

Pre-election literature slams local councillors

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group of about six, said Mr. Murzin. But he said the contents wouldn't come as a surprise to the group's larger body.

"I think it's pretty clear where the community stands on this issue," he said. "I think they've been supportive of us."

That was echoed by Friends member Eric Elson. Though not one of the core six, he later helped distribute the newsletter.

"Everyone is aware that this is going out and what it says. We've been trying to canvass most if not all of the town."

But all the denounced candidates say they've heard from Friends members who didn't support the newsletter. And Mr. Malboeuf questioned why any resident's group would endorse or reject candidates based on a single issue.

An infuriated Mr. Furik, who said he has never been contacted by a Friends member to explain his position, called the newsletter classless and underhanded.

"It's so unfair," he said. "It just annoys me 100 per cent."

The newsletter takes aim at Mr. Furik for declaring a pecuniary interest in the issue, preventing him from voting.

The conflict was called because Mr. Furik lives within 400 metres of the proposed development, which recently went before the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing. A decision is expected by the end of the month.

According to council protocol, members declare a pecuniary interest if the issue could affect the value of their property.

The E.C. Drury development fits that bill, but Mr. Murzin said Mr. Furik could have voted anyway.

"We checked into the legislation and we talked with Ron. It was unexplained what the nature of the conflict was," he said. "He doesn't have a conflict of interest. We just don't think he was there for us."

When contacted by The Champion, Town Clerk Helen Lisi said declarations are up to the discretion of individual coun-

cil members.

But since she's been with the Town, no one has voted in similar circumstances, she added. "You can go back through the minutes," she said. "Every member of council I've worked with since I've been here has declared."

Mr. Melanson was also targeted by the newsletter, which gave him the thumbs down due to his voting record on the proposal. Like the others, he was upset with the timing of the newsletter, which arrived a week prior to the election.

"Putting out information like that with no names attached is uncalled for," said Mr. Melanson. But he, along with Mr. Furik and Mr. Malboeuf, believes the cynical timing will be rejected by voters.

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