Mike Burnie running in Richvale - Langstaff - Hillcrest

Thirty-two-year-old Mike Burnie, who grew up in the old Town of Richmond Hill and has lived in the Ward 6 area on Carrville Road for the past decade, has announced he will seek election to the Ward 6 seat on Richmond Hill Council December 2.



Mike Burnie Ward 6 candidate

Mike has always taken an active part in community affairs, both as a student in local schools and as an adult. He tops his list of interests with the 1st Langstaff Cubs and Scouts (he is assistant cubmaster of the Wednesday night active involvement in the cost of facilities," he said. South Richmond Hill Task Force, and the Richmond Hill Citizens' Advisory Group. In connection with the latter he chaired the

was instrumental in bringing to this municipality the most interesting and educational Ontario Conference on Local Government series of lectures

which has just finished. Burnie is employed as an architectural hardware consultant by Rutherford Marketing Services, a sales and marketing agency, and told "The Liberal" he will be able to arrange sufficient time to attend to municipal business, if elected.

His reasons

He decided to enter the political field to ensure there would be a candidate in Ward 6 who lives in that ward and has a personal knowledge of the problems of the area and will have a personal interest in seeing them solved. Mike has been keenly interested in the South Yonge Corridor study, saying "I have lived with it", and in the continuation of the BAIF development.

Sufficient day care provisions to meet the need is also a big concern. "I know this is a regional matter, but I believe that at the local level we can put some pressure on the region to go for individual certified house type centres, certified pack), and then follows (not of course, which could necessarily in this order) substantially reduce the

> "I intend to be a voice for the citizens' viewpoint that a growth rate of 4 percent, which will bring Richmond

steering committee which Hill's population up to the maximum 105,000 by the year 2000, should not be exceeded," he continued.

Future growth

"When the sewers come, they will be a two-edged sword. They will solve some problems but they will creat others. Emphasis must be placed on good planning, both physical and monetary, to ensure they do not bring a growth rate which this municipality will not be able to absorb with as little as

possible hardship on those who already live here.

The new availability of services can also open a pandora's box of severances, as people try to create new building lots out of existing lots. We have to be on our guard in this respect, because these lots could alter the whole picture. These problems can be controlled by good planning".

> BAIF centre Mike also expressed

concern the BAIF Community Centre will proceed as planned. "It is really needed and will be a tremendous boon to Ward

"It has been my belief for some time some councillors tend to get caught up in a sense of their own importance and forget who put them there," he commented. "I promise that won't happen with me as I firmly believe it takes a good, constructive citizens' group to keep councillors on

their toes and I intend to support such groups."

Mike also thinks it is time to get the wheels rolling for a division of Ward 6 into two

"Ward 6 had the biggest population when it was set up four years ago, and the greatest part of our growth has occurred there. Since it takes two years to get a change through, now's the time to start so the people in South Richmond Hill have proper representation on

council by the time election time comes around again."

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Marylo Graham runs in Ward 4

An 18 year resident of Richmond Hill announced her intention this week to stand for the post of councillor in Ward 4 in the fortheoming municipal election. Marylo Graham of 53 Vaughan Road expressed concern about coming changes being imposed on Ward 4 by growth pressures affecting all of Richmond

While conceding growth in the Richmond Hill area is inevitable, Mrs. Graham deplored the quality and character of development that is now being approved

"Most of us stayed or came to Richmond Hill to live in a small town. And look what is happening. In the pressure for massive growth we've seen almost total disregard for the implications - financial. social and environmental of that growth."

"Some members of the present council seem to feel growth precludes the possibility of retaining the present characteristics of our town and our way of life. I think both are possible but only if there is genuine respect on council for the needs and wishes of citizens already living in Richmond

Community service Mrs. Graham, a mother of two children, has been an active executive member of the Citizens' Advisory Group, and in attendance at council meetings. A graduate of the University of Toronto and Teachers College, she served in the past as president of the Curtain Club and the Youth Aid Centre.

According to Mrs. Graham, "Unless we modify the present trend, Ward 4 faces brutal changes. Already the town is committed to the BAIF subdivision of 30,000 people on our southern border. Our eastern section, including the historic core, is threatened by high rise commercial and residential buildings along the Yonge Street corridor.

"The golf course's future is doubtful. The rural areas

are now open to applications for mobile home parks of 500 units, or other residential subdivisions. Present plans for Ward 4 roads would create busy "arterial" or "collector" roads out of relatively quiet residential streets. Such plans mean the widening of existing roads and the loss of many mature

trees," said Mrs. Graham. Change by choice "Certainly, there will be growth and changes. But we have to make sure they're the right kind for Ward 4 and the town. We need to find out what the taxpayers here want — and if this election is fought on the issues we may

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Marylo Graham Ward 4 candidate

"When we know what our town's identity and image is, we must plan carefully, both in philosophy and detail, and stand firmly to that plan. We need to insist on creativity and excellence in what is new, and conservation of what is good in

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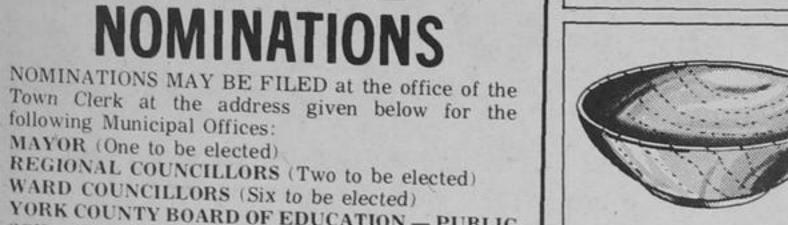






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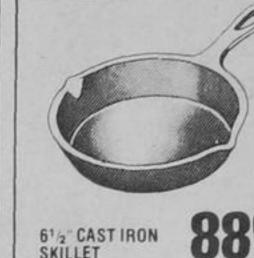




















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