

Weekender

Comment

Sign ban is needed in election

With the 1985 municipal election campaign in its closing stages, perhaps this is the time to consider a ban on the obnoxious election signs that have dotted the landscape for the past month.

Not only are they unsightly, but the signs are an open invitation to vandals — whether they be youngsters looking for trouble or workers for opposition candidates. And there are the inevitable charges by candidates that their signs are receiving special attention from the so called vandals.

Ironically, the more signs there are, the less impact they have on people. They just become a mass of color. That fosters more competition among candidates to put up even more signs thus making the problem even worse.

A better suggestion would be to ban the signs completely — except on private property. For the most part that would also eliminate broken, wet signs scattered far and wide by the winds that inevitably blow this time of year.



Lest We Forget

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Weekender Mailbag

'Bonner not lacklustre'

Dear Sir,
After reading your short four-paragraph editorial concerning regional councillors (Economist and Sun, Nov. 6), I would like to respond to one segment in particular — your unsubstantiated claims about Bud Bonner being 'lacklustre.'

What about Mr. Bonner's successful fight to ban truck traffic through Thornhill? Despite Mr. Moran's objections, Mr. Bonner's common sense came through.

Also, Mr. Bonner worked to help keep the health nurses on the job by means of securing financial support from the provincial government.

Mr. Editor, how can these statements be made fairly when your seat in the press gallery of the regional council was vacant more often than not.

Obviously, the majority of council wisely had enough trust and faith in Mr. Bonner to have him fill the vacant spot when Carole Bell moved up to become mayor. Regional council also

must have seen Mr. Bonner's dedication after serving Markham for 17 years.

Obviously, the people of Markham have not thought the worst of Mr. Bonner having re-elected him all that time.

Paper criticized for endorsement

Dear Sir,
Your Wednesday paper (Economist and Sun, Nov. 6) has exceeded itself in its inability to accurately report what is happening in the world of politics.

Your lack of endorsement of Bud Bonner as Markham's Regional Councillor and the reasons for not doing so, stem less from what Mr. Bonner may not have done and more from the fact your reporter's seat at the Regional Council press table has been noticeably empty.

Finally, Mr. Editor I would rather have a new member of regional council wisely get his feet wet by means of experience than to jump in both feet with a harmful landing in one's own mouth.

Greg Johnson
Markham

In this case, what you don't know has unfairly hurt someone else.

However, when you don't know who is running in Ward 5 and you wrote up the wrong people; when you don't know a hot air balloon is much more than six feet high; and when you don't know north from south when you see billboards on Markham Rd. — then it is reasonable to assume you don't know. Perhaps you should find out!

Ruth Atkinson
Markham

Bonner helpful, reader states

Dear Editor,
I find your article on the editorial page of the Nov. 6 issue of the Economist and Sun very interesting.

In presenting your choices in the upcoming election, you back up your opinions with logical praise and criticism except in the case of Regional Councillors. You state that Mr. Bonner, despite experience, has been lacklustre since last year. Period! How can you make such a statement without verifications? I personally have had occasions to call upon Mr. Bonner for various issues and have been very pleased with his interest and follow up. I have had this same opinion from many friends and neighbors as well.

One instance was a phone call to him on Sunday afternoon regarding a problem some friends had in a park bordering their residence.

Apparently, every Sunday a group arrived for a baseball game with a supply of beer and liquor and in no time the profanity was very loud and offensive.

Within one hour of the phone call Mr. Bonner and his wife arrived to observe the situation and apparently take it in hand. As of the next week the problem ceased.

This is just a small example of how quickly and efficiently this man works for the people. His style is consistent in all dealing the people of this town have had with him.

This, along with 17 years experience speaks for itself. So let's give credit where it's due!

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