

Dear Fellow Citizens of South Marysburgh (Ward 9)

Well this is a bit of a shock! File a nomination form and four weeks later I am acclaimed as Councilor for our Ward. No campaign, no signs to post, no speeches, no door knocking...

I am aware of how hard the candidates worked in the last election. I also have an idea of the many and long hours Ian has spent representing our area. I want to assure you I have not entered into this role lightly and I know I will be on a learning curve for some time. But I do promise to listen. Personally, I have been impressed with the work of the current Council. They have dealt with many difficult issues. I look forward to being part of the team that assumes the work yet to be done.

It would be easy to stay home November 13. The School Board Representatives are acclaimed; your Coun-

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The Great Garbage Caper

Do any of you have memories that go back far enough, (about 1 yr.), to remember the meeting set up by our representative on council, Ian Balsillie, to inform South Marysburgh residents about a new idea for garbage disposal? And that the overwhelming majority of the ratepayers present at that meeting let the Council officials and the Councillor know that they didn't see any good reason to abandon our present arrangements, especially as it would cost each property something in the nature of \$40.00 more in taxes per year? And that a presentation was made in person to the whole County Council to let them know the views of residents opposed to changes in garbage disposal, and that Council backed down and left things alone for a while?

Well, guess what! We lost. This morning, October 31st, 2000, a neighbour phoned to tell us that the deed was done - that in the new year, 2001, we would enjoy garbage pickup. Not wishing to jump to conclusions, I started a series of phone calls to make sure the news was true. Talked to among others, Brian Read and Brian Robson in Public Works and Ian Balsillie, Ward 9 and Frank Smith, Ward 8, Councillors and, sure enough, it's a go. Do any of you out there feel there was any obligation on the part of our member of Council to let us know what was happening? Do you think maybe they think South Marysburghers are a difficult lot and should be left in the dark?

Do you think they were going to tell us before or after the election on November 13th? Maybe we should support a mayoral candidate who takes the wishes of constituents seriously and does not rule magisterially from a great condescending height.

The choice of course is ours to make.

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