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Your Ward 5 council candidates

Stories by Paul Stuart
You may vote for one of the following four candidates for alderman:

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 aid service.

"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 services."

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

"For example, if you have two houses side by side and in one house you have a pensioner who earns \$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 an 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,

Meshberg has been available on the campus on a monthly basis in an 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 children.

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 cutting."

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' problems.

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

found so many people, old people and families are almost starving, because they can't pay taxes."

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

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-

ulation and not so many swimming pools in so many areas."

"We need better transit service in the rush hour and we need to stretch it better after the rush hour."

He feels that his contacts with "hundreds of families" in the ward means the other candidates "will have to run."

He says "I entered the campaign mainly that he is a responsive mayor, 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 roots.

"All the calls are unscreened. 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

because I found the ward was not 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 the 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."

"I'd like to see better transportation up there, I don't see how people get around at all it take hours to get anywhere."

"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 make 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

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 for 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 stone."

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 him?

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 Greene.

Vote for four of these controller candidates in North York

Barbara Greene
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 replied:
"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 over-served in North York."

Harvey Haber
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 in Israel.

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 Telephone.

"I don't want to see strikes in essential services. No cutoffs of water, hydro, or snowplowing," he added.

Haber proposes compulsory 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."

Sheena Sutaby
Sutaby 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 money."

"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."

Sutaby 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", Sutaby said her experience had led her to favor "greater in-home support for the elderly," from government.

Sutaby 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

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.

Irv Paisley
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."

ELECTION BULLETIN

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 there were unfair campaign practices, in contravention of the Election Rules, but I must respectfully dissent from their view 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 CRO.

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.

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 a.m.-6 p.m.

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.