

Race For Every Seat In Markham Tp.

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 "In 1959 the assessment ratio was 76.9 per cent residential and 23.1 per cent industrial and commercial. The 1960 figures show that we have improved 4.3 per cent in one year. It is now 72.6 per cent residential and 27.4 per cent industrial and commercial. Markham Township industrial and commercial assessment is slightly more than 1 per cent higher than North York Township to the south."

Regarding the County of York, Mr. Clark said, "Over one million dollars has been spent over the last few years in Markham Township by the Toronto & York

Roads Department. Through our equalized assessment we paid less to the county this year, \$112,000, than last year, \$117,000."

In conclusion, Mr. Clark said he had every respect for his deputy-reeve Mr. Dean, who is contesting the reeveship. "I will leave it to the taxpayers to decide who they want as reeve for 1961. And I will be quite happy with their decision on election day."

Wilfred R. Dean
 Next to speak was the present deputy-reeve, Mr. Dean, who contests the reeveship in this year's election, but who returned the compliment to Mr. Clark, saying,

"I have every respect for Mr. Clark, our incumbent reeve. I think he has merited every form of respect given him, especially as the 100th Warden of York County."

"I have done as I said last year that I would, and helped him in every way I could to become warden. I also said at the nomination meeting last year, I would run for reeve this year, and I intend to do so."

After thanking the staff of each municipal department for their co-operation through 1960, Mr. Dean spoke of his work on York County's Finance Committee and the Agriculture Committee. He then told how he had supported the efforts of Reeve Clark and Richmond Hill's former Reeve Tom Taylor when the Toronto and York Roads took over Markham Road to Bayview Ave.

As Chairman of Finance for Markham Township Council he reported that 52 per cent of the taxes levied for this year have been laid up to October 30th, a sum of over \$1,700,000.

Appealing to the voters, he said, "If you see your way clear to electing me, a representative of one of the oldest families on the front end of the township, to the reeve's chair, I would be very thankful."

Deputy-reeve
 Lawson Mumberson, member of council for the past four years, who this year is stepping up to contest the deputy-reeveship vacated by Mr. Dean, spoke of his decision saying, "Markham is the only township in the area which did not go outside of its township for road crew help during the severe sleet storms of last January."

He commended roads department for their invaluable help at that time saying, "Our snow plows never stopped during that time. Our men worked as much as 30 hours at a stretch, their lunches being brought to them where they sat in their cabs. Not a single dollar was spent outside the township for snow removal."

He then reported over eight miles of township roads had been ditched and graded this year, 75 new culverts and bridges have been put in across the township and Carville Road and Kirk Drive have both been asphalt topped. Giving credit to the members who have represented the township on county council for the past seven years, Mr. Mumberson said, "They got back the cost of seven and a half miles

of road for us through their efforts."

In his final statement for the office of deputy-reeve he said, "This year I am trying for the deputy-reeveship and if you folks see fit to vote me in, I will, to the best of my ability, serve you."

Mr. Lawson is being opposed by Stewart Rumble who is also standing for the deputy-reeveship.

John MacNeil
 This year's present councillor in Ward I, John MacNeil declared he would again be in the running for that office. Chairman of the Water and Sanitary Committee for Markham Township, Mr. MacNeil said, "Three years ago when I came on council, plans were laid in Water Area No. 1 which have now been completed. Water Area No. 2 is the next project."

Mr. MacNeil said that promises he made last year when he ran for election have been carried out and stated he was a man who kept his word and "I will fight for any promises I make, for I don't make them lightly." He promised that if possible, sewers would be installed in Highland Park area by next summer.

A member too of the Police Committee and the Roads Committee for the township Mr. MacNeil promised, "I will do my best for you and I won't let you down if elected for the coming year."

Stanley Watson
 Mr. Watson, who is standing for a fourth term as councillor in Ward III said he had never missed a council meeting during his three-year term of office.

He referred to the Finance Committee, of which he is a member, and said the township's employees' salary schedule has been brought in this year. "I think our employees have more security now than they have ever had before and that with this schedule we can keep our employees happy and ensure good replacements coming to work for us when needed."

Speaking of the Cemetery Committee he said the 14 abandoned cemeteries in the township were being looked after, three or four of the worst having already been taken care of.

New Candidates
 Stewart Rumble, who opposes Lawson Mumberson for the deputy-reeveship, was unable to be present at the nomination meeting but notified Clerk Harry

Crisp he would stand, before the meeting took place. Mr. Rumble, who is Chairman of the York Central District High School Board, was attending the commencement at Woodbridge High School.

A neighbour present, who had nominated Mr. Rumble for the office of deputy-reeve, spoke highly in his regard and asked the electors to give Mr. Rumble their support on December 5th.

Allan Sumner, candidate for councillor of Ward I, said he had resigned from his long-term office of Village Trustee for Thornhill, in order to run for council and see that there is more fire protection in that end of the township. He scored the present council for their lack of perception in setting up a fire department there.

Mr. G. P. Howe, the third candidate for Ward I offered his services to the people of the whole township, and in his own constituency, saying he had been an alderman in Toronto, as well as having a great deal of experience in labour and management.

In Ward II, Mr. G. A. Gamble, who was also proposed as deputy-reeve and declined, because "I would not oppose my good friend Lawson Mumberson," said he would be happy to serve as councillor.

Mr. Gamble is completing his second year on the Board of Directors for the Children's Aid, works with the Canadian Mental Health Association and has had a year on Markham Township Planning Board. He said he had no personal ambition in running for council but felt he had something to offer to the township, and therefore felt it was his moral obligation to do so.

The second candidate for council in Ward II was **Charles Hooper**. Mr. Hooper said, "I think that this year in Ward II we are going to go on to the greatest development in our history. We have to have some person in this ward to protect the taxpayers." He said he thought there was some laxity somewhere because of the big budget township has, and he wants to find out where township money goes. He criticized the telephone bill of \$5,000 for the municipality and said some member of council present should explain this.

(Later Mr. Clark said telephone costs were high but necessary. "The only way to cut costs is to cut out the 'phones and I don't think anyone in the township would want this, particularly because additional lines were installed at the request of the taxpayers.")

Continuing, Mr. Hooper said the township should get two or

three big industries in the township in order to lower taxes.

Stating he has in the past served five years as reeve of the township and had at one time been the youngest warden of York County, and had had 12 straight acclamations to council in as many years, Mr. Hooper said his main reason for running for office at this time was to make the township a good place to live and "I promise you tonight, I'll give you 24 hour service if I am elected." Mr. Hooper has been nominated yearly for 27 years.

Mr. A. Campbell, who is opposing Stanley Watson for the office of councillor in Ward III, was brief in his nomination speech, saying, "I am standing for council because of the by-pass in our area, which means there will be two level crossings on 14th Ave. It will cost the township 80 per

cent for this change-over — why submit to that change?"

Rebuttal
 Allowed five minutes each, the various members of the present council answered various points brought up by the opposition. Reeve Clark said some of the criticism had been just but explained there had been a lack of interest in Thornhill regarding a fire department. (Mr. Sumner later spoke of this and said there were 25 volunteers willing to belong to a fire group, but that council had not attended the meeting held to discuss a fire program.)

Mr. Clark also said everything possible was being done to alleviate level crossings in the township.

It was when Mr. Dean spoke in rebuttal that he was attacked verbally by Mrs. James.

But first Mr. Dean replied to a remark that the budget was too high by saying, "Our debenture rates are down this year from last. This year we have only \$300,000 in debentures."

Mr. MacNeil replied to a charge made earlier by Mr. Hooper, that Metro relations of good will should be encouraged, by stating, "Our Metro relations have been excellent in the last two years."

Speaking about the lot fees charged in the township, Mr. MacNeil said, "I'm going to fight to lower our taxes in Ward I by seeing that money from lot fees is used there, if they are collected there."

Mr. Mumberson said in rebuttal, the 1960 mill rate for roads was only .08 higher than the mill rate in 1952, "despite bad weather of last year, and the new roads we have built."

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