

Norval Resident is Critical Of Trustee Lawson's Survey

Norval, Ontario
An open letter to Mr. Bill Lawson:

Last Wednesday I received your letter and questionnaire, and felt that I should not only reply to your questions, but also that I should ask you a few questions of my own.

As a ratepayer and as a parent of a child in Norval public school, I find it completely impossible to understand why a local elected trustee should take the stance you have taken in this matter. Even after you advised the people of Norval to just accept the "inevitable closing" of their school rather than try to save it, and even after you slapped their committee in the face by indicating that you would have to conduct your own survey of the people of Norval to find the "true" facts, I felt that you deserved your own opinion.

Still, I wondered at your amazing lack of support for your constituents' wishes. Your letter and questionnaire contain such questionable, wide-sweeping statements, and such a deliberate bias that I am moved to challenge you on several

points you have written. When you, as a board trustee use the students of the school to deliver a letter, you are expected to make statements which are factual and not misleading. While you pretend to be gathering opinions of the people for the Board, the preamble to your letter is so loaded with innuendo and your questions so slanted that I feel that you will be misinforming not only the people with your 'facts' but also the board with your one man 'survey'!

In short, I see your letter and questionnaire as an insult to the integrity of the people and of the Board.

You bring in three general ideas: 1) an inference that money will be saved if Norval is closed; 2) the Ontario Municipal Board won't let the Halton Board renovate one room for a kindergarten and; 3) that Norval won't be growing, according to 'the forecast' of population growth.

It amazes me that you would bring these ideas out, even in rather vague statements, when none of the three were even mentioned by the board administrators in their four reasons for closing the school. I would

like to know if you can produce some cost facts to show that money will be saved by closing Norval?

I challenge your statement that the OMB will not allow a \$7,000 - \$8,000 renovation of a single room to provide a kindergarten and light gymnasium room. Even if they would block this, if you were being more positive, you might have considered other possibilities such as the use of a used portable classroom (from some of the schools with 'empty seats' perhaps?)

And finally, may I ask whose forecast of population growth were you referring to when you stated very little 'assured development' will take place in Norval for several years? What does this 'forecast' which you are quoting say about the potential development in Stouartville and Speyside, and Glen Williams over the next few years?

Turning to the questionnaire

yourself, you have deliberately slanted your two questions with the following introductory phrases: "... In spite of claims that Norval school cannot offer certain educational opportunities..." and "Because I believe additional opportunity can be provided elsewhere..." I have never seen such innuendo and bias in a questionnaire designed to gain the 'opinion of the people'.

Which important educational opportunities can't Norval Public School offer, Mr. Lawson? Are you going to try to impress us with a visit to some nice big schools equipped with gorgeous gyms and libraries? If that is your intention, please count me out, as I deal daily with teenagers who arrive from big public schools and who are really lacking any sense of identity or belonging to 'their school'.

Since you are offering these visits 'to help reach a decision', please be sure to allow enough

time for a comparison of the number of students using the big libraries and the numbers of books they are reading, as compared to the little hallway library at Norval. And please let them see the number of deliberately planned classes where there are double grade groupings to allow for individual differences in students. They should not be led to believe that this is always undesirable, or that it only happens at Norval, as you intimate in your letter.

Please pardon my touches of sarcasm, but I feel that they are fair exchange for your innuendo and bias. You will note on my questionnaire which I have returned that I have reworded your questions slightly so that the board will be better informed of my opinion rather than of yours.

Yours truly,
J. R. Marshall.

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The bride, Iris Maile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugen Maile, 56 Ann Street, wore a gown of white satin edged with lace at the cuffs. Her veil, hand applied by the bride, was made into a headress by her godmother and aunt, Paula Maile, who came from Germany for the wedding. She carried a bouquet of shasta daisies and red roses.

Anna Lysy, Norval, was maid of honour, dressed in a pale

mauve knitted pant dress. Mr. Maile gave his daughter in marriage in the double ring ceremony. Raymond Ellis was groomsmen and the bride's brother Norbert Maile was usher.

Mothers of the bride and groom received guests afterwards in the Canadian Legion auditorium at a reception convened by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. In the evening a wedding party and dance took place in Ballinacra Community Hall.

The couple travelled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for a brief honeymoon. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gadd, 38 Ann Street. The bride was a member of the office staff of Economy Forms Corporation before her marriage.



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