

Divergent views aired in King election

Britnell wants growth cutback

KING — Mayor Margaret Britnell leaves little room for doubt as to where she stands on issues facing King Township.

"I've taken great care to be objective, and I am. Even with developers. But there are times when one knows one is being lied to. It's gotten so that, before a decision can be made on an issue, one has to decide if what one is hearing is the truth."

"There'll be scare tactics used," she predicted in an interview, "like the McCarthyism affair they had in the States. We don't need it here."

"Character assassination is what I call it."

Britnell said "the system can also be destroyed from within by neo-Fascist technocrats who don't want their system threatened by elected representatives."

"I think we should cut back on even the growth allowed in the Official Plan (4 per cent per year)," she said, though conceding this approach may prove expensive to the taxpayer.

"I have treated the taxpayers' dollar as if it were my own. And I'm not an extravagant person in my own affairs. Asked what her response would be should the public make it clear in-

dustrial assessment was desirable, Britnell answered: "So be it! But I want a mayor and a council that will be sympathetic. The citizens are it."

"Take the Roman Catholic cemetery. If people didn't want it there council shouldn't have allowed it. It would be different if it were one of our local churches."

Municipalities still have a lot of autonomy, she said, "if only we would pick up our responsibilities."

"I don't agree with the inference that we are here in a minor roll"

"Because of the community we have, and because of the people who run the community, we have a very nice area. I've heard vindictive comments at region about 'the people in King'. But the people in King Township should never be ashamed of what they've achieved."

Britnell said she decided to run again after many people approached her with concern of "what will happen in this township if I don't."

"We've had problems in this township. We're going through hard times financially. But when people objected they were listened to. We're rich, not in money, but in how we use it."



Margaret Britnell
.....incumbent running



William Foran
.....was Schomberg principal

Foran favors light industry

KING — William Foran, King councillor and mayoralty candidate, says he "wonders" about the dedication of Mayor Margaret Britnell, who until recently was a candidate for provincial election with the intention of leaving municipal government.

"To be a candidate, or to nominate a candidate," said Foran, "steers one's attention to other levels of government."

Foran in an interview, said he supports "the nature of our planning. But we are in the process of looking at a somewhat enlarged amendment to King's Official Plan. The greater residential, commercial and some industrial development should go

relative to an urban centre". It should be very specifically controlled, dry, light industry, though this might change with the availability of sewage capacity, he said.

"The capacity we get will be limited and should be used to clear up residential sewage problems."

Regional government is "not all bad," said Foran, who intends to make King "become a contributing municipality within the Region of York and not act as an isolated member."

"We have to work within the regional government system setup. Mrs. Britnell has not. I would employ a different manner of approach."

"The region, after all, is assuming more and more powers of decision making from the province."

Asked what effect his dismissal as principal of St. Patrick's School in Schomberg would have on his election chances, Foran replied: "Well, people that I've chatted with really don't feel it will have any influence one way or the other."

"Many people felt the issue (of the dismissal) went to a higher level than just Bill Foran; whether a citizens' committee could get certain information from the separate school board."

"I don't think I was made out to be either hero or villain."

Foran said, should he be elected, he would be "interested in doing limited work supply teaching as well."

Long seeking re-election

KING — Councillor William Long, after a brief campaign for the mayor's office, is running for re-election in Ward 1 with a plea for a "completely planned community."

Long is chairman of council's planning committee and a consistent

opponent of the anti-development attitudes of Mayor Margaret Britnell.

"Britnell is just anti-anything," he says. "Her attitude is just to say 'no' first and then ask 'what do you want?'"

Long says he doesn't consider himself "pro-development" but "pro-Official Plan" instead. The plan calls for annual population increases of 2 per cent.

He also advocates experimental increases in the percentage of industrial assessment in the township — from 7½ to 15 per cent. This, he believes, would involve non-polluting industry which would help offset rising municipal costs.

Calling for a completely planned township, he suggests there should be an inventory and authoritative designation of good farmland.

He also wants planning studies in each of the seven hamlets "with an eye to preserving their uniqueness."



William Long
.....'complete planning'

Inksetter runs in Ward 1

KING — Sherry Inksetter, candidate for King City's Ward 1 seat on township council, is president of the local homeowners' association and an advocate of "balanced, controlled, slow development."

A three-year resident of King, Mrs. Inksetter has been active in home and school associations and has attended may council meetings to keep abreast of local issues.

"Some growth is essential," she believes, but "it's up to an informed and sensitive planning committee to direct that growth."

Communication is another main issue, she says.

"The loss of one of our separate school trustees is directly due to a lack of communication among regional government, municipal government and the people."

"The separate school area of King is growing. Now is not the time to cut down one of our trustees."

Mrs. Inksetter says "good relations" are vital if there is to be efficiency and cooperation between different levels of government.



Sherry Inksetter
.....heads homeowners

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