

Candidates speak

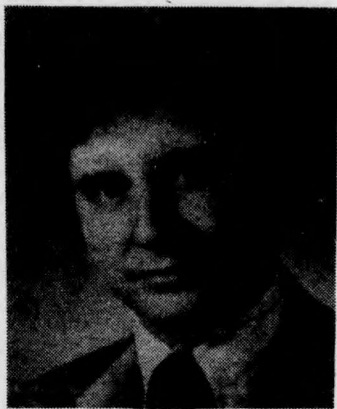
Aldermanic race in Ward 5

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On Monday, November 10, 1980, the people of the province of Ontario will be asked to vote for their aldermen. Your vote counts because you live in residence and you can vote for one of the three persons running in Ward 5.

Ward 5 is the largest Ward in North York with approximately 19,000 votes of whom 30 per cent are Italian speaking. It along with Ward 3 will be split after this election to form 3 new Wards. The boundaries are: to the west, Black Creek; south, Hwy 401; east, Dufferin Street, and north, by Steeles Avenue West.

The candidates: Michael Foster, 26, Graduate of York, ran in '76 and lost, ran again in '78 and won beating Marilyn Meshberg who is not a candidate for any office this election. Ph. 636-7311.



Mike Foster

John Gallucci, 38, owns a travel agency. First time running for office. M.A. in Poli. Sci. from U. of T. Ph. 636-6397.

Mark Stelmacovich, 26, first time running for office. Graduated from York with B.A., U. of T. with B.Ed. Phone is not for publication.

The following excerpts were taken from *Excalibur* interviews earlier this month.



John Gallucci

What do you think of party politics in local government?

Foster: I am an N.D.P. so I obviously support them. I think it tells people my position on an issue and identifies my political thinking.

Gallucci: I don't think there should be parties in local government. I believe it causes poor representation of people who don't support the party position.

Stelmacovich: I believe that an alderman should be independent to choose his position on each issue and should be based only to his constitution.

What problems do you see facing Ward 5?

Foster: The need for greater social services, especially daycare.

Gallucci: Need for social services.

Stelmacovich: Social services, especially education.

Who should fund these programs?

Foster: Province.

Gallucci: Province.

Stelmacovich: Metro Toronto and the Province.

Do you think that North York should keep its present political structure or that it should change it? If so, how?

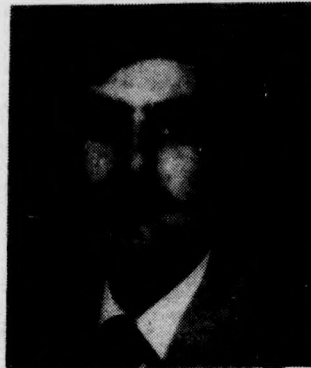
Foster: Firstly, the chairman of the Metro Council should be elected. Secondly I think there should be two aldermen elected in each ward with the alderman with the most votes going to Metro Council. I do not want amalgamation of the two cities and four boroughs into one large city with just one council.

Gallucci: As a centrist I believe that we should work toward one large city but that it needs more study. I believe that the Metro Chairman's position should be an elected one, but I would support Godfrey for reappointment this term.

Stelmacovich: I believe that two aldermen should be chosen with the higher vote going to metro council. I would like to see the Metro Chairman elected.

Do you believe in the Market Evaluation System going on in Ontario.

Foster: We don't not support Market Evaluation System. We believe that property tax should be abolished and a property income tax replace it. Therefore Imperial Oil and the other oil companies on Finch would pay their fair share.



Mark Stelmacovich

Gallucci: I support the province on this and believe in the general property tax system.

Stelmacovich: I believe in the present tax system and support the Market Evaluation Systems.

York has a transportation problem. Do you think that the city of North York could do something to help in this area?

Foster: I helped bring the York University 106 Express to York and that is all I think York can expect at this time.

Gallucci: I would ask the TTC to study the possibilities of extending the subway to York U.

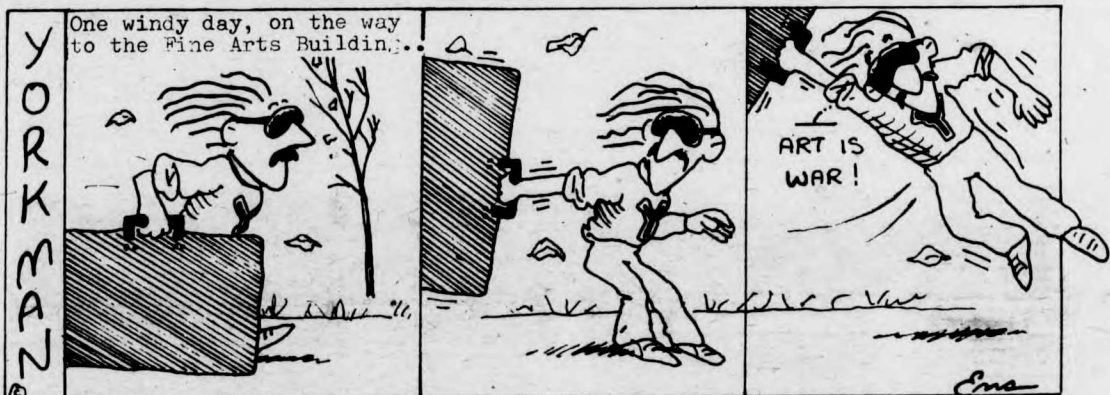
Stelmacovich: The TTC has in its long term plans for a rapid transit, line down the Finch Hydro right of way but it won't be for a long time.

Why do you believe you should be alderman?

Foster: I have done a good job representing the people of ward 5 for the last 2 years.

Gallucci: I am aware of the need of Ward 5 residents and will be responsive to your concerns because they are my concerns.

Stelmacovich: As I say, "A vote for Mark is a vote for yourself." I will have to make no compromises so I will do the best job.



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