Between the Lines

with Martin C. Winer

... seeing through the media you view

Today on Between The Lines we examine the importance of local politics. The federal government has jurisdiction over foreign affairs and taxation, the provincial government has jurisdiction over health care and education but local (municipal) government has jurisdiction over local matters we're involved in every single day.

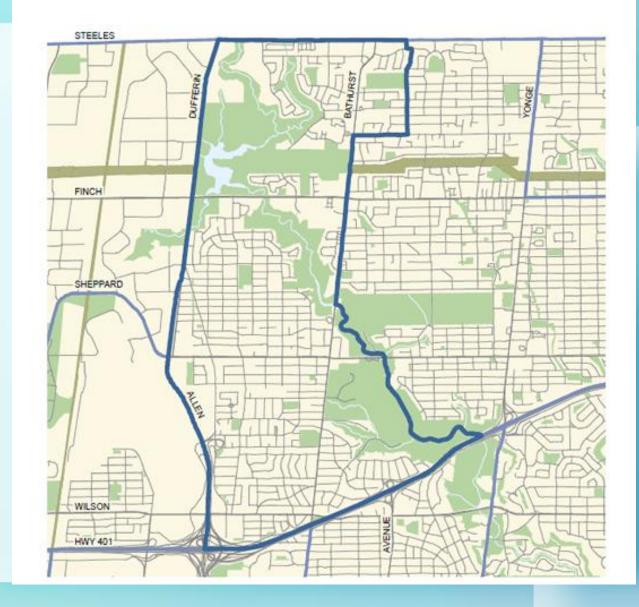
Today we have with us Jarred Friedman, candidate for Councillor in Ward 10.

Jarred Friedman - Ward 10 Candidate



Jarred, describe for us ward 10? What unique features are in your ward? How is your ward different from other wards? Who is/are your opponents? Mike Feldman stepped down did he? What are your views of his job? Do your views align with his? How would you say you're significantly different from Zaretsky?

Ward 10 - York Centre



Sarstock @ Downsview Park



Downsview Parking Lot

Chrysler has been parking its cars in Downsview Park



Sanofi Pasteur – Steeles and Dufferin – Ward 10



Tell us a bit about your background?

You are a younger candidate, describe the role youth can play in politics?

Many candidates are lawyers or political science backgrounds, how does your background prepare you for the task of being a councillor?

How does a candidate, especially a younger one go about building confidence, a name, and a base of support?

Is the cost of entry into the political process prohibitive? Should the cost (financial and otherwise) be reduced to promote MORE democracy?

Your motto: "It's time for a change"... describe the change

There was a bit of controversy in your riding regarding the allowed time for placing signs? Tell us about it?



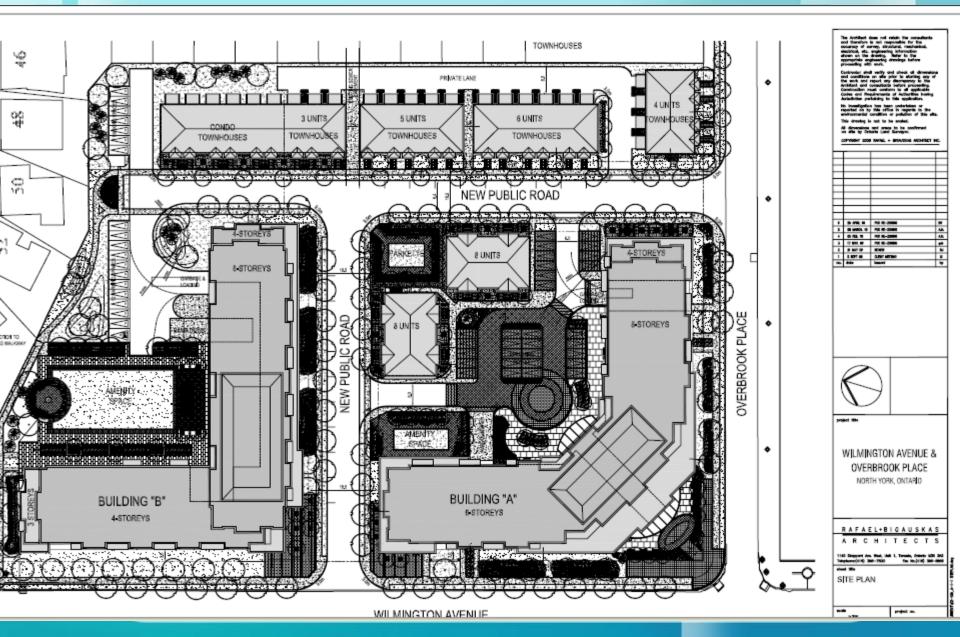
Sign wars continue

Written by Atara Beck Tuesday, 14 September 2010 TORONTO – The issue of appropriate dates for City Council candidates to post election signs has caused bickering among a number of Ward 10 contenders. Last month candidate James Pasternak began a campaign to change the date when the signs could be legally erected, because he said that the election sign bylaw had put religious Jewish candidates at a disadvantage (see Jewish Tribune, Aug. 5, 2010).

According to the bylaw, candidates could erect the signs 25 days before the election, which this year falls on the first of a three-day Jewish festival. Ultimately, the date was moved this year from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4.

There is a proposal to rezone and redevelop Bathurst Manor Plaza... please describe the initiative. How could it be better planned? How would you change the planning process? Is it in the city's best interests to listen to voters or do they make more money by accepting the dues from land developers?

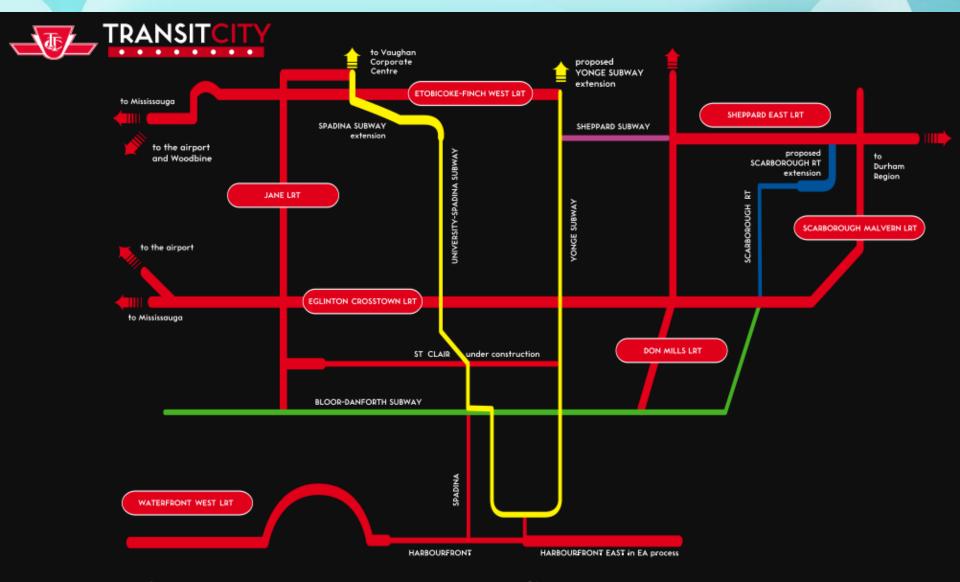
Proposed Redevelopment of Bathurst Manor Plaza



Bathurst Manor Plaza (current)



If you don't support Transit City, how do you propose to strengthen the TTC and it's service?



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Rob Ford and other candidates have forwarded the idea that they might consider public-private ventures when it comes to the TTC. Starting Sept 20th, 2010 the Public Transit Coalition launced a media campaign to warn Torontonians of the possible consequences of privatizing the TTC. Their motto is "fund it, don't sell it".

What is your view of privatizing the TTC?

Note – they have a website: http://keepttcpublic.ca/ Next slide

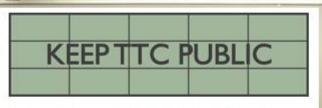


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The Toronto municipal election takes place on Monday, October 25, 2010. Polls show transit is one of the most important issues in the election.

Some Toronto politicians are advocating various forms of TTC privatization, including so-called "public-private partnerships." The purpose of this site is to stimulate public discussion on this issue. **As you will see in this compelling video on the right**, other large cities that have gone the private route are not happy with the outcomes. Privatization has made transit worse in their cities, not better. Taxpayers have lost as well.

The decisions we make about the future of our TTC will affect our city for generations to come. <u>Get the facts on privatization</u>. Make up your own mind. <u>Find out where the</u> <u>candidates stand</u>. And remember to vote on October 25.

Keep TTC Public - Part 1

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Your platform calls for making garbage collection an essential service? What went wrong in the 2009 garbage strike? Was there away, aside from having garbage collection designated an essential service to have averted the strike?

Is the TTC an essential service? Should it too be an essential service? How do the unions guarantee fair pay and employment practices if they are an essential service?

2009 Toronto Garbage Strike



Describe your views on artscape: the subsidized housing for artists?

"A government is like fire, a handy servant, but a dangerous master."

-- George Washington

Government is a great tool but can quickly get out of control. Does Artscape represent a government out of control, or a terrific resource for our city?



Mayoral candidates share views on David Miller's legacy Rob Ford refuses to participate, city boasts 'little innovation'

The best way to deal with unemployment in high-priority neighbourhoods is not to invest in jobs but to move tenants from city-owned housing into private rental stock and subsidize their rent, mayoral candidate Rob Ford said in a Wednesday evening, Sept. 8 debate sponsored by the Toronto Board of Trade.

"My heart bleeds for these people," Ford said during the debate on prosperity held at the MaRS Centre in downtown Toronto. "Instead of giving more affordable housing - why don't we subsidize people's rent?"

When asked to elaborate on how putting people into subsidized market rent would improve the local economy in poorer neighbourhoods, Ford explained: "As you know, a lot of people unfortunately that live in government housing are unemployed. They wake up in the morning - their neighbour is unemployed, their other neighbour is unemployed. You go into a private apartment building and their neighbours are all working. You want go create an atmosphere where there's a positive environment." Recently, Councillor Augimeri said that people in the suburbs are on a 'learning curve' implying that they were less 'advanced' and sophisticated compared to their cosmopolitan downtown counterparts. What is your view of her statement?

Augimeri says suburbanites on learning curve

By DON PEAT, TORONTO SUN

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North York Councillor Maria Augimeri at City Hall on Thursday. (VERONICA HENRI, Toronto Sun)

The lefties are really going wild.

Just a day after several left-leaning councillors told the Sun the idea of Mayor Rob Ford was "appalling," Councillor Maria Augimeri told AM640's John Oakley Show Toronto's suburban residents are at the bottom of the "learning curve" in understanding the policies of her downtown, "progressive" council colleagues.

That got a quick rebuke from most of the mayoral candidates who vowed to bridge the growing divide.

Augimeri, a North York councillor and avowed "suburbanite," acknowledged there is a "palpable feeling in the suburbs that (they've) been wronged" and blamed that feeling on council's executive committee before saying the "progressive" politicians weren't the problem.

"They want to create a better world, they're not ogres, don't get me wrong, it's just they didn't take into account the learning curve of people in the suburbs," she said Thursday.

What's the learning curve?

"Bringing suburban people on board on ecological matters, on environmental initiatives, on progressive taxation, and I'm speaking very generally," Augimeri said.

In a later interview, she stressed she wasn't saying people in the city's suburbs are unprogressive hicks.

"No, I wasn't trying to say that," she said. "There is a clear dichotomy in who is voting for Ford and who isn't...his concentration seems to be in the suburbs.

"I love my constituents...I've represented them for 30 years...I would never disrespect my constituents," she added.

And what does progressive taxation mean?

"If you talk to Adam Vaughan, he'll say his residents have asked him for an extra tax...I don't think you get that in the suburbs," she said.

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The Province of Toronto: There has been a proposal to have Toronto form a province of its own.

What do you think of this proposal? What is behind it?

The Toronto region, with a population of almost six million, is under-represented in the Commons with fewer seats than its population warrants.

– Jim Coyle, Toronto secede? Where's the door?, Toronto Star

Cities - largely reliant on stagnant property taxes - need access to growing revenue sources such as the income tax, and consumption taxes such as the GST, the PST and the gas tax, Murray says. And they need the power to spend that money for the good of their residents without having to ask the province for permission. Laurie Monsebraaten, Toronto the could..., Toronto Star

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Jarred, how do people find out more about you?

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