

ST Mayor writes to 'set record straight'

Dear Editor:
Any intelligent person knows there are two sides to every story. The council chambers on April 6 regarding budget discussions held only the fire limit of 62 people including staff, Council members, the press, residents in attendance to speak on other agenda items, so the opposition in attendance was really quite small. They all supported my former campaign opposition for mayor in 1991, and seem to find it difficult to realize the 1991 election is over.
Black arm bands, black hats and veils, radical behaviour is not becoming to supposedly mature adults. I fear for the future of Whitchurch-Stouffville if these trends continue and these few people presume to represent the majority of our residents.
The "whole fiasco" mentioned was contrived, it was pre-written by Councillor Prentice. He did not disagree with a 1 per cent increase at the March 29 budget committee meeting and felt perhaps it should be more. Councillors take an oath of office which they are expected to uphold, especially as it relates to items of a confidential nature under the "Protection to Privacy Act." Many are "hanging their hat" only on the Freedom of Information Act, but each explains specifically under law what can and cannot be disclosed. Members risk legal action by those affected if these rules are not adhered to, the taxpayers pay the bill for such court action! This is being frugal, now I ask you?
We have already supported and paid a sizeable bill for Councillor

Editor's Mail

Prentice when he was new on council. We gave him a copy of a response from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs as to how the corporation is to conduct its affairs. The legislation he requested states: (A) Moved by Councillor Prentice, Seconded by Councillor Dunkeld THAT staff be requested to obtain a legal opinion

from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the following resolution:

"THAT further to the resolution of council dated February 26, 1991, reports/information/opinions requested from legal counsel and/or consultants, or reports requested from staff, require a resolution of council prior to any action being taken on such request."

(b) The response from the ministry was that under Section 9 of the Municipal Act powers are exercised by council as a whole; individual members of council have no authority.

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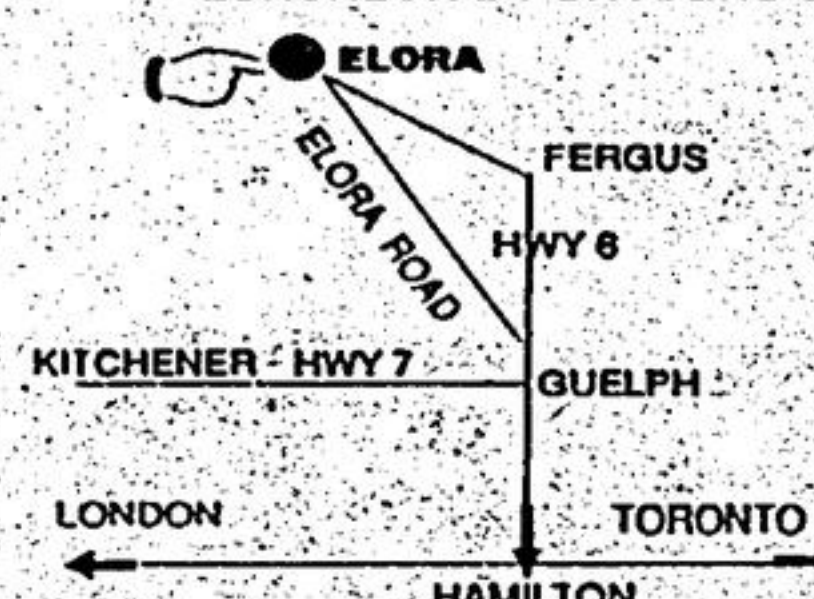


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