

Catherine Dion: an experienced person seeking position as Midland's reeve

Since first being elected as the alderman for Ward 4 for the year 1972. I have since served on council as the Deputy-reeve of Midland for six years.

During this period, I have been the chairman of the public works department, the public safety committee, as well as chairman of the planning board of the town of Midland.

As one of the representatives of the Town of Midland, Penetanguishene and Tinv Sanitary Landfill Committee.

I was also appointed chairman to that particular committee for four years. As your representative at the County of Simcoe level.

I have been the vice-chairman on the Simcoe County District Board of

Health and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Association of Boards of Health at their conference this year.

I have always believed in promoting a good-neighbour policy with the surrounding municipalities as this can only provide a favourable climate for this area to attract industry that will ultimately provide not only much needed jobs for the people of Midland, but also a solid tax base for the Town, and in general, prosperity for the whole area.

Since serving on council I have endeavoured to represent all of the people of the Town of Midland and not any one special interest group.

Industry
In the past two years

much as been done to encourage all types of industry, both commercial and industrial by way of the enlargement of the

sewage disposal plant and the opening of an industrial park within the Town. I believe that the momentum that has begun in this direction two years ago must be continued in order to derive all the potential benefits.

To discontinue would be to stagnate and shift the tax burden to those who can least afford it, namely the homeowner.

Tenure

Also during tenure as Public Safety Chairman, the problems of vandalism and drug abuse amongst our younger population has been approached in an innovative and con-

structive manner. Council has seen fit to encourage and actively assist different groups within the municipality who are acting in a voluntary capacity, both by supplying funds and professional manpower when needed.

This, along with the individual members of the committee and council giving of their own time have brought forth programs as was experienced by a visit of Norman Panzica, chief consultant of the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, which was highly effective in our high school.

The CAP Program (Community Apprec-

iation Program) was sponsored by the Town and Provincial Government in an effort to combat vandalism which has been a never-increasing problem within the municipality. In addition to this, several meetings have been held with concerned individuals which has brought about an increase in the manpower of our police department in order to provide a more effective law enforcement within the Town of Midland.

On Monday, Nov. 10, I solicit your support and your vote for the position of Reeve of the Town of Midland.



Elmvale industry discussed at Chamber

How can industrial development be drawn into the village of Elmvale and how do we go about achieving this?

These were two of the questions merchants were on hand to hear answered at the regular meeting of the Elmvale and District Chamber of Commerce held last week.

Mr. Duane Patfield of the Commerce and Industry Office for Simcoe County was on hand at the meeting as guest speaker, and discussed the various ways industry can be lured into rural and small population spots such as Elmvale.

In his presentation, Mr. Patfield listed some of the factors involved when a industry is selecting a site for a new plant or a commercial venture.

Some of these factors include labour availability, transportation facilities, cultural amenities, market proximity and the present zoning, servicing and official plan designation of the property in question.

Pre-planning, he felt, was an important step in luring developers. That way a businessman does not have to deal with the red tape involved in the municipal provincial planning process. He is merely shown a piece of property ready and waiting for commercial development.

Mr. Patfield expressed his preference for small manufacturing industries, and explained that he is presently in the process of establishing a working relationship with existing county industries. He said he felt the existing industrial-commercial base is of prime importance in the development process.

"To put it another way, if five existing employers can provide ten new jobs through expansion, new product lines, new market opportunities etc., that results in 50 jobs being created. Those 50 jobs are much easier to achieve and retain than attracting a new 50-

employer industry."

A few changes will have to be made in Elmvale if industry is to be expected to settle here.

DO WE WANT TWO MORE YEARS OF THIS? Surely Not!!

Times comment

The Midland Times, Wednesday, July 13, 1977

Bill Ogilvie - you've got to change or perish

It was only a matter of time before Midland council did something about Bill Ogilvie. You could see it coming: meeting after meeting of aggression and innuendo; striking out at the elected leader of council, Mayor Lynn; casting aspersions on various councillors without fully substantiating the attacks.

With each council meeting, the Deputy Reeve would have a new target at which to aim. And it went on and on, until the frustrated anger of Midland's other councillors sought to vent itself.

The crowning piece of effrontery was Monday, the 4th of July; the date when Reeve Sam Ancio was to stand trial for allegedly threatening the Deputy Reeve at an "in camera" council meeting on March 17. All of Midland's councillors had been subpoenaed and they were there along with town clerk Bill Hack and planning administrator Ken Johnson. But Bill Ogilvie was not there. He had chosen not to come. He had dropped the charges against the Reeve.

Quite a few people were incensed at the thought that they had been "stood up". The comments regarding the Deputy Reeve were anything but complimentary once the judge had acknowledged that the case had been dropped. Midland's councillors were downright angry and justifiably so. Some witnesses were out of town and had to be called back for the trial, while others were ready to leave for vacations but had to delay until the day in court had been completed.

That's the kind of thing that lead directly to the formal censure Bill Ogilvie received Monday night, and his removal as Public Safety committee chairman.

But it wasn't a quaint, quiet and genteel scene at council on Monday night. It was ugly. There's no other word for it.

Ogilvie launched into a tirade once the motion had been made. He was furious -- outraged. It seemed as though he had never thought Midland's councillors could muster the nerve to formally censure him -- and further -- to depose him from the chairmanship of the Public Safety committee. But muster the nerve they did, and the Deputy Reeve stood for ten minutes and launched an attack on council as a whole, and upon its individual members. But it was all to no avail.

Councillors sat back and chuckled at Ogilvie's fit of rage. The chuckling was every bit as tasteless as the ranting and raving. Councillors knew they had hit very deep, and they were sitting back to enjoy the show. And what a show it was. Ogilvie was like Lear raging in the storm, howling, yowling and spitting out invectives, gesticulating wildly. It was, in the true sense of the word: pathetic. It was as though he had been maimed.

The grim reality is that there are more council meetings to come. Ogilvie has neither been banished, nor told to go away. He and everyone else will be back next week for another council session.

The Deputy Reeve must now realize that the methods which he has employed to carry out his duties as a member of council are simply not effective. He has alienated everyone of his colleagues, and if he intends to carry out his mandate successfully, he'll simply have to find another style.

This one does not work.

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Ogilvie should resign

The Bill Ogilvie saga came to an abrupt head Monday night when Town Council took the unprecedented step of publically censuring the Deputy-reeve.

Observers who watched the deteriorating situation on council were aware something had to be done to curb Mr. Ogilvie's overzealous actions. Censure -- a last resort, proved the only remedy strong enough.

How sad, how pathetic really, that he should end like this. Voted into office for the first time as a 'watchdog', the self-appointed 'public ombudsman' quickly became an impediment to the functions of that elected body.

Like Don Quixote flailing at imagined evils, Mr. Ogilvie has pursued his witchhunt long enough.

Too long, Mr. Ogilvie has railed against alleged wrong doings -- but has shown no proof.

Too long, Mr. Ogilvie has used the argument that he is supported by the voters -- but his 50-vote margin of victory in the last election has long since disappeared.

Too long now, the public has given Mr. Ogilvie the benefit of the doubt, believing some good would come -- but none has.

Too long, the media accepted Mr. Ogilvie on faith that he would 'keep them informed' -- but it was all for his own purpose.

After the mockery of Monday night, there is little doubt Mr. Ogilvie will not -- cannot -- work within council for the betterment of Midland.

Mr. Ogilvie would do well to spare us further and resign from council.

VOTE X DION Reeve

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