



Earl Dowswell 'attempts comeback'



Donald Jackson former councillor

Standing Room Audience

Uxbridge candidates address electorate

UXBRIDGE TWP. — While Century City is certainly a plank in every Uxbridge Township council platform, it appears that it will be the deciding issue in the race for reeve.

Bob Nesbitt, hopeful of moving up a notch from the Deputy Reeve's chair, maintained, at a meet the candidates meeting sponsored by the township ratepayers' association in Goodwood, Nov. 24, that he was definitely opposed to the plan.

Mr. Nesbitt told the standing-room-only crowd that it was his 'dream' to turn the 7,000 acre area into a huge park. He said that he agreed that housing was a great need, but the need for a major park close to Toronto was greater. He said that he felt the park could be an asset to the township, the county, and the entire province.

In an answer to a question regarding lost tax revenue through the park, he replied that it would be controlled by the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and would pay some property taxes.

Bruce Herrington, a new face in municipal politics, told the meeting that he was in favor of Century City — with reservations. He pointed out that the developers must satisfy the council that there will be no increased burden on the taxpayers to provide services, and that there will be a proper balance between residential and industrial build up. He added that a buffer zone surrounding the area must be held by the township.

Century City is a 'real plum' he said, and other areas, especially Stouffville, would be happy to have it. Mr. Herrington said that he felt Uxbridge Township should retain the area, because, with it, the township may have sufficient population and industrial assessment to retain its identity under the regional government plan. He acknowledged that the development will bring many problems that must be dealt with intelligently by council so that the people of Uxbridge will derive the greatest possible benefit from the decisions.

Mr. Herrington also spoke on the problem of gravel, stating that there must be restrictions regarding truck routes, rejuvenation of exhausted pits. He said that he felt a commuter rail service could be of benefit to the

township, and should be investigated.

Earl Dowswell, running for the deputy reeve's post, said that with the proposed Century City Development, the township had become 'good gravy' in everyone's plans for Regional Government. He said that with Century City, the township may be able to retain its identity, but the township should not accept the planned development if it will not be of benefit to the present ratepayers.

He said that he is basically in favor of the City, but the township needs advice from qualified personnel before accepting it.

He added that the township must retain a solicitor who is unbiased to assist them in their negotiations.

Don Jackson, the second contender in the contest for deputy reeve, said he was willing to negotiate with the Century City developers, but there must be no burden placed on the taxpayers. He said that the township must look forward to planned development rather than scattered subdivisions, and the employment made available through large industrial growth. He said that the advantages, however, must be weighed against the pos-

sible disadvantages including pollution, water sewers, garbage, roads and policing problems. He said a professional planner must be held on a retainer fee to help guide the township in their decisions.

Mr. Jackson said that he felt the people of the township would benefit from improvements to the Goodwood Park, and the hiring of a part time sports director. He said that he disagreed with accusations that council had failed to communicate with the people of the township.

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