

Top four candidates debate

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honest with you." He stressed the fact he has been on council longer than any of the other incumbents. Day said he could have sat on council "and done nothing." He observed, "I could have joined the group or I could have told you the way it was."

Reeve Day indicated he opted "to keep you (the voters) informed. I stuck with you and told it the way it was."

Deputy-reeve Claude Buck who believes Midland needs a new reeve, told of residing in Midland for the past 18 years.

"I retired here. I believe Midland needs to do something to produce jobs for our young people.

"This town needs a college or university campus."

Buck stressed the need for "council to work together." He praised Midland Chamber of Commerce saying "Our council throws its support behind the Chamber."

He also admitted, "We are in a competitive market and (we) must offer inducements (to attract new industry) and to look at land pricing so as to be competitive."

Buck went on to say, Midland has one of the finest (deep water) waterfronts and that "we must develop a plan for developing our waterfront."

Both Day and Buck were quizzed as to the history of "what happened to council over the past three years?"

According to candidate Day, "We had a mayor who didn't have any experience to start with...to walk into the job and take over as president of a factory."

"We had five members of council who banded together. They became a group. Never have so many closed meetings been held, in the history of this town."

Buck also told his listeners, "I believe the mayor of any municipality like the chairman of the board must persuade, to lead, to try and make council work together."

"I believe the biggest problem (over the past three years) was that the mayor thought he was a prime minister."

Day observed it is good manners to have the reeve take over from the mayor when the mayor is ill.

However, Buck noted it was the majority of

council that made him acting mayor.

That prompted Day to get into the subject of expense accounts run up by his colleagues.

He pointed out that both his and the mayor's were the lowest of the night currently on council. At this point things started to heat up.

Buck noted he is on 11 committees and "do them all well. I represented Midland in Ottawa and Stratford." Day countered again by suggesting Buck was using half truths.

Buck said all members of council agreed on per diems. Day added by saying he thought the policy was the "same as before and that it hadn't changed but it had."

Day suggested some members of council but "not all" take advantage of the policy of \$80 per diem.



Both Day and Buck later listed their accomplishments at the county level before talking about their own campaigns at home.

Day said he would be spending about \$700 this year on flyers and advertising. "I deliver my own flyers. I have the help of my wife and son who is in Grade 13."

He then wanted to know "who are the friends of Mr. Buck?"

Day suggested those who put up money for his opponent's campaign "would want favours."

He added, "Nothing is free. They want a hand in the pie...your tax dollars. There will be a catch," he cautioned."

Buck indicated he has been overwhelmed by the offers to help him and that he's "not ashamed."

As for the money

being spent on his campaign he suggested to one reporter the information might be available after the election.

"I stand on my record," Day said during his closing comments. "I have kept faith with the people and the people have kept faith with me."

I want to keep you informed. I'm an independent person."

Buck, in closing, told again of his love for Midland. He cited problems with the present leadership "at the top."

In his opening remarks Midland Mayor Al Roach was quick to thank his supporters "for their support and encouragement during the last three years."

Ted Symons took the offensive by outlining his platform saying, "Leadership is the

ship is only as good as his crew. I've stuck to my guns (being opposed to annexation).

Roach stressed his honesty, truthfulness and said he has a "good ear to listen," but he noted, there were some members of council who have, "never" been in the mayor's office in three years," suggesting some of them had banded together.

According to Symons, as mayor he (Symons) would take responsibility for the mayor's chair and ensure that the views of all members of council would be heard.

The topic of annexation (boundary negotiations) was thoroughly reviewed by both candidates, who also had varying opinions on the subject.

Symons was of the opinion that both municipalities (Midland and Tiny), "should sit down and talk about the various concerns...in my view negotiations should continue."

Roach said the town was told, by an official at Queen's Park some time ago, that boundary negotiations, "were premature."

He went on to say, "You and I are entitled to an analysis as to what the costs will be. You do not buy a house without first knowing the price and mortgage payments."

When quizzed, "Did you make a mistake by running for mayor without council experience?" Roach replied that he had

experience on the school board, YMCA, and at 59 and as a businessman and the father of seven children with no mortgage, "it's the bottom line that counts."

Roach went on to say, "Our present Prime Minister had no political

experience and he received the largest mandate in Canadian history."

Symons in turn, stressed the skills he has developed over the years, adding it is, "more important what kind of skills (you)

bring to the office of mayor."

He observed, "I think I understand how to get along."

The remainder of the Roach-Symons "Question Period" will appear in Friday's paper.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE '85

Candidate for mayor

Ted Symons, candidate for mayor in the upcoming Nov. 12 municipal elections says, "The quality of every-day public facilities and services is a constant indication to Midland taxpayers of how well they are being served by their local government."

"Problems with roads, sidewalks, water supply, snow removal and inadequate services, to name a few, irritate ratepayers and need not be tolerated by them."

"Taxpayers have a right to expect quality services and to have their particular concerns heard and appreciated."

"Your mayor and council have a responsibility to ensure the best level of public services for each citizen. Midland must plan to restore deteriorating or inadequate streets, sidewalks, sewers and watermains and to ensure that major facilities such as sewage and water systems have the capacity to serve Midland's future needs."

"As mayor of Midland, I will initiate a review of existing services and a complete five-year plan to restore the quality of public services where necessary and to provide for preventative maintenance of present services, reconstruction of services that have proven inadequate and the installation of new services to meet our additional needs."

"All of that must be done with a careful eye to present and future costs

and within an affordable budget which ensures the best value for every dollar spent."

"Short term savings by eliminating routine preventative maintenance will prove costly indeed if present services are allowed to deteriorate to the point where full reconstruction becomes necessary."

"In co-operation and communication with Midland ratepayers, Midland's mayor and council must take the lead to establish a long-range plan to set priorities for our present and future servicing needs."

"New standards of careful planning which are tuned to the expectations of our ratepayers and a sensible budget will ensure services that create the quality and appearance that Midland deserves and that will attract others to our community."

"Good quality services and a plan for preservation and renewal at reasonable cost will not only serve residents of Midland well. It will also give the appearance and demonstrate the good management that is attractive to new investment in our community. New investment means new industry that will employ more people and reduce the homeowner's share of the tax needs."

"Town servicing is another responsibility of your Mayor and Council that must be satisfied according to the best interests of the town and its citizens."

Tiny Township candidates spell out their platforms

by MICHELE GOUETT

Tiny Township voters have a smorgasbord of candidates to choose from in next week's municipal election, with 12 hopefuls running for three council positions.

In last week's all-candidates meeting in Wyevale, 10 of the 12 candidates were on hand to present their election platforms to a full house at the Wyevale Stott Community Centre.

Although members of the audience did not question the 10 council hopefuls on the issues,

each of the candidates had the opportunity to speak to the crowd during their two minute introductions.

Council candidate Wasy Patrick, the first to speak, lead the way saying his concerns were the same as those of his community and the people in the audience. Like the other 11 candidates, Patrick's concerns are the Pauze dump site, the abolishment of the gag-law, the need for more tourism in the area, and stopping the annexation bid

by Midland.

Forty-seven-year-old Ross Hastings was the next on the stage. Although Hastings refused to make any promises to the crowd, he did tell the group he would stand behind his convictions on the annexation and dump site issues which he opposes.

Hastings, who has served the township since 1978 on various committees, said he would work, if elected, on proper planning of the shorelines since the area was largely

responsible for a good portion of the township's tax base.

Lifelong Tiny resident Roger Marchand was the third candidate to speak to the crowd. The 42-year-olds' goal in council, is to serve the public to the best of his ability by making sure that the voice of the people is heard. Although he is against the annexation of Tiny land, he did say that the

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Your Vote For Me Will Guarantee:

- Planned Economic Growth & Development
- Increased Financial Control
- Protection of Environment
- A Reeve who will listen & act



ELECT

Anthony Patrick LANCIA REEVE X

ELECT BASILE DORION Deputy Reeve Township of Tiny

- Devotes himself entirely to the issues he believes in
- Believes in representing everyone
- Protection of the environment
- Has the necessary experience
- A strong voice with a sensible approach



BASILE DORION X



RE-ELECT

BILL GIBSON X

DEPUTY REEVE TAY TOWNSHIP

- A Track Record of Conscientious Dedication
- 5 Years of Progressive Leadership on Tay Council
- The Energy and Experience required for County Council
- The Courage to make the Tough Decisions
- A Man to Listen and Care for your concerns

On Nov. 12 - Vote for BILL GIBSON - Deputy-Reeve in Tay