

Uxbridge candidate in it again

By KATE GILDERDALE
Ward 1 contender Frank Hendy says his industrial background, knowledge of the area and previous council experience are all important factors in his bid to represent Uxbridge taxpayers for the next three years.

"He was a councillor on the Uxbridge Township Council before regional government and served two terms in that capacity.

"For the last 17 years I have been involved in different activities and sports and other projects," he noted.

Hendy has worked at Dominion Automotive Industries, where he is production planning manager, for the past 15 years. "When we talk industrial development, I have the experience to guide council," he said. "I've been in industry of all types for over 30 years."

His priorities include getting traffic lights installed at Bloomington and Hwy 47, the realignment of signs in the hamlet of Goodwood, the lowering of the speed limit in Glasgow to 50 kilometres an hour and the rerouting of gravel trucks to relieve traffic pressure on the 3rd concession.

He would like to see improvements in gravel roads and some residential expansion in Goodwood. He is also an enthusiastic proponent of recycling, which he would like to see expanded into rural areas.

Hendy has lived in the area for 32 years, and attended Stouffville High School. He has been married for 27 years and he and his wife Laura have two grown children.

In addition to his involvement with sports and agricultural organizations, Hendy has been a member of the Public School Board, Uxbridge High School Parent-Teacher Liaison Committee.

"I know what's happening in the town of Uxbridge because I'm here," he stated. "I enjoy local politics and I enjoy being involved."

RON MORAN

Candidate for mayor in Pickering a veteran

By BRUCE STAPLEY
Wayne Arthurs, contesting the Town of Pickering mayoralty with George Ashe, says his six years on council representing Ward 3 have prepared him for the top municipal office.



WAYNE ARTHURS
Mayoral candidate

Arthurs, father of four, has taught school in Thornhill for 14 years. He believes his record of community involvement points to his being the right candidate for the job.

And while he won't come out and say it, he hints that it would be better to have a mayor dealing with Queen's Park without ties, past or present, to any of the major parties.

Arthurs' opponent served as a cabinet minister for the Conservative government in Ontario for four years.

"I think we have to have a leader on council who is credible at the provincial level, who has no ties with any one party," he says.

Arthurs is an environmentalist whose concern with the garbage crisis in southern Ontario led to his becoming chairman of the board of directors for Durham Recycling, a group responsible for the placing of 65,000 blue boxes around the region.

And, like other candidates in the Pickering municipal race, he is dead opposed to any more dump sites in the town.

"I've been opposed to any expansion or addition to the Brock West dump site," he says. "I'm opposed to any landfill sites in or impacting on Pickering. We've done more than our share to handle the garbage of the region and Toronto. My role on the Durham recycling committee is a way of

saying that I want to do something about the situation."

Arthurs believes the traffic problem in Pickering has become the focal point of all the problems and pressures facing the town.

"All the frustration of growth, lack of facilities, etc., are focusing on traffic. People are all saying they left the big city for some green space, but now it's taking them twice as long to get home from work as it used to."

Arthurs points to two areas that must be addressed in order to alleviate the growing traffic problems.

"First, the money available to widen the Altona Rd. from Hwy 2 to Sheppard should be directed to connecting Steeles Ave. to Taunton Rd., which would give us another east-west connection," he says.

The second solution involves the shortening of the time frame of seven to 10 years for the proposed widening of Hwy 401 to Brock Road.

He sees growth as an inevitability for Pickering, but in-

sists the out-of-control aspect of development must be addressed. "I want to see quality development and I want to be sure we have the infrastructure built to properly sustain future growth, things like roads, services and the fire protection services," he says.

And it is essential that council be able to serve as an effective watchdog forcing developers to fulfill all their obligations to the town, he adds.

Arthurs would also like to see a mayor's task force set up to study the affordable housing situation in Pickering.

He would work towards making Council more accountable. "I would address the whole issue of leadership, the lack of response to public issues we have seen in the past, the arrogance shown by council. I've been known to be a little adversarial on council, but it has been in an attempt to make council more responsible."

Arthurs has been on the Library Board for seven years, and spent another six on the Museum Advisory Board. He was president of the Glengrove Community Association, and organized a condominium association in Pickering. He served as public service chairman for the United Way in the area in 1987.

He claims that if elected to the Mayor's position, he would step down from his teaching post.

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