

# Thinks Rowe should replace Schiller

Dear editor:

Times have changed here on the Gormley Road. I bought three acres back in 1950. The taxes then were \$9.11. Now they are just short of \$1,000.

The past several winters I have returned home to England as my health couldn't stand the climate. I feel I have no rights and am oppressed under Mayor David Schiller.

This letter, then, is an appeal to the people of Richmond Hill to go on Dec. 6 and vote for Gordon Rowe for mayor and save us from destruction by Schiller.

Twenty-six years ago when I came to this glorious spot I spent every weekend clearing and giving everything a chance to grow and flourish.

Most of my Sarepta House is built of lumber off the property. It is said a country is only as prosperous as the people make it.

The three acres here are the only ones that aren't divided by a deep ravine. Indeed, the rear portion is more beautiful than the front.

As a scientist and conservationist, may I suggest the people who seek to own a property larger than just a subdivision lot, shouldn't be allowed a piece greater than what they can maintain.

Neither should the local council have the power that it has. In my case it's meant oppression.

For me it's been essential to ask my lawyer to see I am at least able to have some semblance of peace.

If I were the only one that has suffered under Schiller, I wouldn't write this letter.

But here comes this man seeking only a good living at our expense, devoid of any comprehension of the need of the people who seek to add to the economic and cultural prosperity of the community.

Please let me emphasize we need a man for mayor who has already proven himself. This we can get in the person of Gord Rowe.

We know him. He knows our need. We need to



Dora Strachan

... oppressed citizen

proceed with a vision of the future of the town, the province and the country as a whole.

We should be grateful to have a man of vision in Gordon Rowe and vote him into office.

He will create the jobs and services that are needed in the town. He is a man of the people, for the people, for a great future.

There are good people in the region. Lets give them the chance to bring justice for all, not only Schiller, who doesn't get along with the councillors and thinks we owe him a good living.

DORA STRACHAN,  
RR 1, Richmond Hill, Ont.

# Letters Need basics defined

Dear editor:

I would like to comment on Jim Irving's column of Nov. 10 in which he states "if he (Education Director) Sam Chapman and Mrs. Zajac and a few others insist all's right with education and that the term "basics" be defined in a manner they can fully comprehend, then..."

First of all, at no time have I ever said "all's right with education". It never has been and it never will be.

Education is an evolving process and as such can always be improved upon.

I believe we will be in deep trouble if we even stop trying.

Secondly, I would like the term "basics" defined, because to Irving the "basics" may simply be the "three R's".

But to many others, including Education Minister Tom Wells and myself, basic education is for more than reading, writing and arithmetic.

If education is truly an "ongoing" preparation for life, then it must

encompass not only skills fundamental to future learning, but also a knowledge and appreciation of art, music and the history of our Canadian society.

In the past few years French has been added in some of the primary grades.

As we live in a bilingual country where bilingual skills are necessary for some employment opportunities and advancement in certain areas, our students should be given the chance to become

bilingual. French then might be considered another "basic".

Because of our sedentary society and the necessity of transporting many of our children to school, the need for regular physical education classes in our school system is becoming more obvious.

Should physical education be considered a "basic"?

Alvin Toffler, author of "Future Shock", believes the most important aspect of learning is "how

to cope with change, to master and adapt to a complicated environment."

To this end, Toffler believes values education is the new "basic" about which schools should be most highly concerned.

I don't agree with him entirely, but he has a point. It's one which demonstrates that everyone's idea of what the "basics" are isn't the same.

Because we have expected more and more from the education system (and therefore

over the years have added more subjects that were considered important) less time of necessity was spent teaching "basic skills".

This fact, combined with the permissive programming of the 1960s, tended to weaken our student proficiency in such areas as English grammar and spelling.

However, parents and educators have now made it abundantly clear they want emphasis placed on teaching these fundamental subjects.

I, for one, don't want to go back to the rigid curriculum of the 1950s. But I am optimistic enough to believe that, with careful planning, we can provide time for increased emphasis on basic skills.

I hope we can do this and still allow ample opportunity for other programs we feel are essential in preparing our children for today's world.

(MRS.) DOROTHY ZAJAC,  
Trustee Candidate  
RR 1, King City, Ont.

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