

Dump neighbours should be compensated, says candidate

One of the candidates for the deputy-reeveship of Tiny Township says he thinks that everyone living within a one kilometre, and possibly a two kilometre radius of a future landfill site, should receive compensation.

Basile Dorion says he thinks the location of a landfill site in the Tiny Township area is one of the most important issues, and possibly the most important issue, facing township residents. The candidate says "some form of landfill will probably be needed somewhere."

"I do not have at this time the magical answer to where this landfill should be put but it is clear that some unlucky taxpayers will end up with a landfill site in their area," Dorion says. Whether it goes in Tiny township, or elsewhere, all six municipalities in the North Simcoe Waste Management Association should be responsible for compensation, he says. An arrangement would have to be worked out but compensation could be in the form of a tax rebate or assessment realignment, Dorion says.

He also says consideration of a different site and incineration of garbage should be pursued. Dorion says he encourages the association to pursue recycling. Its recycling program for North Simcoe starts Oct. 1.

On the annexation dispute between Tiny and Midland, Dorion says "we must make sure that the Town of Midland does not unnecessarily take away our valuable assessment (along the Highway 93 strip)."

The Tiny deputy reeveship is also being contested by township resident Peter Brasher, a retired surgeon. The present deputy reeve, John Lackie, has not said whether he will seek the post again.

Dorion sat on township council as a councillor in the 1970s.

Rowe supports Grossman's leadership bid

by PETER SPOHN

Simcoe Centre MPP Earl Rowe said Friday he is supporting Larry Grossman in the November convention to choose a new leader for the Ontario Progressive Conservative party.

The first term MPP said he has been impressed by Grossman's performance in the Ontario legislature since it resumed sitting after the disastrous election results for the Tories last May. His vast experience in a variety of cabinet posts over the years makes Grossman a viable candidate, Rowe said.

"I think we can win with him. He's young and aggressive," Rowe said. He said Grossman can win back both the rural and urban vote the Tories lost in the last election.

Rowe noted that somewhere in the neighbourhood of 22 to 26 Conservative MPPs (out of a total of 51) have indicated they will support Grossman. How caucus support for the three declared leadership candidates shapes up should be better known once the legislature is recalled Oct. 15, he said. (It adjourned in mid-June.)

Grossman, who announced his candidacy last week, is running against Dennis Timbrell and Alan Pope.

Both Grossman and Timbrell represent Toronto constituencies in the legislature and were first and second runners-up, respectively, in the February leadership convention that chose Frank Miller. Pope is from Timmins and represents a Northern Ontario riding. It is his first run for the leadership.

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Sherk defends his role as alderman, businessman says he has complied in all respects with conflict of interest regulations

by MURRAY MOORE
Last night, Midland Alderman Don Sherk, a local contractor who, last January, was the majority of council's choice to fill a vacant council seat, defended his record as a member of the council.

William Ogilvie, a member of the council in the 1970s, suggested that Ald. Sherk has declared a conflict of interest at a record rate; that Sherk should not have been a member of the finance committee which early in 1985 decided how much money should be spent on road construction, and then bid for the work; that other contractors might not be bidding because they believe the alderman has "inside" information.

Ogilvie also suggested that more bids are not received because the town does not have a

rendering bylaw which is "tamper proof."

The town, Ogilvie said, "would be well advised to adopt a code of ethics and procedure that would discourage individuals from using their elective positions on municipal councils as a vehicle to obtain municipal contracts and business."

Ald. Sherk was also criticised for a report that he might sue the town to recover money his company lost because of a dispute between another contractor and the town.

"Mr Sherk appears to be constantly sorting out his position on council. On some occasions he plays the role of councillor; at other times, he seeks to ignore what I perceive as a conflict of interest stemming from his threat to sue the town, by claiming that he is acting in the capacity of

a 'businessman', even though there is evidence to suggest that he has had either a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the contracts or related matters at issue."

"Ald. Sherk's public pronouncements regarding suing the Town of Midland (have) irrevocably shattered any credibility he may have had as a municipal councillor, and renders his position as a member of Midland council completely untenable. His only recourse is to resign his aldermanic seat on Midland council forthwith."

Ald. Sherk responded that "to the best of my knowledge" while an alderman, he has complied in all respects with the conflict of interest regulations. He has, as required, disclosed his interest; did not take part in

discussion; did not vote on the contract at issue; did not attempt to influence voting; and disclosure of his conflicts of interest are recorded in meeting minutes.

Ald. Sherk asked if the town should have to pay another contractor more money to do work because he is a member of the council. He also asked if he should have to lose money because he is a contractor and a member of the council. "Does everyone who is a businessman have to suffer financially to become a member of council?"

Sherk did not respond to Ogilvie's suggestion that Sherk carries on his person "a knife, or to Ogilvie's claim that during, and after, the last council meeting he invited two, unnamed members of the audience "to step outside."

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