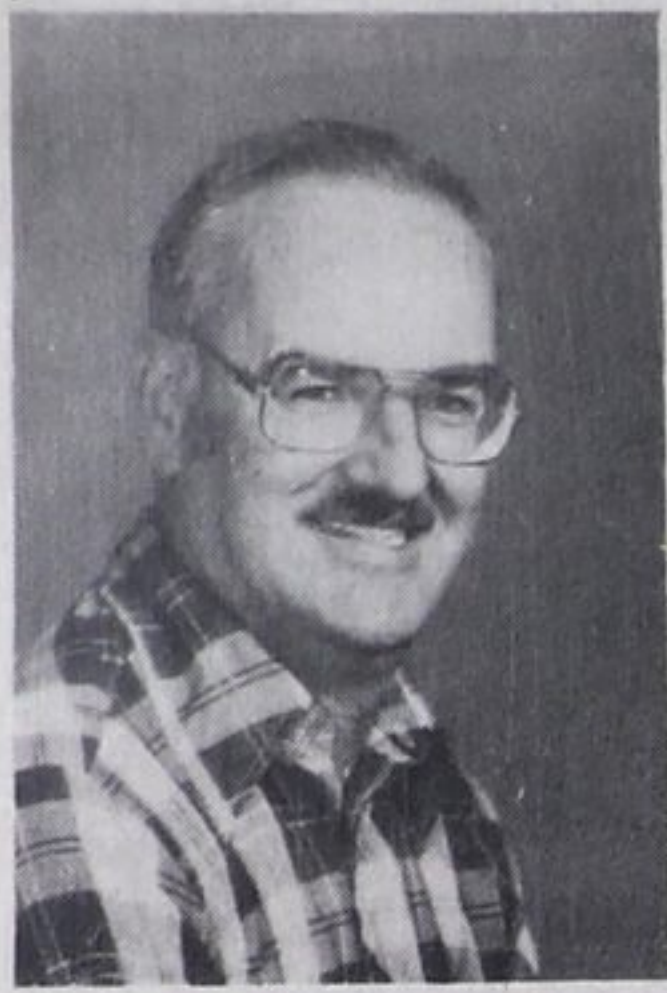


'Common man' candidate hopes he, others elected



Joe McBride

by **MURRAY MOORE** - Joe McBride is pleased that no one will be acclaimed to Midland council next month. The Russell Street resident is one of four candidates in Ward 2 for an alderman's

seat. McBride, 46, ran unsuccessfully in 1982. Since 1982 he twice presented himself when a council seat became vacant, but was passed over.

McBride is pleased that "common people" are coming forward and standing for election. "Maybe the common man can show a bit more guidance than big business. Hopefully there's a change in the wind."

The St. Ann's School, Penetanguishene, custodian describes himself as an independent candidate. His two interests are getting the town moving, and doing more for the town's young people.

In McBride's opinion, boundary negotiation

between Midland and Tiny Township has been "blown right out of proportion."

He does not think that boundary negotiation will be stopped no matter who is elected to the town council on Nov. 12.

He believes that Midland has a legitimate interest in how Tiny's commercial strip is developed.

But Midland need not get that land for the problem from the town's point of view to be solved.

But McBride does think that extension of Midland's west boundary to the east side of the highway makes sense. Huronia District Hospital, Monsignor Castex School, and the

announced medical clinic then would be within the town boundary.

Development along Tiny's strip is threatening to become haphazard. "You don't want to be another Barrie." A built up area along a highway detracts from the whole community, meaning both Midland and Penetanguishene.

The need for the installment of sewage and storm water service in the Tiny commercial strip is definite, but an agreement can be struck, McBride believes. He does not see a problem with the sewage from Tiny's commercial strip going through the town's sewage treatment plant, at the township's cost.

"As a normal person I don't see any problem in that respect."

Tiny can meet its expenses with the tax revenue it gets from the businesses located on the strip, he said.

The town has not had an opportunity to reach its potential to grow and attract industry, he said, for the past three years, because of the council.

A member of council should support a decision of the majority, whether he agrees or not. "People should be able to take blows as well as the good things. I don't mean physical blows. By that I mean disappointment as well as good things."

Mayor Al Roach has done "a reasonably good job" but a

competitor for the mayor's chair is a good thing. "It's good to see a challenge."

Jobs for and activities for the town's young people are lacking in relation to the demand. "There's a lot more that can be done."

McBride is a board member of the local Big Brothers, a Big Brother matched with a Little Brother, and a chairman of that group's recruitment committee.

For four years McBride has chaired the committee representing custodians employed by the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board. He has in total 10 years' experience with contract negotiation, here and in Toronto.

'Finish servicing Midland,' Ward 2 candidate Pilon says

by **MURRAY MOORE** - Midland Ward 2 alderman candidate Fred Pilon has released an election platform. Pilon says that he is

opposed to Midland adding to itself 2,400 acres of Tiny Township. "We must look after our present situation in town first."

Pilon explained in an interview that his opinion is that Midland does not need that land at this time. Completion of servicing of the town's streets, and the construction of sidewalks, should be given a higher priority.

Adding Tiny Township land to Midland can be done, if necessary, at a later time.

Pilon in his platform states, "I am not against spending money for all reasonable expenditures in regard to town services." Pilon does not consider the

town supplying its commissioner of works with a station wagon to be a reasonable expenditure. Pilon's platform says, "Like any other sensible taxpayer I am against supplying a station wagon to a commissioner earning \$60,000 a year."

Pilon explained that his position is that the town's commissioner of works should supply his own vehicle, and that a Volkswagon would do as well as a station wagon.

The station wagon should stay at the town office when it is not being used for official business. Pilon if elected will support the station wagon being taken away from the commissioner.

Pilon was pleased when he was told that a fourth candidate has announced his candidacy in Ward 2. "I don't want to be acclaimed. If the people want me, I want them to elect me."

Two other planks of Pilon's platform are that, if elected, Pilon "will carefully investigate all spending proposals that will increase Midland's \$6 million debenture debt." And "I am against spending to send one-half of council to conventions when one

representative would be sufficient."

The owner of Reliable Taxi says he has been in business since 1959, is an employer of 10 people, and knows how to run a business.

"We need a change now. Three more years of bickering at the council table will ruin Midland," his platform states.

"No promises other than I will be honest, look after the concerns of the people of Midland and I will be your alderman for three years."

("I won't quit like some have been doing," he said during the interview.)

"I will be available to you seven days a week 18 hours a day."

As of last Friday, four candidates are competing for the three aldermanic seats in Ward 2: incumbent Robert Jeffery, Joe McBride, a candidate in the 1982 election, Carolyn White, and Pilon.

Pilon's slogan is, On Nov. 12 put the brakes on unreasonable spending.

Stamps have something for everybody

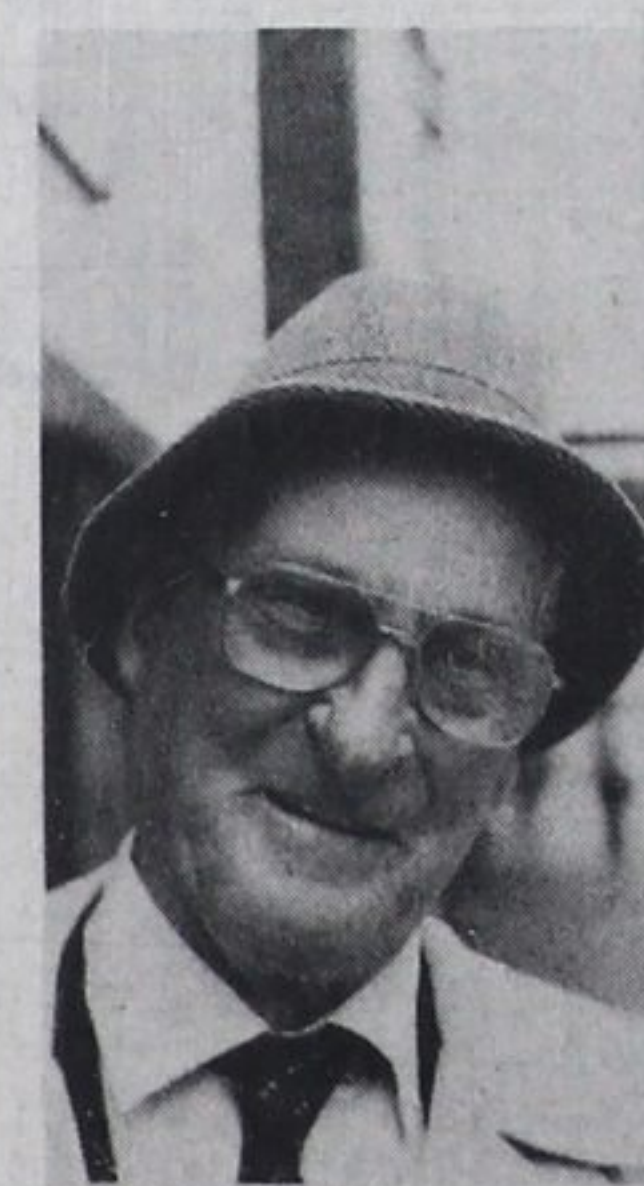
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Tim Bourrie to run for reeve in Harbour



Tim Bourrie

You can add the name of 73-year-old Tim Bourrie to those seeking office during the Nov. 13 municipal elections in Victoria Harbour.

Bourrie plans to seek the reeve's chair.

Born and raised in the Harbour, Bourrie says, "I can't make any promises as a candidate other than I'll do my best as Victoria Harbour's reeve."

"I want to give the people a fair deal that's all."

The former stationary engineer says he has always had a keen interest in local politics.

PGH births

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Quesnelle, 37 Peel St., Penetanguishene, announce the birth of a baby boy, Oct. 10, weighing 9 lbs. 2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Pighin, RR 3 Elmvalle, announce the birth of a baby girl, Oct. 6, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.

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