

# Your councillors get report cards, too



Mayor  
Dave Barrow

Regional councillor  
Vito Spatafora

Regional councillor  
Brenda Hogg

Councillor Ward 1  
Greg Beros

Councillor Ward 2  
Carmine Perrelli

Councillor Ward 3  
Castro Liu

Councillor Ward 4  
David West

Councillor Ward 5  
Nick Papa

Councillor Ward 6  
Godwin Chan

marks range from  
B- to A

marks range from  
C+ to A-

marks range from  
C to A

marks range from  
D to B+

marks range from  
F to B-

marks range from  
D- to B

marks range from  
C+ to A

marks range from  
D- to C

marks range from  
D+ to A

**OVERALL A-**

**OVERALL B**

**OVERALL B+**

**OVERALL C**

**OVERALL D**

**OVERALL C**

**OVERALL B+**

**OVERALL C**

**OVERALL B-**

**Positive comments:** good participation, participates fully; prepared, knows issues; professional at all times; polite and patient; moderate, methodical and meticulous

**Positive comments:** shows experience; communicates clearly; professional appearance and behaviour; conciliator, tries to minimize conflict; positive, team leader

**Positive comments:** very professional and compassionate; demonstrates experience; very involved; progressive and experienced; shows guts

**Negative comments:** shows some impatience; can be dismissive of other opinions; sometimes makes audible, disrespectful comments when other councillors are speaking

**Negative comments:** verbose; plays to public gallery; drawn into ridiculous arguments with certain councillors

**Positive comments:** well prepared; asks numerous questions; good communication skills; confident and articulate

**Negative comments:** constant chit chat with Councillor Perrelli; frequently off topic; rude to fellow councillors; aggressive, accusatory tone; treats staff with distrust; sometimes belligerent and self-righteous; uses delaying tactics

**Positive comments:** communicates well, knows rules of procedure; logical thought process; not afraid to tackle difficult issues

**Negative comments:** constant chit chat with Councillor Beros; frequently off topic; distracts others; immature behaviour; does not pay attention; arrogant demeanor, disrespectful; takes opposing positions just for the sake of creating roadblocks

**Positive comments:** shows wisdom and respect; deferential

**Negative comments:** not much participation; very quiet; looks uninterested

**Positive comments:** well prepared; strong communication skills; confident and articulate; respectful; not easily provoked

**Negative comments:** needs more experience

**Positive comments:** folksy and friendly; experienced

**Negative comments:** sometimes looks bored; does not communicate clearly; sometimes speaks off the cuff; plays to public gallery; consistently votes with two other councillors

**Positive comments:** good participation; prepared, knows issues; well informed; sincere; respects the process

**Negative comments:** a little difficult to understand; frequently repeats himself

*Members of Community Links: Adriana Pisano Beaumont, Gerald Berish, Liz Couture, Howard Doughty, Renu Duggal, Eleanor Edwards, Jim Quance, Irfan Sheryar, Melanie Teague and Leslie Whidden (formally representing the chamber of commerce).*

## HERE'S WHAT COUNCILLORS WERE MARKED ON DURING PAST YEAR:

Participation; preparedness, communication skills; professional appearance and behaviour; and ability to work with a team.

In addition, as the Town of Richmond Hill is a Character Community, we considered councillors' demonstration of Character Community traits such as optimism, initiative, perseverance, respect, responsibility, honesty, integrity, compassion, courage, inclusiveness and fairness.



## How we did this report card:

For the past year, the volunteer members of The Liberal newspaper's Community Links advisory group helped draft a council report card, shared ideas on methods, attended council meetings (many members attended more than one) and devised marks and comments to share what they saw and heard.

The overall aim of this report card project is to get people interested in this fall's municipal election and improve voter turnout to 50 per cent of eligible voters.

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## GET CONNECTED

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Have you watched your councillors in action? What do you think? Send your comments or letters to the editor to [mbeck@yrmg.com](mailto:mbeck@yrmg.com)

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