

Five new candidates take town council positions

Five new faces will be seen on Milton's council for the next two years. They are regional councillors Gus Goutouski and Bill Johnson, Ward Two representatives Blanche Hinton and Terry Gibbons, and Ward Three representative Don McMillan.

Goutouski defeated incumbent Jim Kerr in Ward Two while Johnson squeaked past veteran Jim Watson in wards One and Three. Hinton and Gibbons were two of seven candidates vying for four positions in Ward

Two at the local level. They squeezed past Dave de Sylva, Gord Cartwright and Don McColeman. Returned to office from the ward were veterans Gordon

Krantz and Rose Harrison. Goutouski is president of Halton Real Estate Ltd., Chairman of the Milton District Hospital Board, he has also held a variety of community positions including chairman of the 1975 Rotary Club Easter Seal Campaign and president of the Milton Chamber of Commerce 1975-76. He has served as an advisor to the board of directors of the Halton Recovery House and as a director of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of the Royal

Canadian Legion. Married to Viny, they have four children Bryan, Mikki, Gary and Laura. Johnson is a veteran campaigner, having twice run for the NDP in provincial elections. He is also an expert on landfill and will be presenting a brief to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) with regard to Halton's attempt to locate a garbage dump at Site F. He organized and chaired GUARD, the Group United Against Rural Dumping. He formed the 854 Committee which was successful

in having Bell Telephone extend toll-free dialing to the Campbellville 854 exchange area at the same time as Milton. President of the Nassagaweya Area Ratepayers Association, he has also been a director on land use with the Ontario Garbage Coalition, an offshoot of Pollution Probe. He is married to Mary and they have a daughter Lynn, 28, and a son Malcolm, 30. He works as a stationary engineer with the Ministry of Environment in Burlington. Johnson is 56 and lives at R.R. 2 Rockwood. Hinton is a mother of three

children who was successful in her second bid for council. She was defeated in 1976. A native of England, she received her education there. She is a teacher at Ernest C. Drury School. Gibbons is a sporting enthusiast who enjoys a variety of recreations. Married, he is national sales and marketing manager for GBF Filing Systems in Mississauga. His wife teaches at Robert Baldwin School. The fifth new member Don McMillan lives in Moffat and works in real estate in Halton Hills. He is a former clerk of Nassagaweya Township and

served on the township council before regional government. McMillan didn't have to contest the election—he and incumbent Brad Clements were acclaimed. McMillan replaces present Ward Three councillor Russ Powadiuk who retired from council this year. Although a past member of the Halton Board of Education for Wards One and Three, Ivan Armstrong admitted he felt "quite relieved and happy" with his win. Working with his family, he spent just about every evening and weekend knocking on doors.



MILTON REGIONAL INCUMBENT Jim Kerr looks up from explaining his recording of the votes at the polls to his rival Gus Goutouski at the Lions Hall Monday night. Kerr was the first person to inform Goutouski he had won. Kerr

knew hours before the results were posted at the hall that Goutouski had beaten him, simply by knowing which way the vote was turning at a few key polls.

Winners—how they did it

By Linda Kirby
It was a jubilant moment for the winners Monday night at election headquarters at Lions Hall, but none beamed with as much pride as the family members, friends, co-workers and campaign managers of the newly elected candidates.

While several winners admitted to a fairly low-key, quiet campaign style, it was a different story for some of them—especially those making their first attempt at municipal politics. Such was the case for Terry Gibbons, who placed third in a seven-way race for four seats in Ward Two for the local council level. Although relatively well-known for his community work in the area, he had a crew of 30 active campaign workers along with a full-time campaign manager.

"I knew we didn't have that much money, so we had to make sure we got out and met the people," explained Al Wilson, his friend and campaign manager.

Getting out and meeting with the people entailed a steady and persistent schedule of afternoon tramping through the town in addition to full weekend campaigning. It paid off, according to Wilson.

"We have an articulate and capable candidate," he said with pride, adding that he had confidently expected Gibbons to snatch a second place win in the four-seat race.

For fellow winner Blanche Hinton, victory was sweet. It was her second try for a place in the local council chambers, after being narrowly defeated in the 1976 municipal election. "Her honesty got her in—she stands up for what she believes in and has definite ideas," explained Joan White, friend and co-worker in Mrs. Hinton's campaign.

With a budget of \$97 (\$92 for brochures and \$5 for spray paint for her posters) Mrs. White described the campaign as a "homespun" effort. Using discarded hockey sticks for the posters, Mrs. Hinton enlisted the help of her friend, husband Fred and three children to win this election.

She knocked on doors and made a point of setting out her ideas, said Mrs. White instead of merely saying "vote for me."

"We were sure she would make it this time," continued Mrs. White, who felt her candidate had benefitted

from plenty of door-to-door campaigning and public meetings.

Door knocking was not limited to those seeking their first seat in the municipal election. Many hours were spent tramping the countryside by mayoralty victor Don Gordon, too.

Working with a crew of 12 enthusiastic workers and his family, Don Gordon paid a visit to just about every home in the community, according to his wife Pauline.

Six thousand leaflets were printed for distribution and, says Mrs. Gordon, only a dozen of those leaflets were left at empty homes.

He spent approximately five hours a day, weekdays only, getting out in the community, said Mrs. Gordon, and the effort paid off handsomely.

"I thought Don was doing pretty well," she stated proudly, but admitted she was "surprised" with the landslide majority he captured in this election.

Bill Lawson, re-elected school board trustee in Ward Two, is no novice to the election races. He has been a school trustee since, first in Esqueving and then with the region since it was formed in 1969.

"We went through the voters' list and sorted out every name," according to his wife Doris. Names were checked for those listed as separate school parents and then the task began of making a personal visit to every voter.

"He saw about 40 per cent of all householders," she estimated, adding that the family also "blitzed the town with reminder cards to vote" in the final days of election campaigning.

Despite the family's confidence he would win, Mr. Lawson is quick to point out the importance of making personal contact with the community.

"Milton is still a small town, and people still like to meet their candidates," he explained.

His wife agreed. "You have to be a little apprehensive about the election. You can never take any campaign for granted. It's hard work," she summed up.

Also on the scene to cheer for her dad, was 19-year-old Ann Lawson, who took the day off from her studies at Western University in London.

Ann is a second year

student in politics.

Winning for Rose Harrison did not come as a great surprise to her and her family. Working with her family and a few friends the 12-year Milton resident has a solid background of community work and council experience. Although she did some door-knocking, Mrs. Harrison said she had counted on her record of past achievements to win her re-election to the local council chambers. She topped the polls this time.

Also running a low key campaign was Gord Krantz, who placed second in the council race.

"I stood on my past record, and I guess I must have been doing something right," he said afterwards. He ran the campaign himself, relying on his business contacts to meet with the community, he explained.

Campaigning for Rick Day was strictly a family affair, according to the first place winner in the three-way race for two seats in Ward One.

With the help of his wife Karen and two children, Peter, seven, and Paula, five, he estimates he knocked on over 2,000 doors during his three week campaign.

"It wasn't that hard—the campaign was run strictly on issues and nothing personal between the three candidates," he explained following his victory.

Fellow winner Brian Penman attributed much of his success in the election to the efforts of his aunt Evelyn Galbraith of Milton.

An enthusiastic supporter, she spent many hours on the telephone gathering votes.

"It was a very low key campaign," he continued, adding he had relied upon personal visits to make contact with the community. Unlike the majority of the Milton candidates, he did not post any signs.

"The secret to campaigning is meeting with people," he explained. "People want to have the opportunity to talk things over with you."

Ward Three candidates debate issues

The final all-candidates meeting before Monday's municipal election was held Wednesday evening at Brookville Hall in Nassagaweya.

The meeting, which was organized by retiring councillor Russ Powadiuk, saw speeches given by each of the candidates running in the Ward Three area (the former Township of Nassagaweya)—Jim Watson and Bill Johnson for Regional Council, Ivan Armstrong and Neil Johnson for school board trustee, and Don Gordon and Anne MacArthur for mayor.

Local councillors in Ward Three were acclaimed to their positions. Representing the Ward on next year's council will be Brad Clements and Don McMillan. They were introduced to the gathering, but did not speak.

Other candidates for positions outside of Ward Three gave brief statements of their views. Rick Day, a Ward One candidate for local council and Gus Goutouski, a Ward Two candidate for regional council were the only candidates present.

Mr. Powadiuk commented during the meeting on the polite reception given to the candidates by the audience. The meeting was brisk and business-like, although members of the audience did ask some probing questions on a wide variety of subjects.

Over 100 people listened to the candidates.

One of the concerns raised in the question-and-answer period, by both candidates and audience alike, was the duplication in road names in the town. Goutouski said he had been in contact with the local ambulance dispatcher, who said the duplication in road names, such as the two First Lines, the two Fifth Lines could cause confusion, and possibly result in an unnecessary death. Goutouski

said the dispatcher told him Milton has been fortunate so far in that regard, but it could change.



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