

Municipal Elections

Overview of Metro and city candidates in Ward 5

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Hundreds of officials who will decide how to spend millions of dollars worth of Metro's annual property taxes will be elected in Monday's municipal elections.

The York University community, which falls under the jurisdiction of Ward 5, should be concerned about the outcome of the Metro and City council elections, as these seats are likely to affect various campus-related issues.

In the past, members of Metro Council were elected by City Council. The province has since separated the two functions and Metro Councillors will now be elected by public.

Metro Council votes on issues concerning the North York police department, hospital services, land development, road maintenance, and TTC service. Metro Council also oversees local City Council.

City Council votes on issues concerning parks, sidewalks, rezoning of local lands, garbage, and other local matters.

The sale of 22 acres of York University's land to Bramalea Ltd. is a major election issue. The land sale will bring between 34 and 42 million dollars depending on the local council vote, which will decide if and how the land should be rezoned.

The proposed York-Spadina subway extension is another issue which will directly affect transportation to and from York. A Ministry of Transportation report released last May stated that the extension to York will be pursued. It will be up to the newly elected Metro and City Councils to lobby and pressure the reluctant provincial government to fund the York-Spadina line.

METRO CANDIDATES

Last year's Ward 5 councillor Maria Augimeri is running for Metro Council. If successful in winning the Metro seat, Augimeri wants to fight for her NDP ideals in housing development and taxation. Her main concern is to stop development in the ward.

"I tried to stall the land deal while in council," said Augimeri. "Now it's up to the new council vote. I feel sorry that York was put in a position to sell their land, but I am totally opposed to private builders building condominiums in that area. The area already has



62 high-rises between Jane and Finch, and Jane and Steeles. The area is congested with traffic and the sewers are overflowing. York-Finch Hospital — which was originally designed to handle 35,000 emergency patients a year, — currently handles 93,000.

"The community cannot handle more development," she stressed.

Augimeri is not optimistic about the York-Spadina Extension. "It will be a long time until we get it," she said. "I was a student at York and I am familiar with the problems students have."

Augimeri said she will push for the York-Spadina Extension on the Metro level.

Sherland Chhangur, a real estate broker, opposes Augimeri for the seat on Metro Council. Chhangur is in favour of development and believes that York University land should be rezoned in order to provide desperately needed living space.

"York University needs the money, and we need to build," said Chhangur. "I think that some of the York land should be used to build affordable student apartments."

Chhangur supports plans to continue the widening of Steeles and other routes leading to York University.

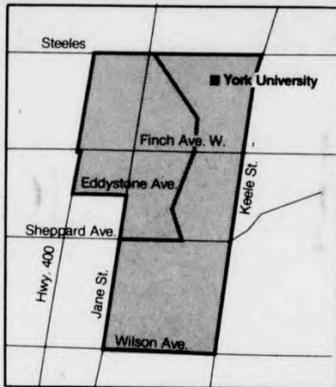
Camilio Tiqui rounds off the Metro Council race. Tiqui, 52, lost bids to represent North York's Ward 1 in 1982, Ward 3 at the North York Board of Education in 1985. He also lost in the Parkdale provincial riding as a Liberal candidate last year.

Tiqui was unavailable for comment.

CITY CANDIDATES

Anthony Peruzza, Bruno Rea, John Butcher, Frank Crudo, and Charles Olito are contenders for the Ward 5 council seat.

Peruzza, a trustee with the Metro Separate School Board for the past three years, agrees with Augimeri that York's land should not be rezoned,



Map of Ward 5.

because it would create greater traffic problems.

"I am going to consult the residents of Ward 5, and do what is beneficial for the community," said Peruzza.

Peruzza is also opposed to Sunday shopping and thinks that home owner's taxes shouldn't increase if improvements are made to the home.

Augimeri supports Peruzza for the ward 5 seat.

Bruno Rea holds a doctorate in political science from Oxford University, and has taught Social Sciences at York. Since 1986, he has served as a policy advisor with the Ontario Ministry of Labour, specializing in Workers Compensation reform, and literacy and the workplace.

A resident of Ward 5 for 18 years, Rea feels he has a sensitive approach to local concerns. "I have deep roots in the community," said Rea. I grew up here, went to school here, and am now raising a young family in the ward. I have a strong personal interest in the community's future development."

Rea feels that York land has to be

rezoned in conjunction with existing buildings in the area. "I am not afraid of the word luxury," said Rea. "The land is sold, and the only real question is what kind of development should take place."

"Augimeri and Peruzza did not say it, but they support the building of subsidized housing on those 22 acres. I don't think that subsidized housing will look good and have a positive effect on the area," said Rea.

Rea's main concern is the York-Spadina extension. "Spadina line is more important than the Sheppard line," he said. He added that the spadian line would not only ease traffic problems at York, but would also cater to the whole West-Metro community.

Frank Crudo, an architectural technologist and general construction contractor, is mainly concerned with the drug problem. He wants to implement stronger measures to deal with drug traffickers. Crudo proposes that school parking lots close after school hours.



"I don't want my kid sister to be offered drugs," he said. "A lot of drug deals happen in school parking lots and I think that by closing parking lots after hours, the drug problem can be helped."

Crudo said that Ward 5 needs effective representation, which it lacked in the past.

Crudo is against developing low-income housing on York land, but supports the incorporation of daycare and recreational facilities the development.

"The Spadina Extension is also important," said Crudo. "But there are more important things on the agenda of the Metro Council and the provincial government is hesitant in putting out 1.2 billion dollars for this project."



John Butcher, 44 has lived in the ward all his life. He feels the area is overcrowded and cannot handle more development.

"The sewers are already overflowing," said Butcher. "If we had a big storm, the whole area would be flooded."

Butcher is also concerned about the drug problem. He believes can be resolved through job registry programmes, and education. "I think it is wrong to adopt a policy of evicting whole families from the area because a son or daughter is doing," said Butcher.

Charles Olito, 58, lost as a Progressive Conservative candidate in Parkdale in Parkdale during last year's provincial election, and earlier this year lost the nomination for the York West federal riding.

"I have not yet looked into the issues concerning York University's development projects," said Olito. "But I know there is a big drug problem in the area."

Olito believes that break-ins are related to drug abuse. "We need to re-establish the Neighbourhood Watch programmes," he said.

Olito also said he was concerned about the traffic problem in the area. However, he did not propose any ideas to battle the problem.

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Maintenance

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Dolan said that more new funding will come in April, and that there will be a detailed study done on the state of York's classrooms at the end of the year by the Department of Physical Plant. The last study, tabled in May 1987, identified in excess of \$300,000 worth of needed repairs which are still being looked after.

"We can't do everything in one year," Dolan said. "We are operating on the basis of already identified problems."

Part of the study will include a classroom survey to be distributed with course evaluations at the end of the year.

Dolan said that one of the goals of the clean-up drive is to make students and staff aware of "the enormous price-tag of keeping the classrooms in a clean state and good repair."

Dolan asks that students report vandalism to security at extension 3333, and any needed maintenance to Caretaking Services at extension 2387.

"What we need is a lot of co-operation," she said.

Doyle

had a "greater knowledge of the situation" than members of the Board who did not work in the station would have.

According to Doyle a previous appeal had been scheduled for October 21, but had been postponed because he couldn't be reached. He was aware of the November 3 appeal, but apparently Gilinsky was not informed of the rescheduling.

The dismissal of an employee, according to CHRY by-laws, does not require prior Board of Directors approval. In the case of Doyle's dismissal, Zaretsky didn't inform the Board of Directors of his decision. Gilinsky had "asked for it (Doyle's case) to be heard before the entire Board." He stated that his concern is that "the station be run in a business manner." Gilinsky added that the situation "wasn't handled properly from the start. (CHRY) has to be run like an independent corporation with full knowledge of Council and student body."

The matter will be brought up at a CHRY a Board meeting on November 10.

NOTICE

WINTER/SUMMER 1989

FACULTY OF ARTS AND NATURAL SCIENCE COURSES

Those students currently registered in the Fall/Winter session who are interested in enrolling in courses offered during the Winter/Summer 1989 session may apply to do so beginning **Monday, November 14, 1988.**

Application forms will be available from the following home faculty locations:

ARTS
Advising Centre, S313 Ross

ATKINSON
Student Programmes Office, 150A Atkinson

FINE ARTS
Student Programmes Office, 222 Fine Arts

GLENDON
Student Programmes Office, C105 York Hall

SCIENCE
Student Programmes Office, 110A Steacie

Course descriptions and a lecture schedule will be posted on Monday, November 14, at S313A Ross.

NOTE: Applications must be returned to the home faculty no later than December 21, 1988 to ensure access for enrolment in the Winter/Summer '89 session.