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John Sewell

Hizzoner speaks

Maureen Brown

He may have made "some strategic errors, but nothing substantial." A year after being elected mayor of Toronto, John Sewell is beginning to feel comfortable with his new responsibilities. Hizzoner took some time out from his busy schedule recently to talk to Excalibur about his life in the Mayor's chair.

What do you consider to be your biggest accomplishment during your first year as Mayor of Toronto?

I don't add things up that way but I've certainly done some interesting things. I've opened up to the public that you can criticize policing. My January speech for tolerance to the gay community was spectacular. There's been a turnaround in the way the TTC thinks - the key thing is the number of riders this was accomplished subtly. Bachelorettes, which have long been a problem, are being cleaned up. Internal staff matters at city hall have been smoothed out. We're reforming property tax, based on different mill rates for different classes of property. I was on the committee that helped organize the meeting of some twenty southern Ontario mayors - something which I think is important for the future.

What do you regret most about your first year in office? Is there something you would do differently if you had the chance to start over?

No, I'm relatively happy. I may have made some strategic errors, but none that were substantial.

Do you foresee running for the office again next year?

It's just not something that I think about from day to day. My job is to make the right

decisions now and my concern is the time to devote to doing this job well.

What do you see as your biggest obstacle in being re-elected?

Trying to get the money to run. Last year, it was about \$79,000 and no money is accepted from corporations.

Recently, you have been accused of being anti-police. Would you state, clearly, your position on the police in Metro?



John Sewell

It's a management problem; the Police Commission is unresponsive. And, let's face it, people in society are not used to criticizing policing. I think what we need is four simple reforms: one, an independent agency i.e. civilians to review complaints against police. Such an agency has already been promised by the Attorney General. Two, we need to democratize the police Commission -- perhaps an election through the majority of city council. Three, there should be relaxation of weight and height requirements - they're absurd. Why should anyone have to be a certain height to issue traffic tickets? It has now been agreed that there will be reconsideration of the requirements. Four, police need more training - here we've accomplished no headway. But, out of four simple reforms, two have been recognized.

You've said that there has been an overstatement of racial problems in Toronto. Do you really believe that Toronto can avoid the racial strife that is predominant in large American

The comparison is not there -- it's like comparing apples with oranges. We have the traditional problems; whites think they are superior.

Have the media been unjust in their reporting, i.e. the Buddy Evans and Albert Johnson killings?

I can't really comment on those cases, since they are before the courts. One of the great problems in politics is that reporters have difficulty in getting the facts right. Also the short-hand used by the press is annoying. If I mention Police Commission, it's likely commission will be dropped, changing the meaning, and people will read police. I don't know, may be they (newspapers) save half of a

Do you think the Metro chairman's position should be elected, or appointed as it now is? It should definitely be like a public election process -appointed from those who are elected and sit on council. Also, the person should have to have been elected to a public post in Toronto.

How do you think students have changed over the past decade?

I don't know -- I guess they're getting nervous about the economic situation. They're not as willing to be as critical of society as they used to be.

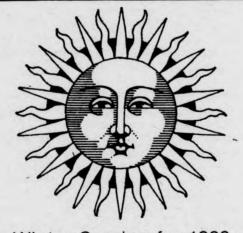
What will John Sewell be doing when he is no longer Mayor of Toronto?

I haven't asked him recently.

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