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Importance: High

Hi Terry,

Your email below clearly demonstrates the "inaccuracies and misleading information being circulated" of which I spoke during my opening address. You failed to mention that in your commentary. I did say that, "parts of Council have worked extremely well together". I continued as follows: "It can easily be argued that one's view of this depends on which side you believe is the purveyor of the truth. One thing is for sure: in the end, the truth will always trump a story. I am sticking with that. I am very concerned by the amount of inaccurate and misleading information about the current Tiny Council that is being circulated. Tiny voters should not have to choose their next Municipal Council based on inaccurate or misinformation. Better than 95% of decisions, whether 5-0 or 4-0, were made unanimously. Further, and contrary to widely distributed misinformation, the number of "in camera" meetings has gone down significantly. And an Environmental Assessment HAD to be done, no matter which septage solution would have been chosen and that is what the vast majority of septage expenses paid out to date have been used for." You chose to comment on neither statement – probably because neither fits the negative and divisive campaign you appear to be driving.

I did not say or even indicate that "he doesn't want to serve on a Council as fractured as the last one." I did say in my closing statement: "As a voter I do not want a Council that will bring another 4 years of division and divisiveness to the Township".

An education is only good when it is used by an individual to improve himself and for the betterment of his/her employer and/or society. I was successfully monitoring and controlling the flow of almost a half billion dollars because I could think my way out of the proverbial wet paper bag. You may not know that, which is fine. But please, do NOT assume that a university degree is the solution to everything.

You failed to mention that Wishart voted along with the entire Council in regards to the mandated EA process. Your comment "He and the Mayor were voted down by the three-member voting bloc when they proposed opening the study up to evaluate collaboration with neighboring municipalities" is, to the best of my knowledge, incorrect. What was voted down 3-2 was the suggestion made by Mayor Millar that

Tiny should offer to PAY the other Municipalities to conduct *part of their required* EA, should these Municipalities be willing to accept Tiny's sewage in principle.

I agree with your assessment of my evaluation of the need to review the availability of existing facilities before we get into building new ones. You obviously agree with me on that position.

I regret you could not be more objective in your description of the Ombudsman issue by including at least some of my comments. You totally ignored the fact that I said that the alleged meeting between three Councillors (the "cornerstone" of the complaint as a meeting of a majority of those on Council is technically a meeting) was actually a meeting between two of Tiny's Councillors and one Councillor from another Township and that the Ombudsman ultimately said that there was nothing to rule on as no improprieties had been committed. To now praise the complainant and to claim victory because of peripheral comments that were contained in the final report of the Ombudsman is not a true representation of the facts. You reported only what you felt was politically advantageous to your cause.

In regards to the Goessman lots, Wishart voted in favor of commencing the lawsuit and Wishart voted AGAINST the motion to pull the lawsuit. In other words, Wishart voted in favor of an expensive continuation of the lawsuit. Both the Mayor and Wishart argued in favor of re-opening the debate about stopping the action during a subsequent Council meeting. These are public facts Terry! I was present when the votes and the discussion referred to took place. Your biased reporting does not serve Tiny or the Tiny voter.

We've only met a few times. I never had a reason to be on guard around you, or your wife Peggy Breckenridge, for that matter. It's really too bad that as a result of biased commentary in the course of this election, I will now have to be wary around you, and (regrettably) around a number of other people as well, one of whom I would have trusted with my life before.

Get over the mudslinging and the divisive statements. Life is too short to argue over. Count your blessings, value your loved ones, enjoy Tiny for all the great things the Township has to offer, and move on with your head held high.

Respectfully,

Dick

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Subject: AC Meeting Wyebridge

**All-Candidates Meeting Review
(and conclusions by a now better informed Tiny voter)**

Did you miss last night's all-candidates meeting at the Wyebridge Community Hall? You weren't alone. Four candidates, Lawrence, Claire, Hinton and Warren were very prominent by their absence. At least Claire, Hinton and Warren had sent their regrets.

Cornell, Davenport and Lancia were there - - all running for mayor. Councillor candidates in attendance were Hastings, Wishart and Wesselo. Of those vying for the position of Deputy Mayor only Walma showed up.

The evening started with each candidate giving the capacity audience a two minute introduction highlighting the issues and why they were the best person to address those issues. All except one discussed the need for change if the Township is to move forward. Wesselo said change for change's sake isn't necessarily a good thing. Later in his summary, however, he said he doesn't want to serve on a Council as fractured as the last one. Maybe he changed his mind over the course of the evening.

Questions submitted by the audience:

Each candidate was asked about the highest level of education they had attained. Cornell, Hastings, Walma and Wishart were the only ones with university/college degrees. The audience seemed to agree that it's important for Council members to be well rounded. After all, they'll be faced with complex issues, dealing with budgets in the tens of millions of dollars and working with people at all levels including lawyers, accountants, engineers, business consultants and professional staff. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will need to earn the respect of their peers at County Council.

Candidates were asked for their views on the Midhurst Secondary Plan in Springwater Township. Cornell was the most knowledgeable on the subject and gave the best articulated response. This is a perfect example of the need for in-depth community engagement to make sure all stakeholders have every opportunity to influence the outcome. Clearly his previous experience on Council would serve us well at the County level.

On the question of septage, Wishart's current Council experience gave him the most insight into the reasons why the Class Environmental Assessment proceeded down the single lane, dead end road to a failed "Made in Tiny" option. He and the Mayor were voted down by the three-member voting bloc when they proposed opening the study up to evaluate collaboration with neighboring municipalities. He highlighted how difficult it has been to get things done on a Council that ends up 3 – 2 on the substantive issues. In spite of all the money spent to date we are no closer to dealing with our septage than we were four years ago!

Walma was asked whether or not he and other candidates had been interviewed by FOTTSA. He said he would only answer for himself; he was not asked to be interviewed. He'd leave it for others to decide if it was an honest oversight or an unfair process.

Hastings spoke passionately about the role of volunteers in our Township, particularly when it comes to Parks and Recreation programs. She expressed her goal of having Council engage with and support volunteers in order to build up our community once again.

Davenport agreed that more parking signs at beach access points were not required.

Lancia emphasized his ability to think independently and make unpopular decisions when required.

Cornell spoke to the issue of non-resident fees and working in a fair and balanced manner with our neighbours.

Wesselo discussed the need to evaluate the utilization of existing Township facilities before going down the path of building a new administrative building.

Walma, who was born in and has returned to the area, emphasized the importance of preserving Tiny's heritage much as individuals value their own roots.

Cornell and Wishart provided the most knowledgeable answers on how Tiny could be supportive of Habitat for Humanity although they differed on their approaches. Wishart expressed support for donating land while Cornell favoured financial support since the lack of public transportation would be an impediment to HH homes in Tiny..

The candidates discussed the need for transparency and how they would handle the issue of in-camera sessions. Cornell and Hastings had the most insight into the role of the Ombudsman and what the Municipal Act lays out as appropriate discussion for in-camera sessions. Davenport deferred the question to George Lawrence (who wasn't there). Lancia forcefully highlighted the need for Council to share the general nature of in-camera discussions with the public.

A question about the Gossman lots and how to deal with them was a challenging one for all the candidates. Wishart had the best handle on what has been done most recently by the current Council, namely spending \$232,000 to pursue an ill-considered lawsuit against Tiny residents. The unfinished case now sits on a shelf, abandoned by the three-member bloc who insisted on legal proceedings rather than negotiations in the first place but then moved to withdraw before any conclusion was reached.

And in conclusion...

Each candidate provided a two minute closing, again highlighting why we should vote for them.

From our admittedly biased perspective, it was clear that Cornell, Hastings, Walma and Wishart offer the best combination of education, experience and fresh thinking. It is certainly a combination that offers diversity and energy. And it stood in stark contrast to the candidates who showed so little respect for voters by not attending.

As mentioned earlier, Wesselo stated that he really didn't want to be part of a Council as fractured as the current one. Abandoned by his other FoTTSA nominees, he seemed to wish too late that he could be part of a Cornell, Hastings, Walma and Wishart Council.

Terry Breckenridge