

Women in municipal affairs

Dear editor:

It is very dreary each election to read about the number of men elected to municipal office across this great province.

Councils vary in size, but the ratio of women elected to men is always small. For example, if there are 10 councillors in a municipality, there will be two women.

Why is this? Women run in municipal elections but the electorate (the 30 to 35 per cent who bother to vote) always put its trust in the males on the slate.

Men are usually dinosaurs who aren't in tune with modern realities. Men have no sense of social justice which means in municipal affairs promoting help for the disadvantaged. Men don't think as fast as women and often come to a decision on an issue when the women councillors have moved on to the next problem. Men usually side with the developers when they arrive in the council chambers looking for concessions.

Men stick together and love to meet outside of the council chambers to have coffee, donuts and manipulate the world according to their narrow point of view.

We need more women on our municipal councils across this province. I've known several of our local women councillors and admired their dedication in and outside of the council chambers. They easily articulate their ideas and reasons at council meetings while the men sat looking like frowning gnomes in the comfy seats at the front of the room.

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