

Cartoon ?fear mongered? ward system debate

(Re: Machell's Corners, April 24, 2014)

To me, The Auroran represents what is best in our Town.

I might not always agree with everything that is published, but The Auroran is like my neighbour, it tells me the latest news. I always read it and it always guarantees me serious thought or a much needed chuckle.

I am Candidate for Aurora Council, and among other issues, I am a proponent of the Ward System. However, if the good people of Aurora overwhelmingly do not wish a Ward system, I will listen to them. But Aurorans should be allowed to make up their own minds and not to be misled up the garden path.

At the very least they should not be fear-mongered into voting anti-ward system by The Auroran cartoonist.

That was not a cartoon, that to me looks like a paid political message by those who wish to tighten their control on Aurorans; and that scares me.

I'm always weary of wolves in sheep clothing, especially the ones that want to hold on to power at any cost.

This was not really a cartoon. It was a simply uninformed fear mongering message to Aurorans not to vote in the Ward system.

Some, who wish to fear monger, should know that the people of Aurora are very smart people.

One cannot pull the wool over the eyes of Aurorans so easily, especially when the wool is in the disguise of what appears to be a subliminal anti-ward message.

A newspaper's job is to inform and deliver news, not to be used as a political arm of the powers that be. My job as Candidate Councillor is to act in the best interest of Aurora when I see a misleading message being given to its residents.

Had The Auroran placed a notice that the cartoon was a paid political announcement, then of course that would [be] perfectly within the rules and I would not be writing this letter.

What incensed me was that what looks like paid political ad was presented as an Auroran cartoon.

That cartoon assumes that Aurorans cannot think for themselves, or that we are too stupid to make up our own minds.

Nothing can be further from the truth. Aurorans see right through that feeble attempt to dissuade them from voting in the Ward system.

That cartoon offends the intelligence of Aurorans.

I feel very confident that the Ward System will be voted in by the people of Aurora or future Council, if not today, then tomorrow.

I say this to fear mongers (and I don't mean the cartoonist here) who wish to insult the intelligence of Aurorans: ?You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all of the time.?

God Bless Aurora.

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(Editor's Note: Had The Auroran placed a notice ?that the cartoon was a paid political announcement?, that would not be perfectly within any rules as it was, quite simply, not a ?paid political advertisement.?)

(Note from Scott Johnston: I am always interested to hear how people interpret my cartoons. In this case, it was poking fun at the obvious reluctance of Aurora councils going back at least a few terms to include a ward question on the ballot.)