

Rennie's credibility in question for smoke screening Bonnette's election

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Bonnette's recent campaign sign

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Halton - Halton Hills: [In an letter](#) to the Independent & Free Press Editor, Former Halton Hills Councillor Gerald Rennie questioned the credibility of former Councillor - former Mayor Candidate Robert Heaton while claiming Heaton was misinforming readers. Now many are now asking if it isn't Gerald Rennie who is misinforming the Independent's readership when he was caught blowing his own smoke screens around the campaign tools of Mayor Bonnette?

When The Independent & Free Press [reporter queried Heaton](#) about the reasons for his campaign failures, the candidate responded; "I don't have the all the developers financing my campaign and paying for all my signs and all my literature". To which Mayor Bonnette's Financial Officer responded in a published letter to the Editor of The Independent & Free Press implying; "no monies were accepted for the mayor's campaign from developers." Mr. Rennie went on to imply Mr. Heaton was devoid of credibility.

Unfortunately, to the detriment of the religious elder-men's own credibility, [Rev. Gerald Rennie](#) neglected to mention in his letter that the majority of signage used in Mayor Bonnette's recent campaign were in fact, bought, in part, with developers money from his initial mayor election campaign, a campaign that was financed in part, by many developers. As many in the community are well aware, the "Tricky Ricky" campaign team merely placed "RE-ELECT" stickers on some of his old campaign signs, most of which stated, as pictured above from the lawn of a Mill.St home - "ELECT".

Although it's certainly possible that the "Tricky Ricky" team did indeed not accepted any direct campaign money from any developer's corporations directly, as they had in the past, it's legal and certainly possible, as was the case in one other previous Halton Hills Mayor's race, that some of the directors, company president's or those private individuals with an interest of some sort with various developers, corporations, land owners, etc., could easily contribute their legal amounts privately without raising any suspicion to their ties or possible conflicts of interest.