

## Reader's comments

# Tories most organized, says Beatty

Dear Editor:

To those who worked on our campaign, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your dedication and hard work. I was most encouraged throughout the campaign by the long hours and skills contributed by so many people. You are all winners, as our Party had the best organization in Muskoka-Georgian Bay. My special thanks to Frank Miller and Bob Boyer for sharing their experience and talents with me.

To those people who entrusted me with their vote, my sincere thanks for your confidence in our Party. I know that our Party has the vision and the understanding of the problems and opportunities of this great Riding to prove to you that your support was justified. I pledge to continue my efforts on your behalf to find the solutions to the unique needs of Muskoka-Georgian Bay.

To the media, my congratulations on your thorough and fair coverage of the debates and issues during the campaign. Your accessibility and professionalism are the cornerstones of our democratic process.

To Dan Waters and Ken Black, best wishes for the future. Although our policies often differed, I admire your courage in submitting your Parties' views and your own convictions

to public scrutiny.

To those who did not vote Progressive Conservative this time, I will continue my efforts to earn your support for my Party in the next election. Our

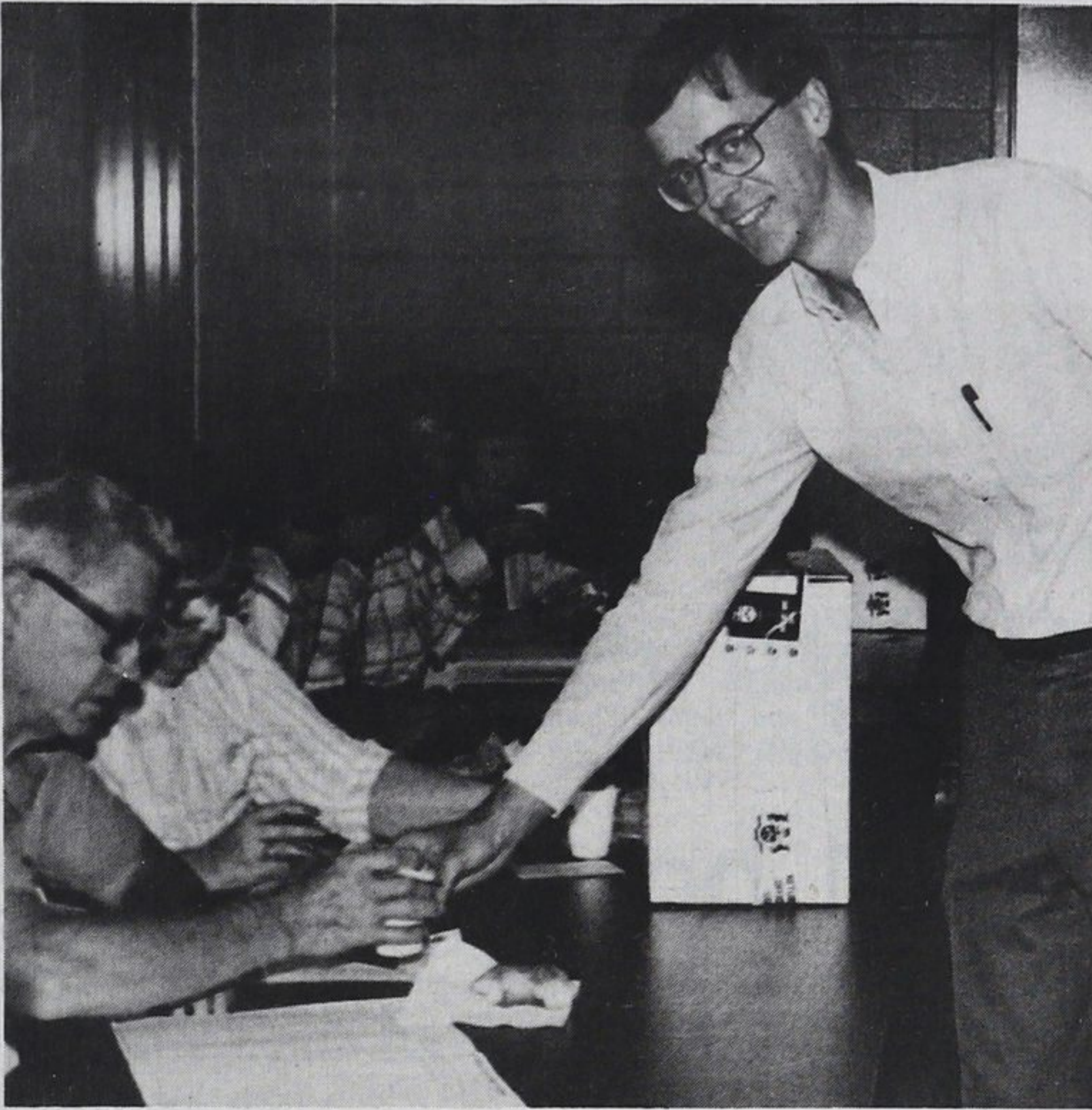
Riding faces pressing needs such as the massive funding of the Bracebridge Hospital, chronic care funding for Fairvern, a fair Provincial tax share for education costs and new school rooms, monies for

roads, bridges and sewage treatment plants, the rebuilding of Oak Ridge, the shortage of approved land fill sites, the crisis of acid rain, and jobs for our unemployed.

I challenge you to examine our Party's policies and to join us in making

Muskoka-Georgian Bay a better place to live.

Sincerely,  
George Beatty,  
PC Candidate,  
Muskoka-Georgian Bay.



## Polling day coffee

Progressive Conservative candidate George Beatty went from poll to poll Monday serving coffee and doughnuts to election workers taking in the ballots.

Later that night Beatty became the first provincial Tory in this area to lose a seat in 40 years.

# No democracy left in medicine, says reader

Editor's note: This is a copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Health, Murray Elston.

Dear Minister:

Re: Amendment to Regulation 448 of the Health Disciplines Act.

What sort of conspiracy is going on in our College of Physicians and Surgeons to withhold a treatment like chelation from patients who freely want it as opposed to expensive drugs which twist the mind??

I watched my husband become a drug confused man, who had to go to the hospital twice a week for blood test, have to adjust his coumadin, more, or less, as dictated by his

blood clotting time, not able to walk, work, or think clearly.

Once he was treated with chelation therapy, he was able to think, work, drive, and take part in Community work, was Chairman of Raisin River Conservation Authority, and is still on the Authority.

A bypass was tried on him in his 3rd vertebrae, in the neck. Eight hours on the operating table. The surgeons at Kingston General Hospital are good, but were not able to make the bypass, and he was sent home to die, given maybe two months. I was told not to worry if he took another stroke, there was nothing they could do for him, I

was not to get too excited!

Hasn't he been through enough? How can they allow these doctors to take away my husband's right to have the treatment that is helping him?

How dare you let these men do these things in the name of protecting patients?

We had to discover this treatment on our own. Not one surgeon said "Try this before we cut you open." This operation was a 5 per cent chance of pulling through. There had been only two or three of this type done, and they weren't so lucky.

What happens to my husband, if he is not allowed to receive chelation? Is he condemned to go back to

taking mind-twisting drugs, prescribed by doctors and backed by the big pharmaceutical companies.

We have paid OHIP all our lives, but because chelation is not a recognized treatment by the Government of Ontario, we have to pay for these treatments ourselves. Now we are being told we can't even be allowed to do this.

Is this what our government is all about? Where is our democracy?

At least let us have the choice.

I am asking for your help, my husband's life depends on it.

Yours truly,  
Agnes Cooper

# Town committee should consider some changes

Dear Editor:

Re: Midland Committee of Adjustment procedure needs adjusting

Midland Committee of Adjustment should seriously consider accommodating residents of the town, by scheduling the regular monthly meeting of the Committee at a time suitable to the majority.

At present, the committee hearings are called for at 4:30 in the afternoon, a time when most working people are either still at work or enroute home.

I had occasion to attend the Sept. 8, 1987 session of the Committee which dealt with 12 applications pertaining to Midland's zoning regulations.

During the meeting I heard a number of complaints in respect of the 4:30 p.m. call of the meetings and several sug-

gestions for a later time slot, preferably 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the inconvenient time factor of the meetings of the Committee, the meeting room facility for the September 8th session of the Committee was hopelessly inadequate to accommodate the 44 persons in attendance.

Despite the fact that the spacious council chamber was available from 5 p.m., the Chairman of the Committee was adamant in his insistence on conducting the proceedings of the Committee in board room "A", a room about the dimensions of a small-size chicken coop.

In refusing to use the larger size council chamber and hence accommodate those present, the provisions of Subsection (6) of Section 44 of the Planning Act were

ignored.

For the benefit of those concerned, the statutory requirement as cited herein, reads:

"Hearing - Section 44 - (6) The hearing of every application shall be in public, and the committee shall hear the applicant and every other person who desires to be heard in favor of or against the application, and the committee may adjourn the hearing or reserve its decision."

Obviously the operative reference at issue in subsection (6) is that "The hearing of every application shall be in public."

If legislators, bureaucrats and citizens wish to serve in a public capacity, they should do so unstintingly and within the framework of whatever statute is applicable.

Sincerely yours,  
William J. Ogilvie.

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