

# MUNICIPAL REPORT CARD

**THE CITY OF TORONTO** The City of Toronto election in 2003 was an historical moment for Toronto. Working men and women were finally able to elect a City Council that understood the need to undo the damage of six years of Mel Lastman's government.

The election of Mayor David Miller with a team of progressive City Councillors changed the political power structure at City Hall. We now have elected representatives who are committed to open and accessible government. They oppose contracting out of City services. They want to improve City services across Toronto. New buses, clean streets and affordable services are their priorities.

This report card is issued at the half way point in the mandate of our City Council. We urge you to review it, share it with your members, friends and co-workers. A key part of democracy is making sure our elected representatives remain accountable for their action.

## COMMENTS ON CANDIDATES ENDORSED by LABOUR COUNCIL

**A+** **MAYOR MILLER** Strong defender of the City; champion of open and accessible government and keeps his promises; needs to make sure that transit and services to working people are a top priority in the second half of his mandate

**B** **MARIA AUGIMERI - WARD 9** Continues to champion local issues and union jobs; needs to improve approach on social housing

**A-** **SANDRA BUSSIN - WARD 32** Deputy Mayor, tireless defender of public interests; working to protect our environment and making sure services and jobs are protected

**B+** **SHELLY CARROLL - WARD 33** Has done a great job on budget and Youth Working Group; a new City Councillor to watch

**A-** **OLIVIA CHOW - WARD 20** Veteran Councillor who speaks out on social justice issues from her position as Chair of Community Services

**B+** **JANET DAVIS - WARD 31** Working tirelessly to protect services for her community; should start to play a greater role at Council in the second half of the mandate

**B** **GLENN DEBAERMAEKER - WARD 38** Rookie Councillor working to defend his community and at the same time trying to advance a progressive environmental agenda at Works Committee

**B+** **PAULA FLETCHER - WARD 30** New councillor making her mark on a green agenda; defending public interests on the Waterfront and speaking out for the film industry

**B+** **ADAM GIAMBRONE - WARD 18** Another rookie Councillor working to establish profile; needs to champion a key issue

**A** **PAM MCCONNELL - WARD 28** Veteran councillor; has done a superb job in protecting the public interests at the Police Services Board during the Fantino crisis; Bravo

**A-** **JOE MIHEVC - WARD 21** Strong transit and social justice advocate; piloted pesticide by-law to completion

**A-** **HOWARD MOSCOE - WARD 15** Veteran councillor; Chair of the TTC was a major player in the transit negotiations with ATU; we are pleased that a strike was averted at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour

**A-** **JOE PANTALONE - WARD 19** Veteran councillor and Deputy Mayor; skilled Chair during council meetings; makes sure that the Mayor's agenda gets through Council each month. Needs to re-think his position on the Front St. Extension - spiralling costs outweigh benefits

**B** **KYLE RAE - WARD 27** Champion for the arts as well as the parks department - uses his position at Economic Development Committee to get more resources at budget time; current position on the Blue Man show boycott needs to be reviewed; strong supporter of the building trades

**C-** **MICHAEL THOMPSON - WARD 37** A real disappointment; his role during the Fantino crisis was not helpful; he seems to be forgetting who elected him - working families who come from many parts of the world - let's hope he finds his footing in the second half of the mandate

## COMMENTS ON SELECTED NON-ENDORSED COUNCILLORS

**B** **BRIAN ASHTON - WARD 36** Veteran councillor; finds his way to support working families on some key issues

**B-** **GAY COWBOURNE - WARD 44** Rookie councillor; defeated Ron Moeser; someone to watch and is a progressive voice from Scarborough

**B-** **RAYMOND CHO - WARD 42** Veteran councillor from Scarborough; frequently supports the Mayor

**B+** **JOHN FILION - WARD 23** Veteran councillor from Willowdale; like Councillor McConnell didn't flinch during the crisis at the Police Services Board

**C-** **JANE PITFIELD - WARD 26** Veteran Councillor; disappointment as Chair of Works; Pro incineration and not supportive of labour

**C+** **MICHAEL WALKER - WARD 22** Didn't like his stand on the St Clair ROW; strong supporter of tenants

**C** **SYLVIA WATSON - WARD 14** Rookie Councillor is emerging as a leader of the anti-Miller faction; Watson needs to remember her community wants a progressive councillor who supports public service

## COUNCILLORS WHO CONTINUALLY OPOSE A PROGRESSIVE AGENDA

Listed below are a group of Councillors who regularly oppose a progressive agenda.

- F** Councillor Rob Ford - Ward 2  
 Councillor Doug Holyday - Ward 3  
 Councillor Frances Nunziata - Ward 11  
 Councillor Karen Stintz - Ward 15  
 Councillor Cesar Palacio - Ward 17  
 Councillor David Shiner - Ward 24  
 Councillor Case Ootes - Ward 29  
 Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong - Ward 34  
 Councillor Michael Del Grande - Ward 39  
 Councillor Norm Kelly - Ward 40

