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## Elections! Another chance to choose

The following represents submissions made by the mayoralty candidates and aldermanic candidates contesting the Ward 2 division in the up-coming civic election. Only those candidates who met the submission deadline appear herein.

The Gateway wishes to thank the individuals who participated, and to ignore those who did not.

Bernie Fritze

### Carl Austin League for Socialist Action

The elections come at a time of growing problems for workers and students. Inflation is over 14% a year. Wages are falling increasingly behind the rising cost of living. While taxes on city landlords fall, rents are going up. Women continue to be denied control of their bodies by being denied the right to abortion. Daycare facilities are completely inadequate. Women are paid less than half the wages of men, and the gap is widening. Native people face job discrimination, daily harassment by cops, and are forced into the worst housing. Cutbacks in education spending and increased restrictions on student loans are taking place.

All of this while corporate profits soar to their highest levels ever.

These problems are no accident. A small handful of corporations own the wealth of

our society and make all the major decisions in the interests of their profit. Their system of minority rule is based on the daily oppression and exploitation of the majority--workers, students, women, and native people. The recent city scandals show this clearly.

The problem posed in these elections is that the corporate minority, not the working majority, rules.

The other candidates say nothing about these most vital questions because they stand for continued corporate control of society.

The socialist campaign stands for a city government controlled by working people and the oppressed, and run in their interests. Such a government would develop housing, transportation, and other vital services for people's needs, not the profits of giant corporations.

The socialist election campaign is only a part of the year-round campaign of the League for Socialist Action and the Young Socialists to replace this system with a socialist society, where human needs, not corporate profits come first.

### Ivor Dent

One of the most pressing priorities now facing the City of Edmonton centers around transportation.

Under my leadership, the City is embarking on the leg

of a Rapid Transit System, with eventual expansion of this system designed to serve the entire City, including, of course, the populous University area.

I was, and always will be, prepared to do more than just sit back and talk about Rapid Transit. I have made certain that progress is being made.

We now have a start on the Northeast line, with the major cost being borne by the senior levels of government.

We cannot allow our streets and roadways to continue to be jammed with cars, but must find a viable alternative - Rapid Transit is that alternative.

As far as transportation is concerned, the MacKinnon Ravine Freeway is, no doubt, another issue of importance to the Citizens of Edmonton.

Since elected to serve on City Council, I have taken a stand against development of ravines for freeway purposes. As Mayor I will continue to vote against moves designed to turn our ravines into freeways. Alternatives must, and will be found, and a Rapid Transit facility to serve the West End is one alternative actively under study.

I would also like to say that as Mayor, I have used every means possible to keep taxes at a minimum. In fact, taxes on the average home decreased in 1974. When re-elected, I will maintain a very definite interest in making certain taxes remain as low as possible.

The thrust of the City is changing from the old concerns of simply providing basic services such as roads, water and sewage to a much more encompassing role. I pledge to continue my efforts in listening to the concerns of the Youth of Edmonton, making provision for the elderly and keeping abreast of the needs of a rapidly changing society.

### Bill Hawrelak

Leadership is the major issue in this election. The other issues stem from this lack of leadership. These are:

Taxes: Right now property taxes comprise 41% of municipal revenue. This is a rise from 17.4% in 1968 when Mr. Dent took office.

Debt Load: Edmonton has the highest debt load requirement of any city in Canada. This will only go higher, due to city council's present plans to borrow 94 million dollars this year as opposed to 41 million dollars last year.

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## Morrow Inquiry ends first phase

by Mike Jeffrys

The inquiry into Edmonton's civic affairs ended Wednesday with the reputations of some elected civic official hanging in the balance.

Mr. Justice William Morrow of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories presided over the inquiry and heard 36 days worth of testimony about possible wrongdoings by Mayor Ivor Dent, some of the 12 aldermen, top officials of the civic administration and by two developers, Eskander and Raphael Ghermezian.

But the Morrow Inquiry, as it has become known locally, will have far-reaching consequences in every town and city hall from Cape Race to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

It's not that the developers supposedly offered an alderman a \$40,000 gift, (or that he equally supposedly asked for it) after a re-zoning bylaw went favorably for them, for that is what the inquiry has spent so much of its time looking into.

Ironically, the act of giving an elected official a sum of money AFTER a proposal has been acted on in council, is, in itself, not illegal.

Mr. Justice Morrow really is not looking into the city's navel to contemplate its beauty but into the meaning of some words. Words like: lobbying, special interests, persuasion, pressure, planting, pressure and leaking.

Words that conjure up thoughts like: midnight trysts, hushed conversations in hallways, heated arguments in rooms behind locked doors, dinner parties, thick envelopes, secret signals and big black cars.

What Mr. Justice Morrow will answer when he hands down his report and finding, (in about three months) is what is proper lobbying for an elected official to accept? How does an

alderman conduct with personal or professional friends who have business coming before council?

The 13 members of city council are not really politically naive nor are they of that sweeping indictment, "every politician is on the take - this time some got caught." They are basically honest, forthright, and inquisitive.

And it was these traits that caught the mayor and aldermen doing things that were suspect.

From a beginning of Ald. Alex Fallow saying that he was offered a \$40,000 gift for services rendered, 'unknowingly', and 'no, I can't prove the circumstances, there were no witnesses to the offer.'

Edmontonians found out that other aldermen had meetings with these same developers, Raphael and Eskander Ghermezian, owners of Triple Five Holding Ltd., at their home, their offices, and at dinner parties. These little gatherings oddly coincided with matters of bylaw re-zoning and their proposed land developments. Triple Five owns or controls Convention Inn West and South, Westgate Shopping Centre, and a large parcel of land directly north of Woodward's Northgate Shopping Centre at 97th Street and 137th Avenue.

Testimony at the inquiry also showed the public how the back room of city hall works with people saying how contacts could be made on an informal basis in the aldermen's lounges, the mayor's office and the

various commissioners and higher echelons of the civic bureaucracy.

When Mayor Dent took the stand, he testified on how vulnerable an elected official could be. He related how he had an 'off-the-cuff' conversation with the Ghermezians and now it has come back to haunt him. One of Mr. Justice Morrow's findings will be how DOES an official handle these situations.

Or, how about this. An alderman and these developers find out they are of the same political party affiliation and the developer agrees to give the alderman's campaign committee a donation - and he has business coming before council. Or, another alderman and a developer are involved in a political campaign as candidate and campaign manager - only this time the alderman says he did not know his manager kicked in sizeable donations to get the campaign under way.

Makes you wonder.

And there's the story about an alderman's son who had a talk or two with the developers and then odd things happened. It was this very alderman who put the idea of Westgate Shopping Centre before the developers, but after the son's conversations with the developers about possible concessions and business deals fell through, his father voted 'no' to all three readings of the shopping centre site re-zoning bylaw.

And the list goes on: Stories ranging from absolutely no contact with these or any other developers, to one civic official in the Planning Department saying that one of his men received two 'unusual' gifts at Christmas, tried unsuccessfully to return them and said that the gifts did not sway him in his feelings about the developers (not the Ghermezians).



Oddly, it was these same aldermen who called for the inquiry and gave it the broad terms of reference to look into possible wrongdoings by them.

One Alderman, Ed Leger, had much to say about how the developers were wrong in what they did; they too were wronged. But his evidence was inconclusive and did not jeopardize the tone of the hearings.

Mr. Justice Morrow generally steered away from getting into matters dealing with appointed officials in city hall because he was trying to get his report out as soon as possible, (in advance of the Oct. 16 election date) but he now feels it will take three months and this will leave some aldermen on tenderhooks until it does come out.

The mayor and seven incumbent aldermen are seeking re-election and some felt that the inquiry would prejudice their case before the electorate if the finding were not out before the vote. This is now impossible and they will have to bear with it until the finding finally become public.

As for other parts of the country, Mr. Justice Morrow's report may become the ground breaking tool that will spell out more precisely how and what an elected official may say to a developer, lawyer, spokesman group who has or will have business coming before council.

The one thing that has already come out of the inquiry, albeit unofficially, is that nobody should ever meet with anybody without keeping an accurate diary of everything. And even that won't get one off the hook.