

Editor's Mail

Position warrants election

Resigners of Whitchurch, Stouffville, Eldred King, has now become the Regional Chairman. I suspect that when the riding is divided, four or five years hence, he has aspirations to be the M.P. when Bill Hodgson steps down. In the meantime, he has left in his wake a dilemma for Council, which is how to fill the newly vacated position of Mayor.

There are two choices. (1) Council could appoint one of its own members which would then leave an opening for another Councillor, which they could also appoint. (2) They might opt for an election. Council itself has indicated it should wait for two weeks in order to sample Public Opinion. My personal guess is they will not want an election and may quote the possible cost of \$15,000 to \$17,000 as their main reason. This I suggest, is a paltry sum compared with the enormous legal and consulting fees they have expended on some of their other projects.

Some Council members have stated they would not CONSIDER appointing any person who has been defeated in an election. This is democracy? In other words, people like Bill Kamps, Ged Stonehouse, Charlie Warden, etc., would have no chance, even though two of them have already served well on Council.

During the tenure of Eldred King, resignations of three executive members of the Parks and Recreation Committee were accepted and the remaining members were fired. Then Council created a new Committee which they called Culture and Recreation, consisting ONLY of Council members. It appears as though they either did not trust the intelligence or dedication of the volunteers OR, (and I hesitate to suggest) they wanted complete control of the decisions regarding the new Complex. OR they had a need for secrecy. They have never yet given an explanation as to why these members were let go. I believe it was an insult to those volunteers who had willingly given of their services.

I would not wish to think that Council overrated their own capabilities while underrating those of the volunteers. In my opinion, if Council appointed a Mayor and a new Councillor, it would just be an extension of this way of thinking. I believe that now is the time for a change in their attitude. I wish to suggest the following:

(1) There should be NO appointments. There should be a democratic election.

(2) Any existing Councillors who wish to run for Mayor, should resign their positions by the end of October in order to enter the race.

(3) We would then have an election in November for Mayor and one or more Councillors.

The hat of any willing taxpayer can be thrown in the ring and let it be the public's choice. There is still over one-third of the term to be served.

It has been said of Canadians that they are complacent. I believe they still prefer the democratic right to choose between candidates in a free election. Council has said it wishes to sample public opinion. The Tribune has stated that, in its opinion, there should be an election. This letter is one other sample of public opinion. I hope we will hear from others. I believe the public should contact their own ward members and express their opinion. Don't be complacent. Do it now! There is less than a week before Council makes a decision.

Sincerely,
Kim Rogers
R.R. 3, Newmarket



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Page 2 - Item 2B - Technics tape deck. Notes illustrated. It is silver colour not black.

Page 19 - Items 19A to 19L - The heading is incorrect. It should read. Save 15% to 20% on Cookbooks. Item 19H - Pasta Cookbook. The price shown is incorrect. It should read \$5.95.

Page 21 - Item 21A - Baci Perugina chocolates. The design of the box is not as illustrated.

Back cover - Batteries are not included with radio head phone (requires two UM-3, HP-7 or AA batteries).
Due to supplier delivery problems, the following items are NOT AVAILABLE.

Page 5 - Item 5B - Gemini/Atari cartridges. Tarzan, Cabbage Patch, Quest for Tires.

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