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Wm. Hodgson, Reeve For 5th Year

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Watch New Development Carefully - He Warns

After ten years on council, William Hodgson was re-elected reeve of King Township at the well-attended nominations meeting in Scarborough.

Elections on Monday, December 7, will be held to decide who will form the remainder of the 1960 council.

Contesting the office of deputy-reeve are: Wilfred Aitchison and Douglas Hutchins.

Three councillors are to be chosen from among: Norman Taylor, Blyth Langdon, Kenneth Maynard and Gordon Cook.

Also nominated as councillors were Ray Jennings, Harold Taylor and Donald Kaake, who declined.

Township Clerk Harold Rose acted as returning officer and former reeve and warden, Lorne Goodfellow was chairman while council reviewed the year and candidates were heard.

Touching first upon county bus-

ness, Warden Hodgson reported, "We are about to let a contract for a beautiful but practical building that would accommodate all types of the aged, not just those in the best of health."

He said the county was equally represented by seven urban and seven agricultural municipalities.

Reassessment was completed in King Township this year, he went on. Farmers used to have 75 and 80 per cent of the total assessment and now, under re-assessment, form 34 per cent of the total. Noting current residential assessment was 56 per cent, Mr. Hodgson said another 4 per cent might be allowed, but he warned "Any further development in this township must be balanced by industrial assessment. We are reaching the danger point."

He said King was changing from a rural to urban township, with a population of 11,165. Police Villages accounted for 2,679 residents. Township building is just under last year in actual value, "but we have good quality development." New permits showed \$2,875,000 building total.

Growth Pressure

Warden Hodgson stressed, "Proposed development must be watched very carefully. We have nearly 2,000 acres, which developers are really pressing to develop."

For 900 acres around King City, he said, "Developers are offering the township, sewage, water system, educational facilities, paved roads and engineering services at no cost to the township. But are we ready for 900 acres to be developed? Around Newmarket are 400 similar acres."

"It must be watched closely if this township is to maintain its tax level at a reasonable rate we can afford to pay," Mr. Hodgson stated. He explained Schomberg and Oak Ridges proposals for installation of waterworks are before the Ontario water Resources Commission.

Deputy-reeve Aitchison, also nominated as Reeve, pointed out the last four county wardens held office of reeve the following year and he was in agreement with that policy. "The Warden has brought honor to the County by his good leadership; honor to the Township, and to the name of Hodgson."

Smiling toward his "good friend," Douglas Hutchins, Mr. Aitchison said, "We'll fight it out between us," for Deputy Reeve. He summed up the township's two most important problems are improved roads and improved methods of education. "It's the trend of the times, everything has to be done, not tomorrow, but in a minute."

Councillor Retires

Announcing his retirement after eight years on council, Mr. Ray Jennings, consistent recipient of the councillors' largest vote, said he had given a lot of thought to being reeve and deputy reeve and concluded the township was fast developing and council work was approaching a full-time job. He said he was not in a position to take on the job and, in the best interests of the township, would drop out.

Mr. Jennings urged the Roads Committee consider which roads carry the most traffic, when planning a paving program. "The second of King is used as a service road for Yonge St. and an Aurora subdivision and has more traffic than any other township road."

"I've enjoyed working on council and hope I merited your confidence through eight years," he concluded.

Councillor Hutchins, Roads Chairman, said, "Personalities don't belong in township business, I definitely feel there has to be a change in administration set-up for roads for this township. I brought this before council at least three times, during the year."

Permanent Engineer

"It will be one of the first things for the incoming council to consider. The Roads Superintendent commands our respect as a man and individual. As long as I sit on council that shall never interfere with what I feel is right in municipal affairs," Mr. Hutchins continued, suggesting the position could be advertised. He recommended Council consider hiring a permanent engineer with qualifications to head the Roads Department, help in the building department and do subdivision work.

"It's rather ridiculous two or three days before nominations for you get roads graded in freezing weather," declared Mr. Hutchins.

He reported \$300,000 spent on construction of roads and bridges and said cost of maintaining a mile of road was a little over \$1,000.

Speaking of Township's development, Mr. Hutchins agreed, "Truer words were never spoken than it would need 'close watching.'" He spoke favorably of the Official Plan filed with the Minister of Planning and Development and which he said had been thoroughly inspected.

"As long as you can follow a sound plan and let built-up areas grow into larger urban self-contained units, I feel the better off this Township will be," he maintained. "We still have a basically rural township. The man living on a lot fronting a farm, on a two-acre or 15-acre lot is basically rural by nature."

Councillor Hutchins summed up, "We should not always relate progress to a bulldozer!"

New Water Systems

As Chairman of Drainage and Development Committee, Councillor Norman Taylor felt, "Certain areas have to be upgraded and one of the considerations is water. It will attract better homes." He said, "Close to my heart are the two water systems we hope to have installed. In Oak Ridges I just hope a school situation doesn't hinder water."

"Balanced assessment is essential. Subdividers are in it to make money and the township has to see everything is done by specifications," said Mr. Taylor, who considered Township Engineer Victor Bardawill "tops."

"Police Villages are looking after their own needs. Trustees are doing a remarkable job," commented Mr. Taylor. "Some don't want to be on their own and one have eyes on incorporation. I feel the township has to provide administration to give people services they want. Those from the city want water, garbage collection, street lights, until they are back to city standards."

He stated, "It's inevitable, if water comes to Schomberg and Oak Ridges, those areas will move like King and Nobleton. It will be a future council's responsibility to see needs are met, if the township is to remain whole, otherwise it should say, 'Go ahead and incorporate.'"

Mr. Taylor said he would like to see "Township develop as a township."

Township School Trustees for Area 1, John W. Fawcett and Carman Tilson received an acclamation to the five-man board.



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The November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Kay Morris with Mrs. Nora Weiton in the chair.

Guests were Joanne White, Audrey Nion and Sylvia Thompson. Mrs. Thompson, representing Mark-Vaughan W. I. spoke regarding the possibility of the two institutes starting a 4-H club for the young girls in the community.

Mrs. Fern Russell and Mrs. Kay Morris attended the area convention held in Scarborough. A ten dollar contribution was received towards the "World Refugee Year" fund.

The December meeting will be at the Ridge Inn, after dinner members will enjoy a bowling night.

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