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Michael Foster

NDPer Foster graduated from York in '76. He ran for alderman in the 1974 election and is presently the administrator of a community legal

"My main issue is property taxes and what sectors of the economy should pay for municipal services. Up to now it has been individual working people who've paid for

"But municipal finances should be collected from those who can afford

"For example, if you have two houses side by side and in one house you have a pensioner who earn \$6,000 a year and beside him someone who works and earns \$20,000 then they should not have to pay the same amount for services through property taxes."

Foster expressed dissatisfaction with public transit and said "my conception of an alternative public transit service is one that offers a real alternative to driving a car."

Foster said the bus which runs to York along Grand Ravine and shuts down at 7:30, "can hardly be considered and adequate service."

Marilyn Meshberg Alderman Meshberg is coming to the end of her first term. She has lived in the ward for eighteen years. A member of the Phase II Fine Arts Development users committee,

office provided by Joe Green, the Dean of Fine Arts. She told Excalibur she has missed only one council meeting in two years. She is a single parent raising three

Meshberg sees potential for more revenue for the borough by developing Downsview Air Base land, and a former school site at Keele and Finch, but feels there should be "no development without community dialogue."

Meshberg is critical of the way North York arrives at its budget. and says it is done without priorities.

'Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars went to a pedestrian tunnel for the Sheppard Mall, but the cut out a grade five school dental program, which I was opposed to

Meshberg said that while "public transit has been greatly improved with new bus routes", there has been 'a decrease in service on the Keele line." She favours "improved feeder service to the subway lines."

Meshberg said that in her term as alderman she has worked to build a file on the issues and residents'

Amerigo Petruzzo

When Petruzzo was told that unless he delivered a photo to Excalibur by Monday, we would not be able to publish it, he said he wasn't worried because "I want people to vote by what I say, not by sight."

"My real issue is regarding taxes," he said. "I'm really anxious to see where our tax dollars go. I've

campus on a monthly basis in a and families are almost starving, because they can't pay taxes."

Petruzzo and he organized a petition, during the reign of the AIB. to keep tax increases "under six per cent," and it got "thousands of

He feels the petition had an effect because "this year we had only a one per cent property tax increase." He favours "more police cir-

"hundreds of families" in the ward means the other candidates "will have to run."

> **Judy Taylor** "I entered the campaign mainly

"We need better transit service in

the rush hour and we need to stretch

He feels that his contacts with

pools in so many areas."

it better after the rush hour."

represented at all. When the present alderman, Marilyn Meshberg was elected, I asked her if she'd be able to take care of her duties and raise her family, but in tyhe last two years I've found that the representation

has just gone downhill. "The only alternative was Michael Foster, whose a nice guy but kind of young, so I found I had a moral obligation to run."

sportation up there, I don't see how people get around at all it take hours

"We desperately need daycare centers. I feel and empathy with taxpayers whose taxes are enormous, but are not being used effectively.'

Taylor is a real estate broker, a graduate of Seneca College.

Lastman has easy run for mayor

He's nearing the six-year mark as North York mayor, and with no one on his council opposing him in his re-election bid, the borough's millionaire mayor is about to start a fourth term with - no end in sight.

We went to his office in the awesome new North York municipal building to ask him about his plans for the new term. What are the issues?

"There aren't any,"he replied Our taxes are between 16 and 54 per cent lower than elsewhere in Metro, and 32 per cent higher than in the city of Toronto ... '

He went on to rhyme off a list of services that made North York sound like an absolutely wonderful municipality. He added that the reason there are "no issues-"and no opponents of stature-in this election is that "I don't wait for an election to solve problems." Lastman maintains who finds out about "little problems before everybody gets their backs up."

He referred to his weekly phone - in tv show, heading into its sixth year on Metro cable tv. which keeps him in touch with the grass

"All the calls are unsreened. People can phone in and say 'Hey Mr. Mayor, you're a shit, you never answered my letter...but nobody ever says that." What concerns him most?

"Jobs and vandalism. That's what encouraged me to run again, the thought that I can do something about these issues."

On vandalism, Lastman said a recent visit to Chicago, where the city council recently enacted an ordinance which made parents responsible for the vandalism of their children, gave him the idea to prepare a similar by-law for

North York. Lastman says similar laws have been passed in 24 cities across the US have reduced vandalism "30 to 50 percent.'

"Even the far-out left-winger voted for it. I never argue with success. But I changed it a bit, making parents responsible fo the vandalism of their children under 16, provided their kids are living at home."

He said enforcement "would be at a judge's discretion, because you can't get blood out of a

On jobs, Lastman said the borough will push for development of land the owners of which aren't doing anything with it.

Wouldn't too much development exacerbate the problems of population density?

"Jane and Finch is a real problem. I've been trying to stop a development that's going to put 3,000 people in the area and I hope the Ontario Municipal Board will not approve it."

What do Lastman's colleagues on the council have to say about

Controller Ron Summers commented:

"In the last year-and a half, Mel has really come of age as mayor. Before that he was a Mel Lastman publicity machine. It will be an honor to follow him.

"My only criticism now is that I think he's the weakest chairman at council meetings that I've ever seen in my life."

Controller Esther Shiner said. "I work very well with Mel. He's put North York on the map."

"I don't think I'll comment. we've got to work on the same council," said controller Barbara

Vote for four of these controller candidates in North York

North York's senior controller Barbara Greene, is a former high school English teacher, who has been on Board of Control for six years.

Asked why she should be returned to office, Greene "Because I'm a hard-working and competent

representative; I'm running basically on my record." For Greene "the first priorities in the budget should be fire and health.' "Another thing that seems to be emerging as an issue

is attendance and participation - I'm on a lot more committees than the minimum I have to be on." "On taxes, my stand is the same as the other present members of the Board, which is that the increase in

taxes should be six per cent." Greene is opposed to a reduction in services such as garbage collection, "because I don't believe we're overserviced in North York."

Harvey Haber is a lawyer and was founding president of Beth Tikvah Synagogue and is Toronto chairman of the Institute of Holocaust Studies of Bar Ilan University

He has edited a textbook on landlord/tenant relations. "Government has lost sight of the little man, who has lost faith in government," Haber told Excalibur. Haber expressed concern over the way "Joe Q.

Public" is treated by Consumers Gas and Bell "I don't want to see strikes in essential services. No cutoffs of water, hydro, or snowplowing," he added. Haber proposes conpulsory arbitration to avoid

strikes in essential services. "It would be compulsory arbitration within a designated period of time, and there could be an appeal to the supreme court. Both sides would be represented, and if they don't agree a judge decides - but for Joe Q. Public, essential services continue.

Alex McGivern

McGivern pledges to be a full time Board of Control member. He sees the job of controller as much like "the executive vice-presidency of a big firm."

He says that the Board's "development committee should actively go out and contact businesses and attract them to North York. Whenever a member of the development committee can be somewhere where he can talk it up, that's what he should do.'

"The central issue today is to hold down taxes as much as possible, and the way to do that is to develop land so that taxes can be generated by development.

"I'm in favour of developing Yonge St. The borough can sell the land it owns in North York, on condition that it be developed within a certain time.

McGivern feels the Toronto Transit Commission needs "some new blood for future planning."

He has lived in North York for thirty years and is past president of the Royal Canadian Armed Service Corps Officers Association. He previously served on the board for four years and was an alderman for eight.

Paisley's number one priority is to bring stability back to North York council. It's a \$60,000,000 a year corporation and it can't gain respect unless it functions with the same decorum as a corporation.

"Senior levels of government have not given the municipalities enough assistance. North York has a comprehensive dental plan. It receives only a subsidy of 25 per cent — that should be 75 per cent.

Paisley says that welfare funding "should come from a different tax base," in order to give relief to property

"The subway should serve people, right now it doesn't serve anybody except the downtown core. You can shoot a cannon down the Yonge subway at off-peak hours, and you're paying for it."

Paisley feels the "little merchants are dying" because of competition from shopping centers" and ways have to be found to "give them a break"; he mentioned the need for better parking facilities near small stores.

Paisley told Excalibur he has "over 25 years of community involvement." He was founding chairman of York-Finch hospital.

"I'm more of a peoples' politician, because I've always been outspoken," says Shiner, who has been a controller for two years and was an alderman for four years before that. She is chairman of the "Go Spadina"

Taxation is an issue from time-immemorial. At every election, each candidate has a slogan. We went over our budget 'til we squeezed every department dry-there's not a buck for anything. Anyone can say, 'I'll save you money' — I wish sometimes that people would check on the people who say it two years later.'

"Our help have negotiated contracts with wage increases -we have to pay them. We look for programs to cut, but we can't cut out our ice rinks and tennis courts." Shiner said that council only gets 19 per cent of the tax dollar whereas the Board of Education gets 52 per cent, and "that's where people who want tax cuts "should be

zeroing in."
Ron Summers "The difference between the candidates is that they're all crying for restraint, but I'm the only one that had the

"Tax increases while I'm in office are going to be controlled by the productivity measurement of the province of Ontario.

guts to tell people where restraint is necessary," said

Summers explained that this would mean taxes would have a ceiling — the wealth produced in the province.

He said money can be saved by turning off the lights at night in "pools and arenas that are lit 24 hours a day, and getting security men" to patrol them. A further cut would be to go from "a three times-a-

week garbage collection down to two. We tried this last year, but all the politicians backed downe." Summers said he opposes compulsory arbitration to avoid strikes in essential services and feels government

"should not take away the right to strike unless it can provide a satisfactory alternative." Summers' alternative is "Final Offer Selection" (FOS). Under FOS, both unions and management would

be required to make their final offer before an old contract expires. Both union and management would present final packages to a supreme court judge, if they could not agree. The judge would select one or the other, and could not mix the two packages. Summers feels this would force both parties to make reasonable offers, and thus avoid strikes in essential services. Summers is one of four controllers seeking re-election.

Sheena Suttaby

Suttaby is the community office co-ordinator for the Jane Finch community and family center, and will be a full time controller. A former representative at the Downsview-west information post, which she once represented at the Board of Control. "I was treated as if I didn't exist-I was placed on the agenda and wasn't even allowed to speak."

Anger at the treatment she received by the board motivated her to run.

"I'm also mad because Summers and Yuill are working part-time and taking \$30,000 a year of our

"The only way to cut taxes would be to take the education part of the budget completely off the property tax base. The only fair way to pay for education is through provincial income tax."

Suttaby realizes that she could not get such a major change - requiring provincial legislation - enacted simply by being elected controller, but feels that many people are thinking along similar lines, and this is a goal she is willing to work towards.

A former volunteer for "meals on wheels", Suttaby said her experience had led her to favor "greater inhome support for the elderly," from government. Suttaby said that a recent high-rise development was

put through despite over-crowding in area schools and opposition from residents.

Gino Vatri

"My platform is: To limit high-rise development through better planning. To lower taxes for senior citizens. The building of sports complexes in areas where they're lacking.

To get better and more efficient transportation by building the 400 and Allen expressway extensions. Vatri wants lower property taxes because "I'm a construction man who worked hard to buy a house, for which I'm still paying, and the taxes keep going up and

"The ethnic groups are not very well represented. There are 500,000 Italians in Metro Toronto and we have

only two aldermen. "I represented my union, the Laborers International union, in negotiations with the Labour Department."

"My main issues are: The implementation of zerobased budgeting - where nothing is taken for granted, and we give every department the minimum amount and then monitor those expenditures."

"I was very upset, angry and frustrated by a 23 per cent increase in property taxes in 1977." In an attempt to find out why his taxes were skyrocketing. Wizman went to his alderman, who referred him to the Board of Control, who referred him to his local rate-payers' association. He was then told to go to the treasury department, who suggested he go to the library. Vatri went to the library and studied, and came to the conclusion that the borough should implement zero-based

Wizman recently took out an ad in the daily press, headed Stop this Ripoff. It was opposed to the high cost of education in the borough.

He said he has no objection to paying for education if the money is well spent. But he complained that education expenditures are not tied to the number of pupils and teachers the Board employs. Another one of his complaints is that "they fire teachers but they never fire administrators."

According to Yuill's campaign pamphlet here are

"some of the programs" he initiated: - Trips to the municipal building for senior citizens - Brought in legislation to permit churches synogogues

ant Temples to erect signs off Metro roads. - Introduced a trial program of safety information signs in apartment buildings

- Got support of council for the block parent program. The pamphlet says ".... Yuill has earned a reputation as a scrooge at the Metro council because he has consistently led the opposition to extravagant spending at

the Metro level." "Yuill will continue to work for the Spadina to go from Steeles Ave. to the Gardiner... (he) will support increased public transportation to where the users want

A further plank on Yuill's platform on transportation has it that he is convinced that mass vehicle traffic should not be forced onto residential sidestreets, because of a lack of major traffic arteries.

Yuill has been chairman of the metro parks committee, and chairman of the North York safety and personnel committee during this past term in council.

ELECTION

Decision of Election Tribunal

The tribunal agreed that there was a contravention of section 18(b) of the Resolution Governing the Conduct of Elections, in that there was evidence of campaigning by supporters of certain candidates on the day of election. While the tribunal attaches no blame to any candidates for this campaigning, we felt that no election results should be allowed to stand where campaigning on behalf of any candidate had been known to occur. In the interests of establishing student representation on the Board of Governors as soon as possible, we propose that the Chief Returning Officer make arrangements for a special rerun of the Board of Governors election with the same ballots and procedure as in the previous election and at the earliest possible date. **Faralee Chanin CRO**

Michael Creal Abe I. Greenbaum, Chairman (dissent in part). I agree with the decision of my fellow tribunal members as to whether

contravention of the Election Rules, but I must respectfully dissent from their view

there were unfair campaign practices, in

as to appropriate remedy.

Certainly, within the strict wording of the Election Rules, a YSAC supporter (Rob McMaster) had distributed campaign literature during the restricted period, therefore establishing adequate grounds for a finding of unfair campaign practices. But there was a singular lack of evidence showing that the YSAC BOG candidates in any way condoned these actions. In fact the undisputed evidence showed that Mr. Brickwood in fact told Mr. McMaster to stop distributing the literature, and upon failing to do so Mr. Brickwood immediately contacted the

Although the letter of the rules was violated, its spirit was not, therefore I am compelled to find that there was an unfair campaign practice but would not ask that the election be retaken.

> Abe Isaac Greenbaum Chairman, Elections Tribunal

Procedure for Rerun of Board of **Governors Election** Nominations will not be re-opened. Ballots will

include the same candidates as before. Campaign Period starts Monday, November 6, 1978, 9:00 A.M. Ends Tuesday, November 14.

1978, 12:00 Midnight. Campaign material around the bearpit must be taken down for the Atkinson polling station.

Polls Atkinson-Central Square Mon. Nov. 13, Tues. Nov. 14, Wed. Nov. 15, Thurs. Nov. 16, 5-7 p.m. Advance Poll-Central Square Wed., Nov. 15, 10

Election Day-Central Square, Stong (by the porter's office), Founders-Vanier (ramp to dining hall) Thurs. Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Glendon-to be announced.

In view of shortened campaign period & for financial considerations, expense limit will be \$75.00.