

COUNCIL MEMBERS' STATED POSITION ON EDUCATION AND RETAINING ST. EDMUNDS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The school board may face three options for schooling on the peninsula: Close St Edmunds Public School, close Bruce Peninsula District High School and build a new elementary school in Lion's Head. As an elected member of MNBPA, what is your position on keeping an elementary school open in Tobermory?

Milt McIver - *This is a critical issue for our Community with a major economic aspect to it. It is vital that we provide a quality education to all students in the Northern Bruce Peninsula if we are to retain and attract young families.*

The present Municipal Council supports the efforts of PACE and we also communicate with the local School Councils and our School Board Trustee. I suggest we continue to work closely with these organizations.

If re-elected, I would recommend our Municipality join The Small Schools Alliance which consists of other Rural Municipalities that are facing the same problem. The objective of this organization is to have a stronger voice to lobby the Ministry of Education.

Patricia Greig - *I am on the record since 2003 as making the case to the Bluewater District School Board that a school must be maintained in Tobermory and my position has not changed. I have represented the Municipality at the Rozanski and Downey Commissions arguing on behalf of all schools in Northern Bruce Peninsula. I am an active member of the Peninsula Action Committee for Education which is working to keep our school open. Retention of education is a priority for me.*

TOM BOYLE – *There should be a united voice for the entire community which supports locally available education equal to or better than the status quo.*

Rob Rouse – *No reply to SEPO questionnaire instead,....the following is from his pre-election website*

Our schools and the quality education experience they provide are one of the most important components required to maintain both a vibrant and viable community. While the municipal government has very little in the way of a mandate to dictate terms to the board of education, it nonetheless has a responsibility to the community to support all efforts to maintain high quality education opportunities in appropriate facilities. As a former St. Edmunds School and Community Council member and current member of the Peninsula Action Committee for Education, I continue to take an active role in working towards this goal. I was involved in the last school accommodation review on the peninsula, and will continue to work with the two local SCC's and PACE to ensure every option is explored to maintain all of our local schools, and provide innovative and meaningful education experiences to all of our students at St. Edmunds Public and Bruce Peninsula District Schools.

GRIFFIN SALEN – *As somebody who was raised in the area and attended these schools, I can truly relate to the importance of this issue, and my top priority as councillor will be to keep all of our schools open. We cannot afford to lose any schools, be it elementary or secondary in Lion's Head or Tobermory as this would create an economic vacuum to our communities. We need to use every piece of leverage, political power and persuasion to keep our schools open. Without them, why would anyone with*

children of school age ever move to our communities? There are many powerful arguments to support keeping our schools open, and continuing to deliver the quality education they are known for.