

Letter

Bellerby explains his bowing-out

Dear Editor,

Why I'm not running for council.

The vicious negativity of those you work with? Their frequent attempts to belittle or embarrass municipal staff? The deception, where those who simply don't understand become popular heroes? The tiring job of trying to work in a forum constrained by provincial regulation?

Council is all of this, but it needn't be.

In February of 1991 Ward 2 elected me to a council that worked. And worked hard. Most members had several years of office behind them. They knew the ropes and knew the rules; how to work with them, and how to change the ones that didn't work.

That council was not without its disagreements and lively but intelligent debates. It stuck to the issues and it was a council that listened to the public it represented.

Later that year however, the job of councillor changed radically. A new cast of characters took over. And by the end of this term, the meetings have become intolerable.

A quick aside: The Municipal Act, the Planning Act. The provincial laws which give local councils authority. They can be changed, but only by petitioning dozens of

municipalities, and getting them to help ask the province to amend them.

Just going against the acts is futile.

It's like the rules, when you play chess. Imagine playing chess with someone who's constantly trying to move pawns sideways, or bishops, straight across the board.

Who'd play with someone like that?

Unfortunately, this council has typically played like that.

And the province has decided not

to play any more.

So it's with some sadness and regret that I confess that I need a break. And a chance to investigate, full time, some other municipalities and how they're coping.

I'd like to thank the town staff (though morale is now so low that even the annual Christmas party has been cancelled) for persisting in spite of the negativity.

And even more, I'd like to thank you, the voters of Ward 2 for having faith in me. It's been an honor, and though I won't miss the meet-

ings in town, I'll miss meeting with you. Whether it was at your doors with a newsletter, or on the phone about a concern you had, it's been wonderful getting to know you; and our ward.

It's truly a unique and beautiful area we live in, so full of opportunity.

In three years, after someone else has a go at it, I'll have the energy to try again. In the meantime, thank you, each and every one, for everything.

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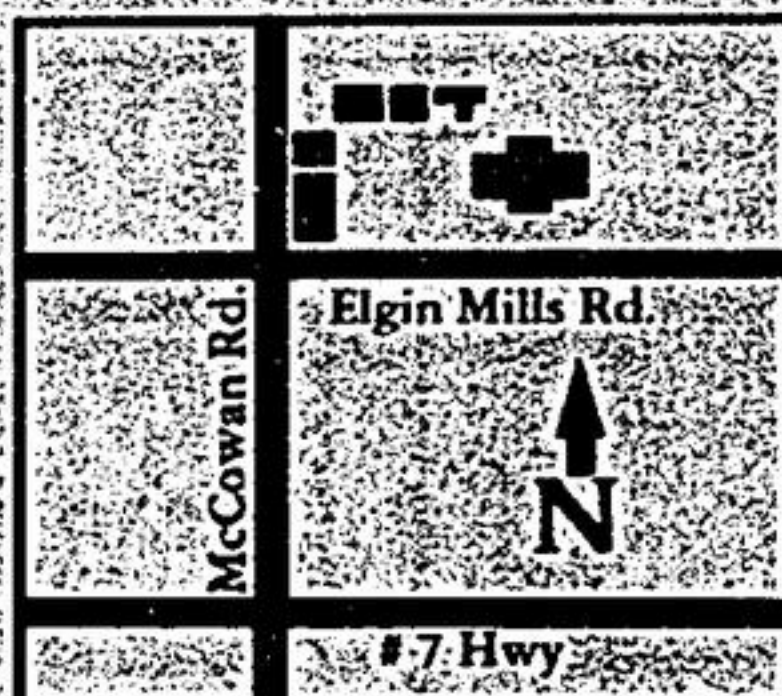
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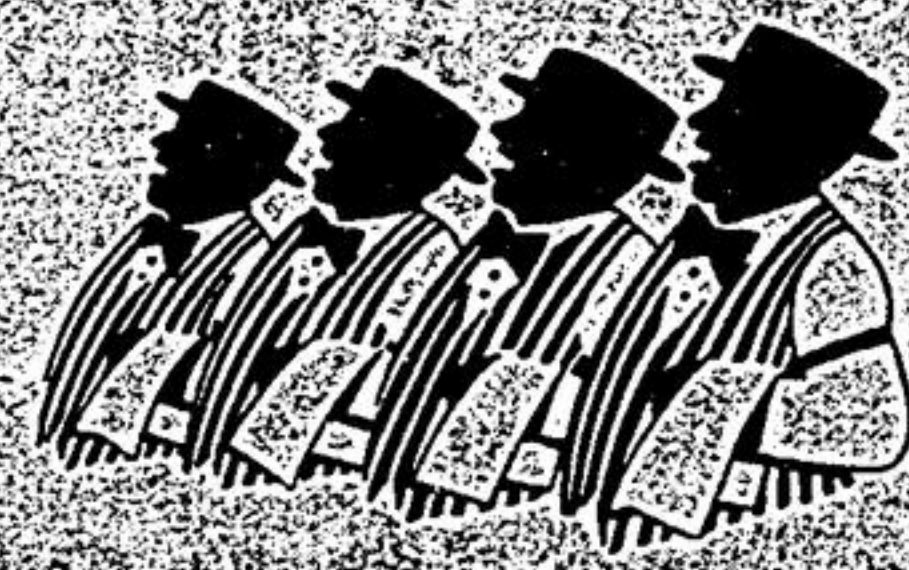
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