

The race is on Harbour, Port, Tay councillors split on running

Victoria Harbour council, like many others is facing another election in November.

Reeve Douglas Jackson has served as reeve of that council for the past four years, and when asked if he intended to run again replied, "all things being equal, I intend to run."

On the other hand, Deputy-reeve Anne Connelly states point blank that, "no, I don't intend to." Connelly has served in that position for four years.

Jim Eplett has been on the council before serving six years, then staying out of it for four years.

His last term spanned the years 1979 and 1980.

Eplett felt that Jackson was a good reeve, adding that "if Doug Jackson is going to be reeve, I'll run."

Eplett confided though, "I might still consider running if he doesn't run."

Councillor Bev Juneau says that, "It's a good question, I'm thinking about it all the time", adding, "as far as I know, I am."

She views the term as a learning experience and hopes to learn a lot more should she decide

to run.

Jack Baks who has been on the council for two years, and is one of the undecideds, states that, "I haven't quite made up my mind."

Port McNicoll Council Reeve Robin Talbot from Port McNicoll is away out on the coast, and will not be available for comment on his decision until next month.

Deputy-reeve Harry Baumgardner has served in that position for two years saying, "I haven't decided yet."

Councillor Pat Armstrong is quite sure of his decision admitting that, "I intend to run, yes."

He has been on the council for two years.

Regis Quesnelle feels "it's too soon to tell", but adding, "as far as I know, yes." Quesnelle is a four year veteran of the council.

For Ted Walker of Port McNicoll, the decision is a hard one. "I haven't decided yet", he said, but adding, "the way it looks now, I don't think so." Walker has been on council for two years. Tay Township

Reeve Charlie Rawson of Tay, who has served as reeve ever

since Tom Robinson stepped down five years ago due to ill health, has been acclaimed each time he has sought the post.

Rawson had served as a councillor for three years prior to taking over as reeve.

"If nothing else happens, we'll be back again looking at it," he said when asked if he'd seek re-election in the fall.

Bruce Tinney admitted this week, "I'm a typical, undecided politician," adding "It hinges on certain things I should know in the week." Tinney has been a member of Tay council for the past four years. He also has other council experience to his record.

Council or David Walker was unavailable this week for comment while long-time councillor Tim O'Hara said he "was thinking about it." The township's fire chief, O'Hara has served as a councillor for the past 12 years.

And David Moore says, "I haven't made up my mind yet". He added, "I'll have an answer for you by the end of the month. Moore has been on council for six years.

Six constables write promotional examinations

For six members of the Midland Police Department it was like going back to school Tuesday when they wrote promotional examinations.

The four-hour examinations held in front of a member of the Ontario Police College were conducted in the boardroom of Midland town hall.

Chief Ernest Bates said the exams were conducted from 10 a.m. until noon and again from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Purpose is to eventually pick an additional sergeant for the police force which according to the chief will then follow for one NCO to head up each of the department's four platoons.

Presently the department employs two staff

sergeants and one other sergeant.

Once the marks from this week's tests are tabulated the information will be returned to the police chief who will review the material with his sergeants before he makes a recommendation to the town's police committee. Aside from the marks he says the new sergeant's appointment will also be based in part on seniority, how he gets along with the men, his work habits on the job as well as other qualifications.

He said the final decision will rest with the public safety committee which in turn will make its final recommendation to council.

During an Ontario Police Commission study of the local department it was recommended at that time there be an NCO on each platoon.



And on this board

Seven new recruits were inducted into Midland Air Cadets, Monday. 2nd Lieutenant Mayer is seen instructing the group on proper dress code among other things. The new recruits are: Joanne Collins from Penetanguishene, Ken Webster from

Waubushene, Kevin Tessier from Perkinsfield, Tony Rye from Midland, Marc Dorion from Penetanguishene, Danny Pepin from Midland and Linda Dorion from Midland.

Teacher says letter in file untrue

An experienced elementary school teacher has asked Simcoe County Board of Education to give her a fulltime teaching position on the grounds that a letter in her file has biased principals against her since she reapplied for a job after resigning in 1977.

Jane Walker, who last taught at Coldwater-Medonte East School, told the board Wednesday night she did not learn of the letter's existence until after the spring of 1978.

She never saw the letter herself, she said, but she told the board it

has since been destroyed.

Walker told the board she resigned because the child of a friend who died was left in her care.

She had two small children of her own. When the friend's child went to live with an aunt, she applied to teach, and was not successful, although other teachers were hired.

She finally asked the reason for her inability to find work, and learned of the existence of the critical letter in her file.

Comments in the letter included, she said,

statements that she was too forthright, that her sense of right extends beyond certain limits, and, "most distressing of me of all," that she had caused disturbances among parents, teachers and pupils.

She told the board that she had had some confrontations in her 15 years, but that the last remark in the letter was completely unwarranted. She quoted comments describing her as an excellent teacher.

The board asked her to stay when it went into private session.

Board Director Irving Harris would say yesterday only that the board had come to a resolution of the matter, and that Walker would receive a letter containing the board's decision.

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Special occasion in town

In a short ceremony held at Midland town dock yesterday, Mayor Moreland Lynn presented the National President of the German-Canadian Choir Association Gert B.E. Taudien a bag of silver coins commemorating Midland, centennial.

The 110-member choir and their wives were very appreciative of the gift, and presented Lynn in turn with a silver plaque for the council chambers.

Lynn was also given a silver drinking cup made in the City of Eppelheim.

Wally Cunningham also received a similar

silver plaque as manager of the town's chamber of commerce.

The choir will be singing in Hamilton tonight, and then travel on to Niagara Falls, Kitchener, London, Windsor, Toronto and Oshawa.

The crowd of 220 was

impressed with the town's generosity, expressing their sincere thanks with a song for the Mayor.

Following the ceremony, choir members and their families took a tour of Georgian Bay on the Miss Midland.

Face-lift begins for Montreal St.

Reconstruction of Montreal Street from Fourth to Eighth Streets started this week.

Motorists driving in that part of town should keep an eye open for heavy construction equipment and drive accordingly.

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