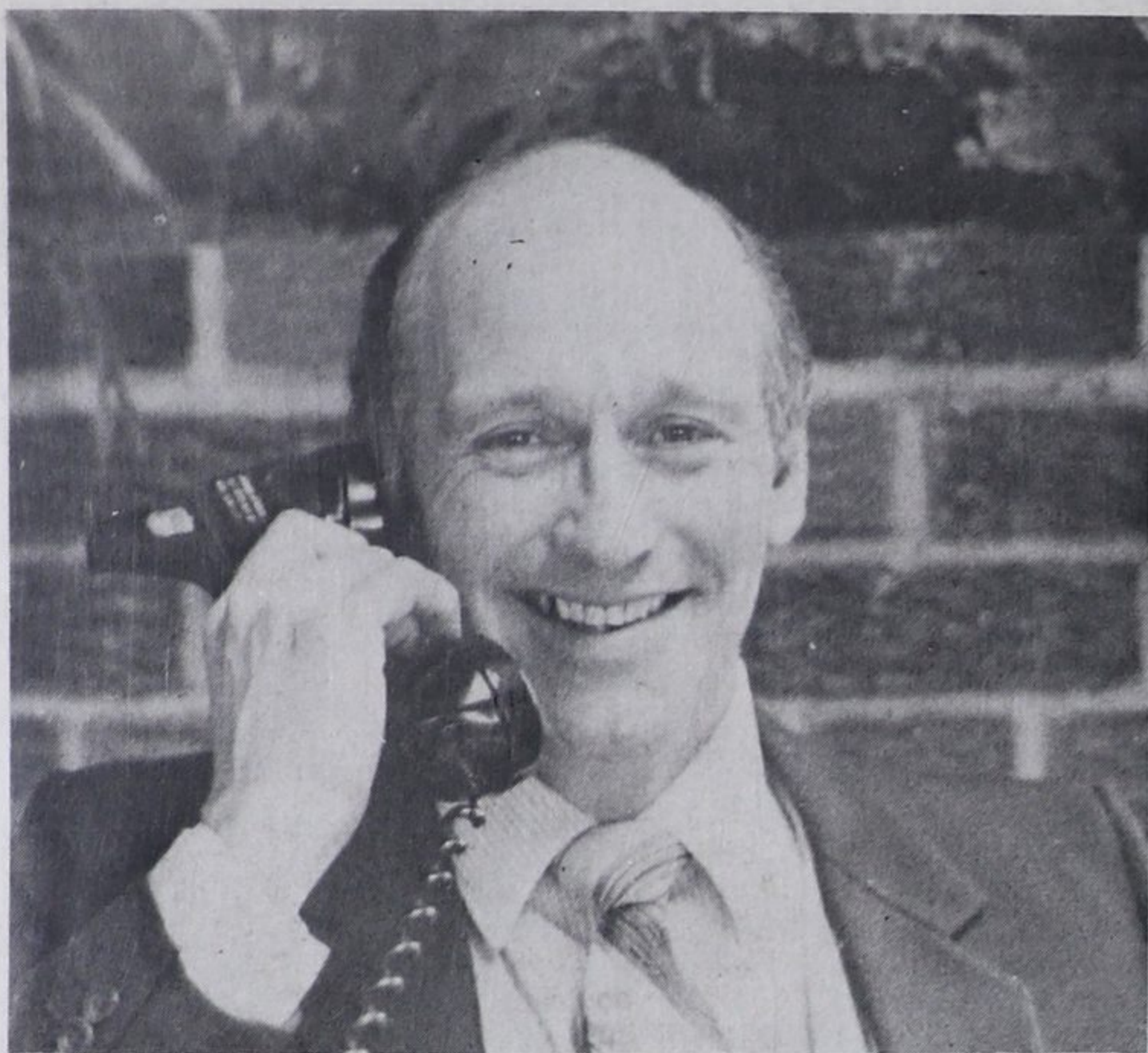


That's My Line



Jim McKinnon Resource person

Jim McKinnon left this area when in his teens to work his way across the country. Now 36, he recently came home to bring up his children in the environment that he knew and loved as a child, and that he still prefers to any place in the world.

I left Midland in 1963 when I was 17 years old. I went to the west coast four times and once to the east coast. I worked all over the western half of Canada; forest firefighter, bush camp cook, writer. I am a published poet.

Equipped with a good set of boots and a rifle, I was on my way to New Zealand to be a professional hunter. Edmonton was as far as I got. I spent some time with a girl I'd met and I changed my mind.

I needed a firm financial base, a secure source of revenue for a family. The Air Force offered good trades, good wages, security, and not a lot of moving. If you perform, you win.

I started as an aircraft electronics technician. Most of my time was spent as a recreational and physical education specialist.

I spent six months between the Israelis and Syrians, responsible for the welfare of our troops, responsible for both their morals and morale. You can lose a lot of men in six months. You need to understand the military, the commitment of the people. The job isn't one that is handed out lightly.

I've taken Frank Moores, Alexander Haig, Roland Michener, and others fishing in Labrador. I've taken VIPs moose hunting in Northern Ontario. I was a resource person.

I was Jules Leger's physiotherapist for a year. I worked on Jean-Luc Pepin, Jean Marchand, and Judd Buchanan. They were just like you and me, but they didn't know it. They don't think they are like you and me. Quite often they have the same

intellectual capacity. You may find that depressing when you reflect back on it, or you may not.

The Canadian Track and Field Association asked me to set up a time trial program for the marathon before the 1976 Olympics, which I did. I sent three guys to the Olympics. That wasn't part of the trade, that was part of the person.

I've written a book of poetry: that's important to me.

I was a member of a 21 piece brass and reed band for three years in Europe.

I came home so that my family could enjoy its roots in the Georgian Bay area.

Have I slowed down any? Yesterday I was at work at 7:30 a.m. and I left here at 6:45 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. I was at the town hall for a Parks and Recreation meeting. At 11:05 p.m. I was at home and 10 minutes later I started a telephone conversation that lasted until 12:30 a.m. because an employee wanted to talk to me.

I was back here at 7:30 this morning.

The nicest thing is coming home. I remember approaching different people and saying sir, sir. Now people are approaching me and saying sir, sir.

I am involved with the Girl Guides, the Air Cadets and the Parks Board. Making a contribution to the community is what's important. I bring a wealth of resource experience.

I taught sailing on the Sea of Galilee for six months. Our troops were 30 miles away. What were they going to do? I was there to keep up their morale. I taught them to sail with fighter planes and bombs passing overhead.

Editor's note. McKinnon is not at work this week. He has spent this past week in the bush in a lean-to, "eating fish, and rabbits, and enjoying the sunshine."

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Freeing hostages prompts letters

The following letters were exchanged following announcement the hostages had been released from Iran.

His Honor the Mayor Moreland Lynn

Dear Mayor Lynn:

A letter written on your behalf and that of your council and citizens of Midland, Ontario appeared in yesterday's edition of the local newspaper.

It was a moving declaration of your city's and nation's solicitude over the fate of 52 Americans for the last 444 days. I think I can testify for my fellow citizens that Canada's help in securing the rescue of a group of Iranian hostages last April and your ongoing prayers and words of support and encouragement since November 4, 1979 will always be remembered by your grateful neighbor to the south.

Your letter mentioned qualities you feel make Americans beloved and respected throughout Canada. I would comment that your countrymen are thought of in the same way by our country.

As a native Detroit, I have always felt a kinship with Canada through association with visitors from your country and those I worked along side of when employed by the National Bank of Detroit some years ago.

You are a great nation and we are blessed to share this continent with persons whose demonstration of faith and courage and support is unparalleled any where in the world.

Marsha M. Radulovich
Community Relations
Chemical Bank and Trust Company
Midland, Michigan, U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Radulovich:

Thank you for your kind and warm letter of January 22nd., concerning our letter which appeared in the Midland Daily News several days ago.

I can assure you that the people of our community have followed the hostage situation with serious concern and with heartfelt sympathy.

It is a joyous relief to see the final conclusion of this hostile and illegal action.

I was particularly pleased to receive your letter and the wishes you expressed in it. May I take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of Council and the people of our Midland for your thoughtfulness and kindness in writing.

Yours sincerely,
Moreland A. Lynn
Mayor.



ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Of which all persons are asked to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly. In obedience to Her Majesty's writ of election, directed by me to the returning officer in each electoral district, for the purpose of electing persons to represent the voters in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Public Notice is hereby given of the following in each electoral district.

ALL TIMES SHOWN ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Eligible electors (voters), missed during the current door to door enumeration, who wish to have their names added to the preliminary voters' list, must contact their returning officer and ask about the procedure before the list

is finalized on Saturday, March 7th, 1981, 7 p.m.

Subsequent applications for additions to the voters' list will be considered by the returning officer on an individual basis.

THE OFFICIAL NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES CLOSES
in the Returning Office of each Electoral District
Thursday, March 5th, 2 p.m.

ADVANCE POLLS
(Locations to be published locally at a later date)
SATURDAY, March 14th
MONDAY, March 16th
VOTING HOURS 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

ELECTION DAY,
THURSDAY, MARCH 19th
VOTING HOURS 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

At a time to be posted locally, the official tabulation of results will be made by the returning officers, in

their offices, using the statements from each polling place.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Given under my hand, at Toronto, Ontario
RODERICK LEWIS, Q.C. CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER



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