

Central Halton candidates outline background, promises

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Candidates for various municipal council and school positions in Central Halton faced the public last Tuesday for the first time in this year's election campaign. Because of deadline restrictions only speeches of mayoralty candidates and the question and answer period were covered in last week's edition. The following is a summary of speeches made at that time.

RURAL REGIONAL
Rural regional candidate Don McMillan reviewed his background as a municipal clerk, deputy reeve for Nassagaweya Township and a member of the county court of revision. He reminded voters of the role he played in the rate increase in 1970 by seven mills. He promised to attempt the same under the regional government system.

Regional candidate for wards one and three and the current deputy reeve for Nassagaweya reviewed his five years on Nassagaweya Township Council and three years on county council.

He said he felt the public should have input in the county official plan to be drafted and said the input should be early in the planning process, so that it could be meaningful. He expressed a concern for the rural-urban cost apportionment. He said the township had an offer on land that will be used for recreational use if purchased. He felt this would further the recreational facilities in the township.

WARD TWO REGIONAL
Regional candidate for ward two Bob McCuaig said the regional government machine is here and it was up to elected officials to steer it the best way they can and up to the people to choose the best drivers.

He reviewed the many boards and commissions he has sat on and said he felt Milton has had good government in the past. After urging all areas of the new town of Central Halton to pull together, he told the audience it was his 25th wedding anniversary and excused himself from the rest of the meeting.

Regional candidate for ward two, Marjorie Powys reviewed her professional, academic and political background and said she felt one of the biggest jobs a regional councillor will have is guarding tax dollars. Mrs. Powys was born in

Milton and educated at McMaster University and University of Toronto and is currently deputy reeve. She challenges reeve Bob McCuaig for the regional seat.

Ward one local council candidate Rick Day, a 29-year-old lawyer and currently an Oakville Councillor reviewed the municipal work he has done in the past years and said he

was well versed in urban-rural politics.

He said he had protested unsuccessfully the shameful desecration of the 16 Mile Creek through Milton for the channelization project.

Ward one candidate for local council Don Gordon said he would fight to keep rural areas around Milton rural, as long as those people in that area wished them to be that way.

He said he would sit down with Milton Council and see why council felt closed meetings were necessary. He said he felt meetings should be open unless land acquisition, employee personalities and personnel were being discussed.

A third candidate for ward one, Tony Green said he had served 10 years on Oakville PUC and had studied the best method for hydro service under regional government.

WARD TWO
Ward two candidate for local council Ron Harris said he had seen regional government grow from a concept to a reality during his term on county and town council. He offered time, effort and desire to do the job.

Jim Kerr said he was entering the end of his first term on local council and vowed he would work towards a smooth merger of all five areas which will become Central Halton.

He has served on parks and recreation, development committee and planning board.

Gord Krantz, an eight year veteran on local council, offered his service and said he'd have the experience necessary to provide good government.

Art Melanson said he had been on council for four years and promised to work hard to justify the confidence he has enjoyed in the past, if elected. He regarded this point in time as the beginning of a new era.

The feeder bus line to the GO station in Bramalea was one of the goals he hoped could be achieved soon.

Hazel Porter reported on her one year term on council. She said she had been in Milton for 17 years, a partner in three businesses and she works towards a happy, healthy and prosperous community.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board of Education contestant for ward two, Ivan Armstrong reviewed the costs of education indicating that it cost \$760 to educate an elementary school student and \$1,273 for a secondary school student. He indicated the county had 94 schools and pointed out that even in view of continual growth in the population in the county, enrolment figures at the elementary level do not reflect the significant growth patterns in the area.

Bill Lawson who is running against Armstrong said he felt his experience should be offered to the people and he was willing to act for the concerns of the people in the ward, both individually and collectively. He's a charter member of the Halton Board.

Brad Clements, Russ Powadiuk and Doug Wood were among those acclaimed to office. Each spoke briefly.

Office of Commerce past president Reg DiCola conducted the meeting and about 150 attended.

Celebrate anniversary

By Mrs. Jim Hamilton
The members of Eden United Church will celebrate their 105th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2.30 p.m. Guest minister is Rev. M. E. Lynne Curtin, B.A., B.D., D.D. The guest soloist will be Mrs. Hazel Dalglish.

Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Bell who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 30. Best wishes to Ellison and Edna.

Birthday greetings are extended to Henry Arnold, who will celebrate his birthday on Sept. 30. Best wishes to Henry.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rutledge who will celebrate their anniversary on Oct. 2. Best wishes to Larry and Janet.

Birthday greetings are extended to Mrs. Joe Shea who will celebrate her birthday on Monday, Oct. 1.

Best wishes are extended to

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hewson who were married recently. Birthday greetings are extended to little Janice Break who will celebrate her third birthday on Oct. 1. Best wishes to Janice.

Birthday greetings are extended to Mrs. Bill Bradley who will celebrate her birthday on Thursday, Oct. 4 and to Steven Plant on Oct. 2. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Evelyn Lee, in the loss of a dear husband.

Belated birthday greetings to Lisa Morton who celebrated her 12th birthday on Monday, Sept. 17.

There is an important personal bonus in being polite. Even if you don't feel civil or cheerful in difficult circumstances, the mere fact that you assume the appearance preserves your dignity.



CENTRAL HALTON CANDIDATES faced an audience of about 150 voters last week when Milton Chamber of Commerce sponsored a meet-the-candidates evening at Martin St. School. Above, Chamber chairman Reg DiCola introduces a candidate. (Photo by R. Downs)

French in Kindergarten

Submit brief on French to ministerial committee

Halton County Board of Education will submit a brief to the Ministerial Committee on the Teaching of French but the suggestions aren't as enthusiastic in some areas as some Halton trustees would have liked.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Bus drivers, being young, are less safe if irritated or otherwise disturbed. But unlike private motorists, their responsibility includes the immediate safety of as many as 60 people. The Ontario Safety League asks all automobile drivers to show extra consideration towards public transportation vehicles. Passengers also, can help in many ways to ensure the smooth operation of buses and street cars.

The brief developed by a committee of the board was presented to the board at a regular meeting Thursday night. One recommendation was altered and another eliminated after discussion.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar objected to two recommendations. One suggested that under reasonable conditions of availability of materials, competent teachers and supplies, French should be taught beginning in kindergarten. That motion was eventually watered down to read French "may" be taught in kindergarten where it is possible.

Opposition
A second point that ran into opposition was a recommendation urging the province to allow financing of language immersion pro-

grams and field trips from extraordinary expenses over and above the ceilings enforced by the province.

That recommendation was deleted from the report.

Other recommendations in the brief accepted by the board said the ministry should develop curriculum guidelines for French from kindergarten to grade 13, that outdated textbooks be replaced and that texts for French under grade seven be provided as the curriculum is developed.

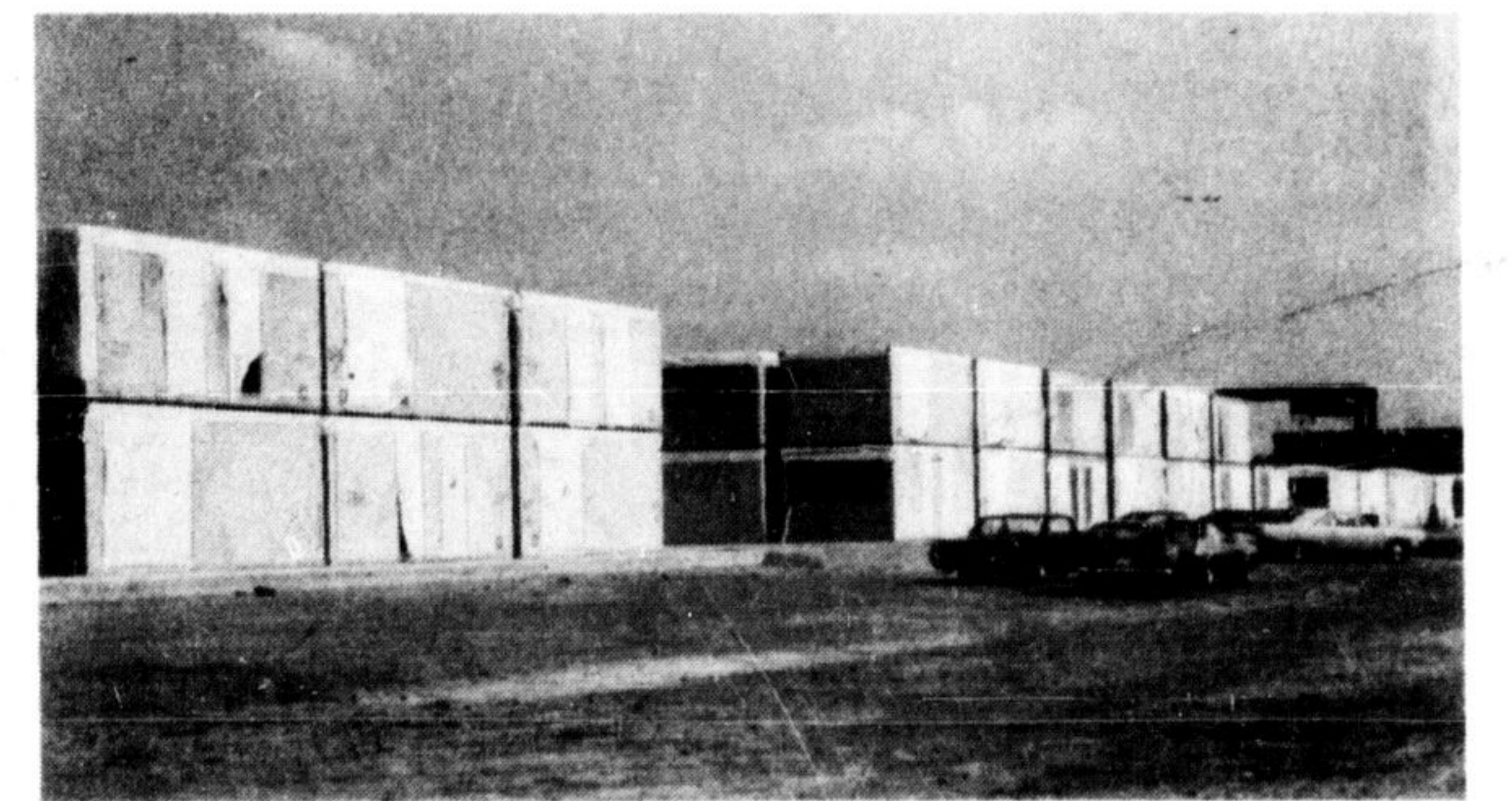
Time allotment
The county brief to the ministerial committee asks also that the grant structure should support an increase beyond the minimum time allotment per week where the program demands it in the elementary school.

Other recommendations urge studies and dissemination of modern trends in methodology to assist experienced and inexperienced teachers and to promote new materials and experiences including simulation games, experience kits, audio visual equipment, films and other cultural materials.

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A Mark of Progress in Milton



Pre-cast building modules line the yard at Polysar Ltd. Building Systems Division on Harrop Dr. Modules weigh about 20 tons and are formed at the Milton plant before shipping to a building site. This Friday the firm will be breaking ground at its 108 town house site in Waterloo. Products from Milton are a reflection of the marks of progress of the community.

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LOOK TO THE FUTURE

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Ward 2

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

- A 31 YEAR OLD LIFELONG RESIDENT OF MILTON.
- MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN.
- GRADUATE OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY WITH A B.A. IN ECONOMICS.
- A VICE-PRINCIPAL WITH THE PEEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.
- COMPLETING FIRST TERM OF OFFICE WITH MILTON COUNCIL SERVING ON:



- STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CENTRAL HALTON UNIT
- PLANNING BOARD AND MILTON PARKS BOARD & RECREATION COMMITTEE
- PUBLIC WORKS, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

WHY I WOULD LIKE YOUR SUPPORT -

It is my sincere desire to continue to serve the residents of Milton and area, devoting my time and ability to further the needs of our community.

I am concerned about serving the needs of the people of our area, the responsible growth of the Central Halton area and the unification of Central Halton into a workable co-operative unit.

Sincerely,

Jim Kerr

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