

Osgoode — Bouwers boys back,

but McEvoy...

by Steve Chadwick

Councillor Phil McEvoy is being replaced by Doug Thompson, but otherwise Osgoode will return intact following the Nov. 10 municipal election with the acclamation of reeve and all four councillors.

Al Bouwers, completing his second term as reeve, was also acclaimed in the two previous elections. He is pleased he will be able to help complete projects that council have already undertaken, such as senior citizen housing.

The 43-year-old Bouwers, speaking of council's achievements, cites the renovation of the township hall and the modernization of the township road system.

Councillor Albert McKeown, who has served for five terms, says council has held tax increases to a minimum while supplying needed services. The 60-year-old dairy farmer was chairman of the task force on senior citizen housing in 1979.

Fred Alexander, also a dairy farmer, has been a councillor for three terms. For two of those

terms, Alexander, 53, was chairman of the road committee.

Mary Cooper, 46, is the third incumbent councillor, having been on council for two terms. She has chaired the recreation committee and intends to present a master plan outlining Osgoode Township's future recreational needs to council in November.

Newcomer Doug Thompson, a 34-year-old teacher at Blossom Park Public School, has been a member of the recreation committee for the past two years and its vice-president in 1980. He says the recreation master plan will help the township secure grants from the Ontario government in the future.

Mr. Thompson wants to pressure the provincial government to disband regional government. He suggests a referendum determine residents' opinions of Osgoode Township's relationship with Ottawa-Carleton.

He says the township gets little in return for tax dollars it pays the region.

Phil McEvoy, who Mr. Thomp-

son replaces, chose not to announce his candidacy after serving on council for 12 straight years, longer than other present council member.

Mr. McEvoy says his position had become more and more frustrating until "it got to the point where I just wanted to live a little." He believes there is a trend toward too much government.

He says council red tape discourages growth. He dislikes market value assessment implemented by council this past year. And, although the program has lowered residential taxes, he feels it is a deterrent to industry wanting to locate in Osgoode Township.

"Council wants to attract only the best industries, but is not getting much at all," he says, adding he believes council should give up some of the controls it places on the private sector.

"Government involvement means three or four times the cost of what could be done in private enterprise alone."

Russell — Seven going for three

by Mark Bourne

Russell has returned both its reeve and deputy-reeve by acclamation. Gaston Patenaude is back for his fourth term as reeve and deputy-reeve Albert Bourdeau for his third.

In the race for council are seven candidates contesting three positions. Baird McNeill, Leon Marion, Claire Desormeaux, Keith Dugdale, Maurice Bedard, Edgar Brisson and Anne-Jean Brisson are running for council.

Russell village trustees Wilton Gamble, Norman Inglis and Rudolph Bols have all been acclaimed.

Acclaimed for the village of Embrun are trustees André Bériault, Pierre Carrière and Richard Blouin.

Jean-Roch Brisson, trustee on the Prescott-Russell Roman Catholic school board has been returned by acclamation. Newcomer Elizabeth Hay for the Prescott-Russell Public school board was also acclaimed.

There are four nominations for the Prescott-Russell Board of

Education. These include Pierre Pelletier, the Embrun incumbent, and newcomers Gaston Chevrier, Bernard Boulerice and Marcel Perras.

Gaston Patenaude says he was acclaimed as Russell's reeve because "people must be satisfied with the work I've done".

Returning for his fourth term as reeve Mr. Patenaude is looking forward to seeing the completion of projects started during his previous term. The major undertaking will be the construction of water and sewer services in Embrun.

That will cost \$10 million with the contract to be tendered "in a few weeks". Money has also been set aside for paving the Bell Canada right-of-way.

Among his other priorities, Mr. Patenaude lists sidewalk improvements, completion of Boundary Road reconstruction between Highway 417 and Marionville, resurfacing of Russell's main streets and bridge improvements.

Winchester —

Holmes in a walk, others up for grabs

by Kim Curran

The municipal race should concern all citizens in the Winchester Township area this year. Rarely is there so much interest and attention given to council posts.

Only one position in the Winchester Township election will not be considered. Gerald Holmes, Winchester incumbent Reeve for

the past two years, will return for another term. Mr. Holmes, 63, is a retired dairy farmer; he guided the completion of the Ormond Bridge and the almost completed Nation Valley Bridge.

Holmes and his council were also responsible for the addition to the township office. In future

he would like to improve roads and officially open the new bridge.

The position for Deputy Reeve is a battle between incumbent Jim Sullivan and former Reeve Cecil McNabb.

Mr. Sullivan is particularly concerned with road maintenance. If elected, he hopes to see completion of the development road to link the village of Winchester to county road seven.

In the contest for the remaining three positions on council are Claude Cousineau, Albert St. Pierre, Kennan Stewart and Dwayne Holmes. Mr. Cousineau and Mr. St. Pierre are incumbents.

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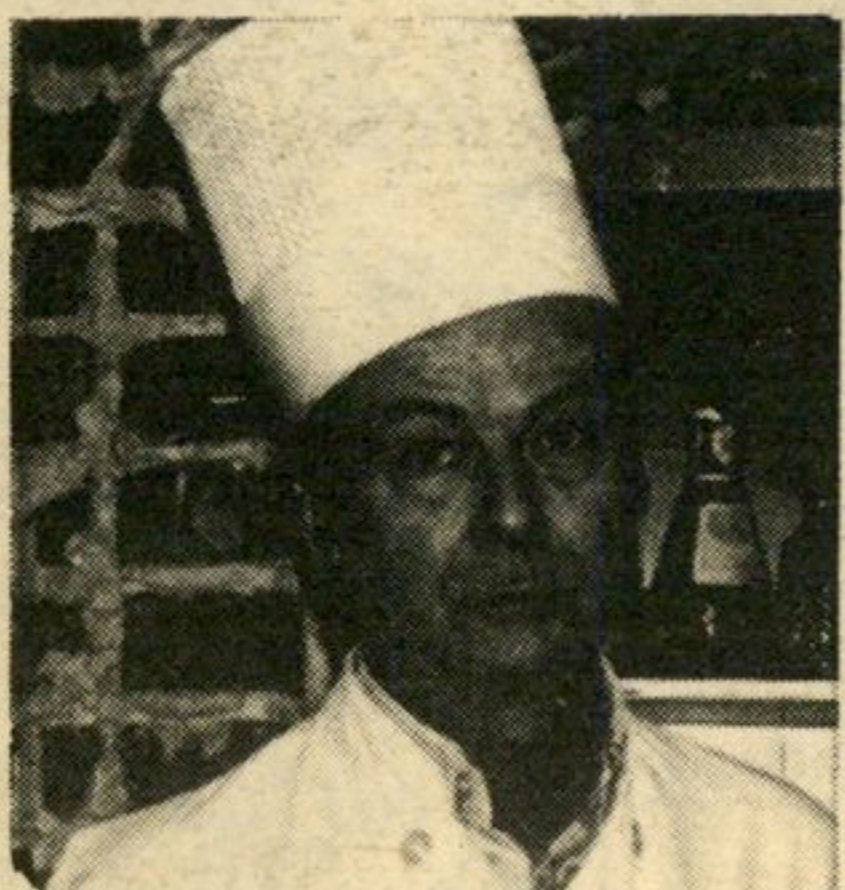
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