience some change.

Smith elaborated on the Georgetown recycling program, informing the audience it is a pilot project on cardboard.

"There's no question recycling is needed in all areas," he said. "It's likely

that provincial and federal assistance will be needed."

Is there a possibility water lines could be extended to Stewarttown?

Siddall replied in the affirmative.

"The town engineer from Georgetown will become available to the whole area. If he determines that there is a need there, Georgetown has the water," he said.

No takers
Hunter said he didn't think any candidate could answer a question put to him on the comparative costs of administering the new area and the three present municipalities. He offered to pass the question to anyone, but received no takers.

Smith said the OPP will likely be phased out as the official law enforcement body in the north very quickly and replaced by regional police. The regional police force will likely have departments in Oakville, Burlington, Central Halton and North Halton, he said.

Siddall confessed ignorance of the situation involving Consolidated Sand and Gravel's proposal to operate a

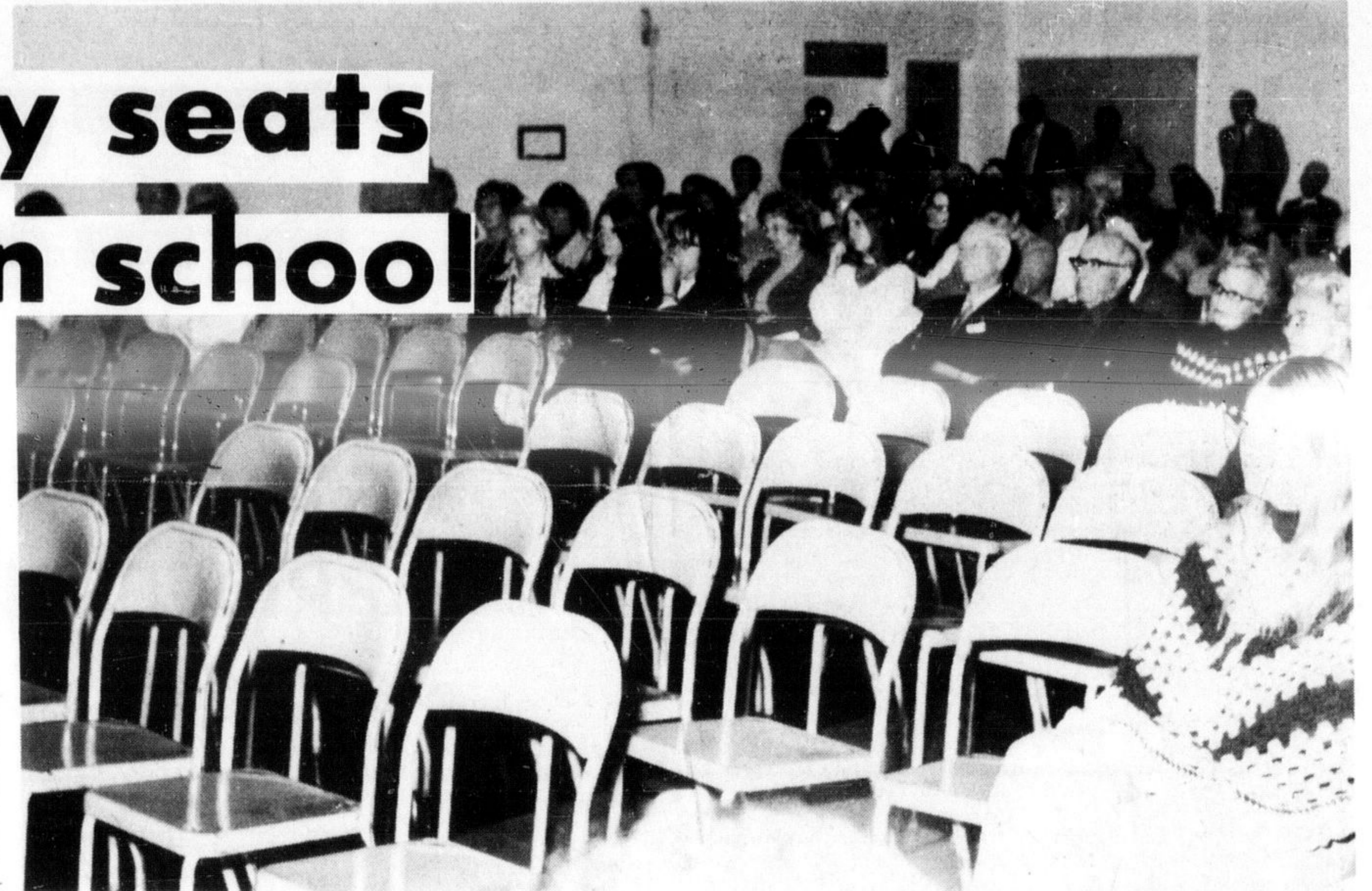
Significant savings?

Halton County's Social and Family Services Department may be able to realize significant savings on dental work they have done for welfare recipients.

Administrator Rennie Vivian told the committee he had contacted the dental association and was made aware of a program whereby the association polices the charges levied by individual dentists to make sure they are in line with what the association considers fair prices for service rendered.

High average
Mr. Vivian told the committee the average cost for patients sent to dentists by the Halton department was about \$90 per person, while the average for patients under the association's program and guidance was about \$36.

Mr. Vivian said he would be investigating the possibility further and would later report back to the committee.



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quarry near Speyside, but promised as mayor to investigate it at once.
Final question added a bit of humor to the evening. Signed "A candidate's wife," the question asked "What would you do to control the lateness of meetings?"
Replied Hill, "Wives should realize that this is their husbands' work. They'll just get home at whatever time the meetings end!"
No questions were addressed to Mr. Maltby.

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