

# Some candidates would welcome restrictions on signs

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recycle any of the paper signs he used last time he ran, six years ago.

George McKelvey, running for re-election in Markham's Ward 4, said about half of his lawn signs — all adorned with his photograph — are recycled. He said he has several hundred around the ward, "but I'd prefer not to say exactly how many."

But he'd like to see some kind of restriction on signs.

"I'd have no difficulty if ward councillors were allowed private property signs only," McKelvey said.

That sentiment was echoed by Phyllis Morris, seeking to unseat Tim Jones, Aurora's incumbent mayor.

"My preference is not to have signs on public property," she said.

As for her own signs, they don't carry her photograph.

"I want people to know me for what I do," Morris said. "Besides, I didn't want someone putting a moustache and glasses on me."

One thing her signs do carry is her web site address.

"I've been overwhelmed with the response," she said. "People are raising issues and making comments. No other candidate, to my knowledge, has the same thing."

Candidate West said all of his signs — white letters on a dark blue background to avoid any notion of political affiliation — are recycled and carry the slogan he has used for years: "Go West."

"I think the slogan works," he said, but added the signs don't carry his picture. "They'd never vote for me (if they saw my face)," he laughed.

Another believer in slogans is Jim Morton, seeking his fourth term as mayor of East Gwillimbury. His signs carry the message: "Experienced leadership."

"I've always gone with slogans," said Morton, who has about 500 signs spread around the municipality. But his red-and-white signs — "they're my favourite colours" — do not carry his photo.

However, Gordon Landon, seeking re-election in Markham as a regional councillor, sees his photo as being nec-

essary.

"I think it's important for people to see who they're electing," he said.

His signs — cut out in a distinctive G-shape, which adds about \$1.50 per sign to the cost — are also in dark blue and white.

"It's distinctive," he said. "It's not meant to portray any political stance."

Also concerned about Halloween pranksters, Landon said he initially posted about 150 signs, but is increasing that number to about 400 now.

To add to the confusion as the municipal vote draws nearer, the election signs are being joined by those candidates seeking support in the Nov. 27 federal election.

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— George McKelvey  
Markham candidate

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