

# Regent residents chalk up successes

By Martha Gandier

On September 18th, 1981, twelve people sat in two groups around a table at Regent Park United Church. There was a feeling of expectancy in the air. We were members of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association and the Regent Park Services Unit and we were sharing the

intriguing idea of amalgamating. Regent Park should have one residents' association. We knew we would be stronger together than as two separate organizations.

We found, after discussions, that each member of both groups had one common goal which was to make Regent Park a better place to live. Residents joining other

residents to speak and act collectively seemed much more effective than acting alone. The mandates of the RPCIA and RPSU were amazingly alike. Why not join hands and form one large, strong organization?

And so was born the Regent Park Residents' Association (RPRA). How can a residents association best serve the needs of

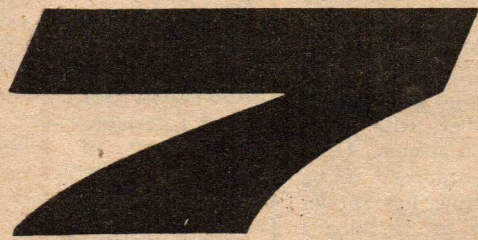
our community, not OHC's nor CAS's nor any of the bureaucracies that seemed to have such a degree of control over our lives? Several early RPRA meetings centred on this question.

Our first year was marked by highlights such as the progress of the community centre, the development of the Sole Support Moms group, and the third tenant

convention.

People involved in Regent Park over the past few years, both residents and community workers, were increasingly aware of a change in attitude within the Park. There was a growing self-awareness and a desire for self-help. The new RPRA would be a voice, a facilitator. Obviously the

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### FREE TAKE ONE

Deadline for the next (November 12th) issue of Seven News is Monday, November 8.

## Riverdale gets energy workshops

Interested in cutting home heating costs this winter? Confused about the most cost effective energy saving techniques and materials? Find out the answer to these and similar questions by attending any one of a number of free workshops being offered by ECCO this fall.

ECCO, short for Energy Conservation Community Outreach project is a joint venture of the City of Toronto and the Ontario Ministry of Energy providing a comprehensive energy advisory service for homeowners, landlords and tenants.

While primarily aimed at serving the needs of Riverdale residents, the project's workshops are open to everyone.

ECCO workshops and in-store demonstrations held in Riverdale hardware stores cover a wide range of energy-related topics, such as proven do-it-yourself techniques for interior and exterior home insulation; improving heating systems; tips on caulking and weatherstripping; selecting energy saving materials and tools, and so on.

Skills workshops, designed with the professional contractor/renovator in mind are also offered, as are courses in Chinese and Greek, catering to the large ethnic community.

To help spread the energy conservation message, ECCO personnel also work closely with the Toronto Board of Education's A.C.E. (Advocate Conservation Effectively) school awareness program. ECCO also co-operates with the Ecumenical Energy Working Group which advocates the "waste not" gospel to churchgoers throughout the Riverdale community.

"Our goal is to provide impartial, expert, money-saving energy conservation advice to as large an audience as possible," says ECCO project co-ordinator, Nancy Singer. "We also try to guide homeowners through the alphabet-soup of CHIP, COSP, RRAP, OHRP, REAP, and all the other energy conservation assistance programs available."

Towards this end, ECCO staff, along with a number of government agencies and energy conservation suppliers will be staging the ECCO Energy Conservation Show at the Gerrard Square shopping centre, Nov. 2 through Nov. 6.

The four day event, open free to

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Queen and Trinity, a watercolour by Leslie Tait, is one of the paintings featured in "Toronto Streetscapes", showing at the

Market Gallery until Dec. 12. You can see the exhibit at 95 Front St. East (at Jarvis), 2nd floor. (South St. Lawrence Market.)

## Youth: a few jobs created

Parachute, a Community Employment Development Centre located at 44 Blevin's Place exists to help young people between the ages of 16-30 develop the skills to find and keep jobs.

This year, the Government of Ontario is operating a new pilot program designed to assist unemployed young people during the winter months. The Winter Experience Program will run from November 1982 to March 1983, offering a wide range of job opportunities in industry, community organizations and government ministries. Winter Experience is being funded by the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD) and administered and operated through the Ontario Youth Secretariat for Social Development. The Winter Experience 82-83 Program is funding up to 400 Community Jobs through Ontario Youth Employment Counselling Centres. These jobs will be filled by persons referred by the Counselling Centres.

As one of the Counselling Centres involved with the Winter Experience Program we will be referring young adults to the jobs available. Parachute will be filling 17 positions in a variety of job settings such as clerical, sales and factory, as well as 1 position for a Project Manager. The Project

Manager, with supervision from Parachute staff in the beginning will be responsible for book-keeping, time sheets and payroll. He or she will also write reports and serve as a liaison with employers and employees. The Project Manager will eventually assume most of the responsibilities as he or she learns the job but will be assisted by Parachute staff should the need arise.

The Winter Experience positions are open to persons:

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- who have reached the age of 16 by November 8, 1982 and have not reached the age of 25 by January 14, 1983.

For more information about the Project Manager position as well as the 17 other positions please drop down to Parachute or call us at 363-1689 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The application deadline is October 29, 1982. We believe this is a great opportunity for a young person to acquire and develop skills in a meaningful job setting as well as a chance to further yourself in the future. Come down and register today.

## Parks big-wig dreams in plastic, wants Leslie Spit made pretty

Opposition is gathering quickly to a proposal that the Leslie Street Spit be turned into an artificial "theme" park. Competing proposals for the Spit have been tossed about for several years now, but Metro Parks Commis-

sioner Robert Bundy is attempting to short-circuit further discussion by unilaterally acting on his own plans. Bundy is applying for a Wintario grant to create a theme park, complete with a wave making pool - this out in the

## Norman Ellis is dead

Reverend Norman Ellis is dead. The former pastor of All Saints Church who retired only two months ago after 18 eventful years at his post, died last week and was buried on Sunday.

Norman Ellis made his mark on the community - and won the respect and affection of many people - by his determined and successful efforts to transform All Saints from a conventional and increasingly irrelevant institution into a living part of the community, "a real community parish church".

Ellis had suffered a heart attack earlier this year, and was away from his work for several weeks at that time.

Ellis' ideas about the role of a church - which he tried to realize in All Saints - were expressed most completely in a book he wrote several years ago, entitled "My Parish is Revolting". In it, he developed his ideas about the real nature of Christianity, and its meaning to the poor. He saw All Saints when he came to it as "an ingrown middle-class culture in the poorest part of the city. We were giving religion to the middle class and handing out cans of beans to the poor."

Under his leadership, All Saints threw open its doors to the community via two drop-in centres, a

native Indian centre, a clothing store, a Rooms Registry Service, an overnight drop-in, Tuesday-night Agape suppers, outreach visiting programs to the community, the incorporation of various community groups as part of All Saints Church-Community Centre, and support for and involvement in various activities and coalitions working to fight poverty and injustice.



On his retirement, Ellis expressed the conviction that more than ever needed to be done with the worsening economic situation, and stated his satisfaction that his successor, Rev. Brad Lennon, was committed to fundamentally the same approach.

## Supermarket co-op hunts for members

The Toronto Supermarket Co-op, in the planning stages for a couple of years now, is preparing to "go public" with a membership drive in November, according to Jonathan Rudin, its President.

Plans for a supermarket co-op come out of a widely felt desire for a supermarket in the Regent Park - South of Carlton - Don Vale area. Three supermarkets run by corporate chains have closed down or been downgraded in recent years, leaving the area with no complete supermarket at all.

(No Frills comes close, but offers only a very limited selection of merchandise.)

Co-op supporters have done a feasibility study which they say tells them that there is "more than enough consumer purchasing power in these neighbourhoods to support a new supermarket co-op."

However, to be financially viable, "the supermarket co-op must have a membership of 1000 to 1500 house-holds, who are regular shoppers and who will contribute some level of member loans to this community-owned and controlled enterprise."

The membership drive, therefore, will see if there is really enough support for the idea to get it off the ground. Watch for information on this in the next issue of Seven News. For more information about the Supermarket Co-op, or if you'd like to help with the project, please call 363-2061.

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## Wants Leslie Spit made pretty

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Place, Wonderland and Ashbridge's Bay Park. Lots of people use the spit for jogging, birdwatching, swimming and cycling," he said. More than 17,000 people a year visit the Spit.

The Spit, projecting off the foot of Leslie Street out into the Lake, has become something of a celebrity among nature lovers. Only a few years old, and formed as a landfill site - i.e. a dumping ground - it has rapidly transformed itself into a remarkable urban nature area, with huge colonies of water birds and many rare birds, as well as many different kinds of mammals, insects and vegetation, some of them unique in the area. A number of nature publications have featured articles on the Spit as an unusual wild area within sight of Toronto's highrise downtown.

A survey held in 1975 on the future of the Spit revealed that over 80 per cent of respondents were opposed to a theme park or other high-impact uses. At present, even cars are banned on the Spit, although the TTC runs a

regular bus service on spring, summer, and fall weekends.

According to Price, there has to be room on Toronto's waterfront for different types of parks, not just "crowded, expensive theme parks."

Controversy has surrounded another aspect of the Spit recently, with revelations of the fact that over half the landfill currently being dumped on the Spit is heavily polluted with zinc, mercury, lead, and arsenic. Only clean landfill is supposed to be allowed, but testing has shown that a majority of truckloads being dumped actually exceed Ministry of Environment allowable levels in a number of pollutants. The pollutants, of course, will leak out into the lake from which Toronto draws its water supply and in which Torontonians swim.

Construction on the theme park, meanwhile, is supposed to get underway within a year, according to Parks Commissioner Bundy. It's not too late to protest, however, by writing to Bundy or to your aldermen, or to the Mayor.

## RPRA going great guns

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old mandates of 'services delivery' didn't address the tenants' need to help themselves.

Hours of thought and discussion resulted in 'Purposes' and 'Criteria for Programs', as well as 'Criteria for use of space'. It was decided that programs or services sponsored by RPRA should be organized and controlled by residents. Several existing programs conformed to the criteria.

Between September 1981 and June 1982 the Regent Park Community Centre changed from a ten year old dream to a distinct possibility. On June 5, 1982, everyone involved knew it was "YES". The people of Regent Park wanted their own community centre enough to help pay for it. On June 5th, which was declared "Regent Park Day", local schools, churches, businesses and agencies joined residents to celebrate and to solicit pledges. Canvassers knocked on doors in Regent Park, and by the time festivities were underway, \$42,000 was pledged over the next three years. People promised to contribute \$2.00 per month and to help set up a trust fund. Every dollar would be matched by OHC. Interest from the fund would pay the administrative costs of the new centre. The ten long years of negotiation, discussion, and sometimes disappointment proved to be worth it.

In final months of 1981, the Minister of Community and Social Services, Mr. Frank Drea announced his plans for major changes in the administration of Family Benefits. In response to his overwhelming and unrealistic intentions, the Regent Park and Area Sole Support Moms group formed. Members recognized the isolation and frustration of women raising young children on government assistance and offered support, education, and a political voice. They designed a banner, held an educational, and marched on International Women's Day. They attended rallies and demonstrations, and contri-


buted a workshop for the 1982 Regent Park Tenants' Convention. The group was granted space in RPRA offices and plans outreach and parent support for the coming year.

As well, over one hundred residents and resource persons attended the highly successful convention at Genva Park. The two workshops, Race Relations and Sole Support Parents, were well planned and executed. People came home refreshed, with new ideas, and energy.

The RPSU receptionists became aware of a change in their role. This group of dedicated and responsible individuals had worked over the years as an answering service/message taker for various agencies housed at 63 Belshaw Place. One by one, the agencies found offices elsewhere in Regent Park. People calling RPRA were not just in need of linking with services. There were residents in need of other residents. The receptionists decided they wanted more training and information in order to help with the problems they were hearing. Neighbourhood Legal Services agreed to help by offering a course for the receptionists and anyone else interested. Students would learn to fill out the endless confusing forms expected of OHC tenants. They would learn many landlord/tenant issues. The receptionists could then handle many residents problems themselves.

Resource personnel have played a major part in the successes of the past year. The residents are usually involved in the hiring process and have thus ensured that the best person gets the job. As a result, the resource people are dedicated individuals committed to the people of Regent Park.

The Teen Association, with a strong core group of its own, support the RPRA and works hard on common concerns such as the Community Centre campaign. This group hires and secures funding for its own two workers, and holds fund raising events for



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its operating expenses. "Mother Courage", this year's production, was entirely arranged and managed by the T.A. Their annual BLOCK-O-Rama was also a success. Many events are held throughout the year that make the RPTA visible and respected.

The new RPRA has seen changes, both in Regent Park and society at large. The Community Centre campaign brought local individuals, churches, businesses, schools and agencies together to work on a common issue. Just last week, residents and community workers gathered in front of the RPRA office at 63 Belshaw Place to congratulate one another on our brand new green and white sign. Also last week we received our new incorporation number. RPRA we're on our way.

Martha Gandier is a RPRA Board Member. For more information about the Regent Park Residents' Association, drop by No. 65, 63 Belshaw Place or call 863-1768 any time between 9-5, Monday to Friday.

## Energy options

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the public, will feature ongoing demonstrations, over 20 displays, and a wealth of information on energy-saving ideas.

The ECCO team is headquartered at Howland House, an energy conservation demonstration centre at 16 Howland Road which opens to the public Nov. 16. This turn-of-the-century single-family home, typical of the Riverdale neighbourhood, has been extensively retrofitted by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to demonstrate the energy conservation potential that can be tapped when renovating. For further information about project ECCO please telephone 461-3223.



## Comings and goings at Riverdale Farm

The biggest event at the Riverdale Farm this autumn was the Fall Festival, which was held September 11 and proved to be a great success. The festival was conceived and planned in a relatively short time by the farm committee and staff. Featured activities included an excellent pancake breakfast for 300 and competitions for the best baked goods and preserves. The weather co-operated and it was a glorious day. This success gives the organizers great confidence that the Fall Festival can become an annual event, and that we can now think about having similar events during other seasons. A winter fair seems to be a good possibility at this time, although exact details have yet to be worked out.

Another important news item is the completion of new animal shelters for the horses, ponies, goats and sheep. The centre shelter of the horse paddock forms a generous protection from rain or sun with its peaked, shingled roof. The shelter for the goats and sheep are cave-like structures, dug into the hillside, which contain feeding troughs and protection from harsh weather.

The farmer's collection of old farming artifacts has been increasing. New acquisitions include

a kerosene-heated egg incubator, a shingle maker and family sleigh from the 19th century.

Tour guides have been kept on for the weekends, and offer demonstrations of butter churning, (milk from the farm cows) and various crafts in the front room of the Simpson House. The Craft Studios upstairs feature traditional craft displays such as quilting, spinning, and weaving, (with wool from farm sheep) on Sundays.

Last but not least, the farm staff have organized a grand Halloween party for October 29 for local children. Activities such as donut-bobbing, scarecrow stuffing, pumpkin carving, and hay jumping will be some of the featured events.

The fall meeting of the Riverdale Farm Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 16, at 8 p.m. in the Simpson House. The agenda will be as follows:

- Report on Fall Festival; discussion of winter event.
- Concession stand; involvement.
- Donnybrook Pavillion; future
- Uses for the Farm House? discussion.
- Farmer's report
- Other business.

Everyone welcome!

## Apologies, promises, — and a request

Seven New, or rather the skeleton staff putting this issue together, would like to apologize to our readers for the difficulty you may have had in reaching us over the last several weeks, and for the relative disorganization you may have noticed. Staff turnover managed to combine with serious illness in a way that hit our organization, small and struggling at the best of times, rather hard. In fact, we think we deserve a bit of a pat on the back for getting the issue out at all under the circumstances!

As always, however, we've coped, and now we're full of plans

and hopes for a bigger and better future for Seven News. We propose to lay those plans before the community at a special meeting on Nov. 15, and to ask for your help in carrying them out. Further details will appear in the next issue. Watch for it!

In the meantime — keep those stories, letters, ads, and photos coming, bear with us if you get the answering machine rather than a person when you call (we will get back to you quickly if you leave a message).

Get Well Soon, Jennifer — We need You\* Love from the Pods.



**BILL MOLE**  
for  
**ALDERMAN**  
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Bill Mole, 34, is Ontario born and educated. He works as an accountant for the Federal Department, Veteran's Affairs, Canada. Bill is involved with many community activities.

"When I say I am concerned, I am saying 'I care.' For me caring means to listen, to recognize problems and to take appropriate action."

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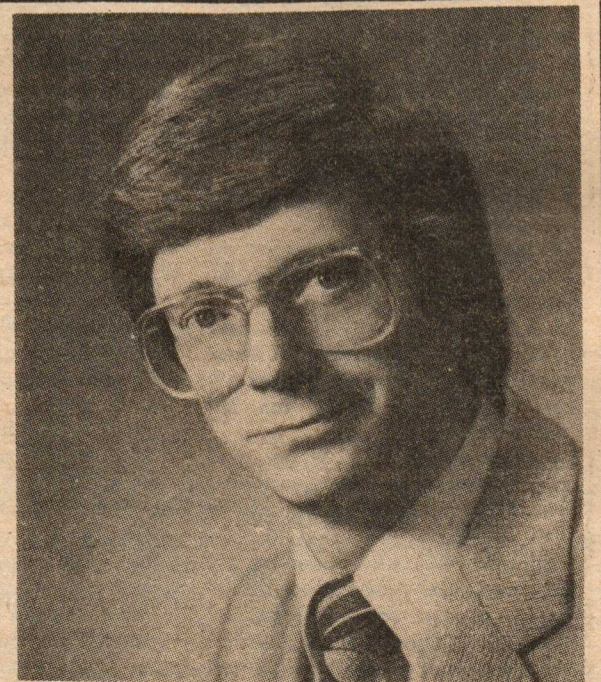
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## We danced all evening

We're happy to report that the Regent Park Residents Association/Seven News Octoberdance-fest dance held on October 15 was

a darn good party, and a modest financial success to boot. Appropriate amounts of beer and liquor were consumed, then worked off

on the dance floor. A good time was had by all, so much so that we're planning to do another one soon. Watch for it.



# ELECTION '82 ELECTION '82 ELECTION '82

## ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

### KEN BHAGAN

36 year old Ken Bhagan, a community worker and clergyman is among those seeking one of the Ward 7 Aldermanic positions.

For the past 7 years, Ken has been here, there and everywhere, working with all levels of government and the police to bring about changes which are more responsive to the needs of the people.

He has been actively involved in many community organizations and groups within Ward 7 and Metro. Included in these are: Chairman of the Consultative Committee of Religious Leaders on Race Relations; Chairman of the Christian Leadership Council Downtown Toronto; Chairman of the Downtown Care-Ring (a volunteer agency serving senior citizens, handicapped and the disadvantaged); Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Member of the Board, Citizens' Independent Review on Police Activities.

The 10 main issues affecting the people of Ward 7 are:

Daycare, unemployment, Housing - Tenants, Parking; need for better police community relations, social services, Senior citizens, special education, Tax Assessment, T.T.C. Fares. Ken pledges to work hard as one of the official representatives of Ward 7 to bring about the changes which are necessary to aid the people of Ward 7.

The Committee to elect Ken Bhagan believes that the voters of Ward 7 need a strong and principled voice on council. They urge you to cast one of your two votes for Alderman for Ken Bhagan.

### ERIC LEGGATT

Eric Leggatt says he would work for a number of key things if he was elected alderman for Ward 7. These are:

- Balanced representation of Ward 7 interests.
- Community participation in municipal decision making
- Effective and fiscally responsible use of municipal resources
- Responsible social policies
- Affordable, well managed rental accommodation
- Employment, by supporting local business and industrial growth
- Safety in our neighbourhoods
- Fair and equitable municipal taxation including a roll-back of recent unfair property tax reassessments.

Leggatt says that "I believe that our Ward needs an alderman who will represent the people not a political party."

Leggatt, 38, who works as an environmental policy specialist, is past president of the South St. Jamestown Homeowners' Association and is currently president of the Winchester Park Residents' Association. He is also a director of Tax Reform Action for People (TRAP).

The Committee to Elect Eric Leggatt can be reached at 960-0005.

### JOANNE CAMPBELL & DAVID REVILLE

On June 16th, 1982 at Parkview Secondary School, Joanne Campbell and David Reville were chosen as aldermanic candidates by 500 NDP Ward 7 residents. They are running a broadly based campaign, actively supported by residents belonging to all three political parties. The campaign is endorsed by the New Democratic Party in Ward 7 as well as by the Metro Labour Council. Here are their comments and positions on some of the issues in this municipal election.

*Why are you running for aldermen together?*

"Joanne Campbell and I have worked hard for 14 years in Ward 7 - getting people involved in changing things for the better, fighting discriminatory bureaucracies, getting more affordable housing, day care, and human services for the Ward."

Joanne Campbell: "Ward 7 expects a lot of its aldermen. Jaffary and Sewell, Sewell and Howard, Howard and Cressy, Cressy and Reville have served our area well and we want to continue that team tradition."

*What about the housing problem?*

"Since 1980, we've helped bring affordable housing on stream throughout Ward 7: The T.C. Douglas Co-op (68 units), The Three Streets Co-op (37 units), Hugh Garner Co-op (181 units), New Dimensions Co-op (32 units) and the Place St. Laurent non-profit private development (135 units). And we're working on new

projects. Queen's Park wants to scrap rent controls. We'll pressure to tighten them up, and provide greater protection for tenants." *People are worried about property taxes. What is your response to these concerns?*

"In 1981, the Province began picking houses at random and hiking assessments. We immediately brought over 600 homeowners together to discuss what was happening and what to do about it. We joined with homeowners across the City in protesting the provincial action and we have advised each reassessed homeowner in Ward 7 on the appeal procedure. We'll continue to fight against unfair assessments and we'll be working just as hard on the parallel fights - to ensure that property taxes do not force people out of their homes and to stop senior governments from passing the buck for much needed programs onto the property taxpayer."

*In hard times social services are the first to be affected. How do you plan to deal with this?*

"All the services we worked so hard for over the years are now threatened by provincial cutbacks. We'll continue to fight against these cutbacks, for an immediate increase in day care places, for a long-term program to expand child care services and for the withdrawal of Bill 127. With unemployment high and child care scarce, Queen's Park couldn't have picked a worse time to push sole support mothers off family ben-

efits and into the workforce. We'll fight this foolish and insensitive plan."

*What about neighbourhood safety?*

"We're working for secure neighbourhoods where people can expect efficient and fair treatment from the police and where residents feel they can influence policing policies. This will require more foot patrols, more citizen-police co-operative programs, and a police Commission that reflects the make-up of our City."

*What is your stand on race relations?*

"Multiculturalism is a city's strength. Race relations is too important to be left to a so-called Mayor's Committee. We'll work for the creation of autonomous advisory groups chosen from ethnic communities themselves, to help improve the City's policies and programs."

*There is high unemployment right now. What can be done at a local level about this problem?*

"We will fight for an aggressive economic development policy, to attract and keep a good variety of industrial and commercial jobs in the City and to promote a campaign to buy 'local'. And, we'll encourage City involvement in public enterprises that create jobs by conserving and recycling our resources and energy."

"We both look forward to carrying on the work that needs to be done in the Ward and ask your readers for their support on November 8th."

### BILL MOLE

Ward 7 aldermanic candidate Bill Mole says that he is concerned about the following issues:

- For the retired and older members of the community who live on minimal fixed incomes. Mole says that "They have earned the right to dignity and consideration. I am concerned for them knowing that tomorrow will be our turn."
- For everyone's personal safety on our streets and in our parks. Bill Mole says that citizen groups are starting to do something about this, and wants these groups to get "full backing" from City Hall.
- "Costly city programs which dig into our wallets without first finding out what WE really want."
- "As Alderman for Ward 7 I intend to closely watchdog every proposal making sure it does reflect your needs."
- "unfair and unrealistic property assessments"
- "subsidized day care on an individual need basis"

Mole says that he is concerned about growing discrimination.

He also advocates a program of long term communications between citizens and police.

Mole's slogan is "Vote Mole for Control" and his literature states that "Your vote for Bill Mole will give you greater control over cost efficient priorities for Ward 7."

34-year-old Mole has been active in a number of fundraising activities, including the Terry Fox 1981 Cabbagetown Walk/Run. Further information: 967-9288.

## Everything you about but didn't know

To help you make your decisions as a voter, Seven News asked the candidates running locally in the November 8 civic election to submit 600 word articles explaining why voters should vote for them. These submissions are presented

The various levels of civic government are elected on Monday Nov. 8, when you, the voters - or some 30% of you, at any rate - go to the polls to elect a mayor, two ward aldermen (the one receiving the most votes also gets a seat on Metro Council) and school trustees, either public or separate school, depending on your affiliation. The only local political job you don't get a vote for is the most powerful - that of Metro Toronto Chairman. The Chairman - in effect Metro's mayor - is appointed by Metro councillors, who always automatically pick incumbent Paul Godfrey.

If you aren't on the voters list, it is now too late to ask for a change. But if you are an eligible voter who was inadvertently left off, you still have two ways of getting a vote. Either you can go to the City Clerk, and satisfy him on oath that you are entitled to vote, in which case you can be issued a certificate to take to the



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here. In some cases, we did not receive articles from the candidates; in these cases, we have attempted to summarize the candidates' platform by summarizing the contents of their election literature.

polling station entitling you to vote. Or you can swear a declaration on voting day before the Deputy Returning Officer, establishing your identity with proper identification, and thus be allowed to vote.

You are entitled to be an elector if at any time during the period commencing on Sept. 7 and ending Oct. 20, you are/were (a) resident of Toronto, (b) a Canadian citizen or other British subject; and (c) 18 years old on or before Election Day. You may also be eligible to vote if you own or rent land in the city, but only if you are not a voter elsewhere in the city.

Polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. You must vote at the Polling Subdivision in which you reside.

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# TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

## FRAN ENDICOTT

Fran Endicott is one of the two incumbent NDP Trustees. She was first elected to the Board in 1980. Since that time she has worked as a full-time Trustee. A recent study of Trustee participation in meetings and Committees showed that she was the most faithful attendee of all Board members. She has been the Chairman of the Race Relations Committee and the Continuing Education Committee. She sat on many other Committees regularly and was a member of important Task Forces on Business and Technical Education, Programs for Gifted and Talented Students, and the Performing Arts in our schools.

Fran has established herself as one of the most knowledgeable of the Trustees on school curriculum, that is, what is taught in our schools and how it is taught. She has been a central participant in the development of maximum class size policy (about 20) for the lower grades of our Inner City schools, a policy which it is hoped will expand in the coming years to take in more schools and grades. She also helped spearhead a new three-year curriculum plan which will place a firm, new emphasis on English language skills in all our schools.

A former student of Central Tech, Fran has a B.A. and worked for many years as an educational Research Officer writing and assembling materials for schools and teaching teachers how to use them. She is also well-known as co-author of the widely-acclaimed "City Kids' Book", published in 1979. Her community work includes involvement with the Cross-Cultural Communications Centre, the Immigrant Women's Centre, the Black Education Project and the Library of Black People's literature.

She is running on the issues of a continued commitment to smaller class sizes, improvements in school programs for the Inner City and the workplace, a fairer tax system and strong community involvement in educational decision-making.

## PAM McCONNELL

Pam McConnell is running for the first time as a School Trustee, and has been nominated by the NDP along with Fran Endicott. Their joint campaign has the full support of David Clandfield, who is not seeking re-election.

Pam McConnell has experience as both a teacher and a parent. For eight years, she worked as a teacher in Toronto's Inner City schools. She lives with Jim, her husband, in Spruce Court, and has a daughter, Heather Ann, who attends Spruce Court School.

Pam is an active worker in the co-op housing movement both in Ward 7 and in Toronto as a whole, where she is president of the Co-op Housing Federation.

Pam also commits herself to being a full-time Trustee, working closely with Fran Endicott to represent Ward 7 schools, communities and all residents. As an NDP candidate, she is committing herself to a well-defined set of principles, which place a high priority on equality of educational access for all our children, quality education which will serve our future citizens well in a difficult world beyond school, and fighting for better educational funding from those who hold the purse-strings (the Province and the Metro Board).

Pam also attaches great importance to the need for reforming our tax system which funds schools mainly from the property taxes. She knows that this is an unfair system, based on where you live and not on what you can afford to pay. She and her party are committed to fighting to have the Province pay a greater share of educational costs out of corporate and income taxes, which are based on what you can afford to pay.

As a community worker, and as a parent, Pam is firmly committed to the NDP policy of extending the involvement of all teachers, parents and community residents in decision-making in our schools and at the Board. This will also mean, she says, fighting all efforts to move that decision-making power to large centralized bodies like the Metro Board of Education, as is proposed in the Tory Government's Bill 127.

## LINDA PITNEY

Ward 7 school trustee candidate Linda Pitney lists five subjects that she thinks are "core issues" in the election campaign. These are Communication, Special Programmes, Abuse, Learning Disabilities, and lax Censorship laws.

She says she would like to "open up lines of communication". "Home, school and Board must work together."

She would like to see the introduction of special classes in nutrition, self defense, the effects of drug use and improved adult retraining programmes.

She wants to assist elementary and secondary school teachers in

recognizing and directing victims of violent acts ranging from battering to incest.

Pitney would like to see the early diagnosis of learning disabilities through the use of improved tests.

She also wants to "change permissive censorship laws. Hate literature is being distributed at our schools while pornographic material is easily available to our children."

Pitney says that "Everyone pays school taxes. Is your slice of the tax dollar working for you? Well considered votes well spend dollars!" Information: 960-9003.

# You DECIDE



**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS  
MONDAY NOV 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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Obtain a VOTING CERTIFICATE by applying in person to the City Clerk, City Hall, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on Saturday, October 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

or

Make a DECLARATION on the prescribed form before the Deputy Returning Officer at the elector's Polling Station on Election Day. It is necessary to produce proper identification.

Persons who receive their citizenship papers on or after October 21, 1982 and who meet the voting qualifications listed below, may either obtain a Voting Certificate, or make a declaration at the Polling Station on Election Day. Proof of citizenship must be shown.

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October 25, 1982

Roy V. Henderson  
City Clerk and  
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## JOE BAPTISTA

Ward 7 school trustee candidate Joe Baptista calls himself "The Peoples Candidate". In his literature he states that he will "work for the people". According to Baptista, "Party politics do not belong in our classes. Our children are the important issues in this election. Quality Education must be our first responsibility."

His literature states that "Joe Baptista will not support the

100% salary increase the members of the Board of Education gave themselves."

Baptista claims to have "the necessary budgetary skills to gauge the true impact and cost of programs." He even promises to "balance the budget".

Baptista is a partner of Inter-continental National Association, "a firm that specializes in helping small businessmen with financial problems."

For more information about Joe Baptista, call 465-8383.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, OCT. 29

**Theatre Passe Muraille** — *Satin Thigh* premieres till Oct. 31. Time—8:30 p.m. Sunday PWYC matinee at 2:30 p.m. For more information call 363-0555.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 30

**Bazaar and Auction at Woodgreen Community Centre.** Good used clothing for adults and children, white elephant table, home baked goods and lots more. 835 Queen Street East. 10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Auction: 1:15 p.m.

**Toxic Substances:** A Conference sponsored by the Coalition on Toxic Substances. Ontario Legislative Building, Rm. 228, Queen's Park, 9:00 a.m. registration and refreshments. For more information please call 978-6155 (days) or 463-2862 (evenings.)

**Ice Rink Openings:** Oct. 31 and Nov. 21. Skating, a fun way to get fit and make the most of the frosty days ahead, starts Oct. 31 at the Ryerson rink and the Nathan Phillips Square Rink. The City's other artificial outdoor rinks open Nov. 21. For specific locations and hours of operation please call 367-7529.

## MONDAY, NOV. 1

**Formal hearings for the Public Inquiry into Fire Safety in Highrise Buildings** commence: 10:00 a.m. Hearing Room 1, 21st floor, 180 Dundas Street West. The filing of written submissions deadline is Oct. 30. Information: 963-2024.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

**CANCER:** No easy solutions. Presented by the Education and Patient Services Committee of the Canadian Cancer Society. Designed to help cancer patients, their families and friends. Come and learn more about their services. Admission is free, everyone welcome. St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front Street East, Toronto. 8 p.m. Information: 362-7041.

**The Toronto Symphony — Tchaikovsky, Souvenirs de Florence, Opus 70.** Through Nov. 6. Time: 6:55 p.m. All seats \$3.00. 60 Simcoe Street. For more information please call 593-7796.

**Alliance for Non-Violent Action** presents *Protest & Resistance: A Film Series.* Tonight at 7:30 p.m. *The Wobblies.* Guest speaker: Ian Kirton, United Steelworkers. Harbord Collegiate, 286 Harbord Street. Tickets are \$3.00.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 4

**Royal Conservatory of Music — Sounds of Beethoven, Ravel, Chopin.** Ruth Watson Henderson, Piano. Time—12:15 p.m. Free Admission. 273 Bloor Street West. Information: 978-3797.

**World Premier of "Recorded Live",** a film with Toronto Bands *Mamma Quilla II, Hamburger Patty and the Helpers,* and *TBA.* Bloor Cinema at 9:30 p.m.

**Take Back The Night March.** 15 King's College Circle at 8 p.m. The University of Toronto Women's Coalition hosts a women's dance following at 9:30 p.m. 16 Bancroft Ave. Childcare provided. Tickets are \$2.00. Licenced.

**In Concert — Heather Bishop and Charlie King.** Convocation Hall at the U of T campus. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance, \$8 at the door. Sponsored by the Alliance for Non-Violent Action.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 5

**YWCA — Great Beginnings Fitness/Nutrition** course for mothers and babies up to six months. Topics to include: nutrition, stress and tension coping techniques, breast feeding and more. Fridays,

Nov. 5—Dec. 10, 1:30—3 p.m. Fee:27.00. Register at the YWCA, 2532 Yonge St. or call 487-7151.

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## SATURDAY, NOV. 6

**Rock Against Racism** is proud to present this concert to coincide with the yes-vote on nuclear weapons in the Nov. municipal election. Tonight at the St. Lawrence Market North. Groups to include: The Government, L'etranger and Le Roy Sibbles. Proceeds to the Toronto Disarmament Network. Information: Terry: 537-5448;

The 44th Scout Group is having its "Pre-Christmas Dance" at St. Ann's Parish Hall (Gerrard & Degrassi St.). Spot dances, prizes and refreshments. 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door. For more information call John Baldwin 463-3470 or Violet Korect at 463-0361.

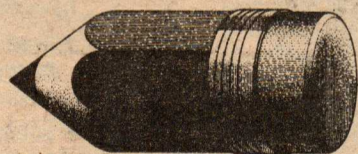
The 44th Scout Group is also looking for boys interested in joining the scouting movement. Ages 5-7 contact Bill McKiel at 751-3047. Ages 8-10 contact Jim McKee at 691-5622. Ages 11-14 contact Bill Maxwell at 698-8842. All Scouting Groups meet at Withrow Public School on Mondays.

**Bazaar — St. Barnabas Hall.** Danforth and Hampton Ave. (Chester subway stop). Please come and do some of your Christmas shopping early. 11 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Information: 463-1344 or 461-9160.

**Infant Formula Action Coalition** presents *Ed Baer: "The Nestle Boycott Five Years After".* 8 p.m. Holy Trinity Church. Trinity Square — Eaton Centre, Toronto.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 12

**International Bake Sale and Bazaar** at Central Hospital Lobby. 333 Sherbourne Street. 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come join us for great food and great bargains.



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**Noon Day Organ Recitals** at Yorkminster Park. Every Wednesday from Nov. 3 through Nov. 24. Time: 12:30—12:55 p.m. Admission is free. Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. 1585 Yonge Street.

**Toronto Workshop Productions** is offering a special "Recession Concession" to theatre enthusiasts. A \$45.00 membership gives you two tickets to any six productions of your choice. For more information call 925-8640.

**Needed: Old Toboggans.** Do you have any toboggans hiding in your basement? **The Ralph Thornton Community Centre** is looking forward to starting Toboggan Races for kids and teens this winter and we are in great need of donations. Please call Caroline at 461-6311.

**Partisan Gallery presents Hymnscapes:** A retrospect of William Stapleton. Portraits of everyday life in Canada and abroad for the past 40 years. Through November 14. Information: 651-3395.

**The Juvenile Justice Volunteer Program** is in need of men and women interested in helping kids in trouble with the law. For more information please call Rich Partridge at 923-4516.

**The Market Gallery presents Toronto Streetscapes.** City of Toronto Archives. 2nd Floor, South St. Lawrence Market. 95 Front St. East. Through Dec. 12.

**Metro Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded.** We are looking for 10 volunteers to assist adults in Ward 7 or 8 gain functional literacy. Training provided. Please call 968-0650 ext. 11.

**Attention Teens:** Are you lacking skills to find or keep a job? Would you rather have a weekly paycheck? Are you aimlessly existing from day to day with little or no money? If you have answered yes to one or more of the above, give us a call and we will assist you in finding employment. Call or drop by the **Ralph Thornton Centre** at 765 Queen Street E. Tuesday or Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. As for Caroline at 461-6311.

**Dixon Hall Community Music School** in south Cabbagetown needs volunteer teachers in guitar strings, brass, winds, piano, to give private instruction to inner city kids. If you have one or two hours a week please call Doug Jamieson at 863-0499.

**The Family Benefits Work Group** is launching its forth annual coat campaign early this year, with the hope that children will receive warm clothing before freezing temperatures are upon us. Help us please to help those children who otherwise wouldn't have a winter coat this year. This year sole support parents and their children are living 40% below the poverty level. Until such time as social assistance levels are based on realistic expenses, it is obvious that proper clothing cannot be purchased. The work Group has already received numerous requests from mothers in desperate need of assistance. Your donation, of whatever amount, would be greatly appreciated. Make cheques payable to **FBWG Coat Campaign.** 33 Charles Street East. Or call 960-0258.

Wanted, nurturing individuals as part-time Child Care Workers to care for infants and toddlers for mothers enrolled in **YWCA Take-A-Break** programs. Contact Syrelle Bernstein at 961-8100.

Wanted: Do you have a couple of spare hours a week? Do you have any special skills or hobbies you would like to share? **WoodGreen** would love to have you as a volunteer. Some of the many things you can do are: Working with adolescents; Dial-A-Friend with seniors; Friendly visiting with seniors; working with children; helping out in the day care; maintenance help. If you would like to do any of the above please call Vincenza DeBonis at 461-1168 ext. 145.

The annual General Meeting of the **"Corktown Association"** was held on October 18, 1982 at the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse. The following members were elected to the executive committee. President — Joyce McNulty; Vice-President — John Libby; Secretary Treasurer Fran Dolan; Members At Large — Richard Posluns; Drew Russell; Kathleen La Croix; Angus Cranston.

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**Neighbourhood Information Post** will answer all your questions. Try us at 924-2543, or drop into our office at 265 Gerrard St. East.

**The Toronto Elizabeth Fry Society** is actively recruiting volunteers for the agency's programs. The society provides practical help to adult women who have been in trouble with the Law. It carries on an active community education program, jail visiting program, and many other activities in addition to a half-way house residence for women.

There are many volunteer opportunities with this well-established agency. Anything from jail visiting to office assistance is available on a volunteer basis. If you have an evening per month, you could be a jail visitor, or a committee member. If you have time during the day, you could be a court volunteer, public relations assistant, community education worker, an administrative worker, or committee member. Whatever your time or choices the Elizabeth Fry Society can help you find use for your time. Training provided. Contact Brenda Somers at 924-4366.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have an upcoming event to announce, bring or mail your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas Street East (All The Saints Church), Toronto M5A 2A2. The next edition of the Community Calendar — and 7 News — appears on Friday Nov. 12, and covers the period Nov. 12 to Dec. 7. DEADLINE is Monday, Nov. 8.





## Quiet in the Land

Quiet In The Land  
Written by Anne Chislett  
Directed by Guy Sprung  
Toronto Free Theatre  
26 Berkeley St.  
Through November 6

By Robert Keir

The opening set of Quiet In The Land presents the stark exterior of a clapboard house. Shadowy figures pass beyond its tiny windows and the sounds of a baptismal service echo from within. The audience is graphically aware of being on the outside.

Fortunately the stage opens, and we are allowed to enter a curious time capsule. Anne Chislett's play concerns the Amish, one of those Mennonite sects whose horse-drawn buggies and black bonnets continue to attract tourists to Waterloo County.

The year is 1917. A complacent rural community has been roused by war, and has sent its sons to preserve the Empire. Except for the Amish. They are pacifist and German-speaking, two good reasons to be viewed with suspicion by their patriotic neighbours.

While the Amish leaders can shield their congregation from a hostile world, internal conflict threatens their way of life.

Young Yock Bauman has doubts about the faith of his forefathers and refuses baptism. After his Irish friend Paddy O'Rourke leaves for Europe, Yock surreptitiously reads the reports of the war in the village paper. He cannot accept the Amish view that "Heaven and Hell are the only two countries a Christian has to worry about." Nor can he accept being called a coward.

Nothing can entice Yock to remain within the flock, neither the the good-natured matchmaking of his grandmother, nor the charms of Katie Brubacher, nor even the

promise of his own farm.

A final bitter altercation between father and son ends with a whipping in the woodshed. Yock disappears.

With our rebel hero gone, the stage gives place to perhaps a little too much theological debate. Unfortunately, piety tends to be dull. But just in time, Yock returns. He has killed a man and seen the world. In a poignant scene, he breaks into tears at his father's locked door. It is this scene that ultimately transforms the play from a mere curiosity into a fine piece of theatre.

Quiet In The Land was originally staged at the Blyth Summer Festival and no doubt its popularity there induced director Guy Sprung to offer it as Toronto Free Theatre's first production of the season.

The play boasts an exceptional cast, highlighted by the touching performances of Keith Thomas as the prodigal son, and Dan MacDonald as his obsessive and domineering father.

Kay Hawtrey brings dignity and humour to the role of Yock's grandmother, matchmaker and diplomat.

And veteran Clare Coulter is splendid as Lydie, the neighbour who finds it difficult to suppress her yearning for Mrs. O'Rourke's telephone, especially when she discovers that this alien box does not conjure up the devil but only Mrs. O'Rourke's sister from Kitchener.

Anne Chislett's play is a plea for compromise. Differences of opinion, whether at a familial or societal level, must be respected. Buying a tractor or a telephone, reading newspapers and speaking English, such acts are not destructive. What ultimately is destructive is the denial of free choice, a theme that goes far beyond the confines of this Amish community.

Hallowe'en is a time for fun, but it's also a time to be conscious of safety. Drivers especially should take extra care to watch out for children running about unpredictably in the dark, so absoed in having fun that they sometimes forget to look out where they're going.

One thing parents can do, besides making sure their kids are aware of safety, and actually accompanying younger children, is to sew retro-reflective material onto their clothes. This material is readily available in either iron-on or sew-on fabrics and tape. It can even be used to make decorative or scary glow-in-the-dark designs. Another thing to be conscious of

is the design of masks: are the eye holes such that your child can actually see out of them properly? (Make-up, incidentally, can often be a way of making more original and impressive disguises than store bought masks, and can be cheaper as well.)

Finally, if you're a homeowner or tenant, you can help make it a safe Hallowe'en by making sure your porchlights are on and rakes and other obstructions are out of the way.

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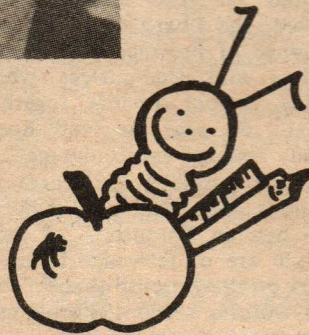
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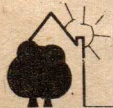
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# The role of a school trustee

By David Clandfield

Whenever the question of Trustees' pay comes up, the discussion soon turns to whether it is a full-time job or not. After all, the \$7,200 salary which was set under the Education Act would be laughable pay for a full-time responsible job, looking after 300 million dollars of taxpayers' money. Such a salary stands as ONE QUARTER of a junior alderman's pay, and their budget is, if anything, smaller than the School Board's.

Now everyone agrees that knocking politicians' pay hikes is a surefire votegetter for a new candidate. It doesn't need any expertise in School Board Matters, for one thing. It doesn't need any thought for another. But since the Trustees' salary is so small, the only way it can be defended is in saying that it is a part-time, "honorary" position. The impression can easily be left that all you need is a couple of hours each evening, after coming home from work, to go to the odd Board meeting, make the odd commencement speech, shake the odd hand, meet the odd dignitary, and so on.

Anyone getting elected in that belief has a rude awakening to come. The first shock for the inexperienced will be the volume of written material you will be expected to wade through and read every two or three days. (About 100 pages of detailed writing on average.) Since you will not have your own secretary to file and sort this material, you will have to figure out a way to do it yourself. Otherwise, you will never have the job at your fingertips.

The second shock comes with the meeting schedule. It's true that full Board meetings are only every four weeks. But there are also Special Board meetings. There are three important Standing Committees. There are thirty or more sub-committees. Unlike other bodies, the Board's by-laws allow all Trustees to go to all of these committee meetings and participate fully. Since it is in committees that the most important policy discussions take place, no responsible Trustees feel happy if they miss any meeting which might discuss issues they consider important either in their

Ward or in their own beliefs and priorities for the system.

The meeting schedule does not stop here, or course. There are numerous other duties: Trustees chair committees to interview students going on the Leaving School Early program; Trustees are members of the interview teams for Principals, Vice-Principals and senior administrators; Trustees chair meetings of small school review committees in schools where low enrollments are a problem; Trustees will also be involved in the new Special Education Appeals process established under the new Education Act amendments.

This does not take account of the large number of community groups and parent associations which meet in our schools and which often invite Trustees to attend. At the last count in the City, there were over 600 such groups spread across the eleven Wards. They held more than 3000 meetings in 1981 alone. In Ward 7, there are 18 schools. The conscientious Trustee takes the opportunity to visit the schools regularly whenever invited, to meet the Principal, or the teachers, or the students. In addition, the Area Superintendents like to meet regularly with their local Trustees.

The amount of time spent coping with individual problems from letters and phone calls is extensive, too. In addition, since School Board issues often interconnect with other levels of government, there are calls and meetings with City Hall officials (over the new school planned in the St. Lawrence development, for instance) or with Provincial Government committees or officials (in the fight against Bill 127 for instance).

Trustee members are also required for the Metro School Board, the Board of Health and a range of Province-wide Associations and Committees which bring School Boards together. There are also weekend Board study sessions, and conferences. It is often assumed that these are junkets, but the vast majority are held in Toronto - of those which are of relevance to members of the Toronto Board. They are working sessions, not an endless round of cocktail chats.

Another mistaken belief held by new candidates who do not know the Board is that the range of knowledge expected can be judged by the speeches given in one full Board meeting. But the full Board is the most political of the forums in which Trustees operate. The in-depth educational debates occur elsewhere.

Nor is the expertise required limited to educational issues, although Heaven knows these are sufficiently complex to require full-time attention. Trustees are asked to vote on issues affecting labour relations, tax reform,

building management, tendering procedures, urban planning (since that includes schools), health and safety, energy conservation, environmental hazards (e.g. asbestos in the schools and video-display terminals), educational finance, staffing formulae, contract negotiations, educational psychology, social work programs, the changing demands of the workplace, interpretation of laws (Federal and Provincial) and administrative organization.

So, when a Trustee candidate comes around and says that

Trustees should not even earn HALF the salary of a junior alderman, because the job is a part-time honour, ask the candidate how on earth he or she expects to get the job done in a few hours a week. It is true that there are Trustees on the Board who only work a few hours a week. But everyone knows that they are lazy and not effectively representing their constituents. Ward 7 has never had Trustees like this. Why should we start now?

David Clandfield, retiring School Trustee - Ward 7.

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