

Public's View

When I read Yvon Gionets letter on October 4th , 2007 in the Focus on Kent, my first reaction was "Where has he been living" ? Mr. Gionet seems to be under the impression that a citizens Liaisons committee is a new, never heard off concept that will change "Small Towns" forever. Mr. Gionet states in his letter and I quote "inviting participation by ordinary citizens of the town represents a serious mark of respect here. It is worthy of recognition and it could become a permanent fixture in Municipal governance. It could well be a sort of precedent setter, a model for other small Towns and Villages" end of quote... Well I hate to burst your bubble Mr. Gionet but let me introduce you to a few similar committees: The Team Richibucto Committee (10 years), The Richibucto Recreation Council Committee (35 years), The Richibucto Scallop Festival Committee (38 years), The Richibucto Youth Committee (1 year), La Société Culturel Committee (25 years), plus the Firemen, Lions, Golden Age Club and the list goes on and on, all made up of "ordinary citizens", over 300, always highly motivated and more commonly known as volunteers and all in partnership with the Town Council. If you go to any other "small town" you'll find similar committees with hundreds of volunteers (ordinary people). It's obvious that Mr. Gionet is not aware of these committees, probably because their meetings are not usually held in the newspaper. At these meetings the members have the right to express their views and make suggestions, all the while being objective. The term most often used is "Vision" never delusion, planning for the future is used instead of clairvoyance. The S word (Stupid) is consider in the same category as the "F" word and the "N" word, never used in personal attacks. It's called respect. It's never "my way or the highway". It's listening as much as talking and coming to a consensus, backed up by facts for the good of the community. Now let's not confuse these committees with special interest groups. Committees that are in partnership with the

Town Council are establishes, as a rule for the good of the majority of its citizens not for personal gains. Special interest groups on the other hand usually end up wasting tax payers money on lawyers and court fees and benefiting only a few and obviously are not in partnership with the town.

From Mr. Gionet slanderous letter of October 4, 2007 it's evident that he did not listen to the very informative explanations given by a government of Canada representative at a special public meeting in mid summer. If he had, he'd know that what Councilor Gerard C. Richard (yes my brother), wrote on August 29, 2007 in the Forum section of the Times & Transcript were all explanations and facts presented by the government representative at the public meeting. Oh yes with the exception of those "tiresome subtractions". Well Mr. Gionet, there's an old saying "to err is human". Get over it! The way I see it, Councilor Richard was doing his job, informing the citizens of Richibucto who didn't attend the meeting by repeating what was said at the public meeting. Am I to understand that everyone who disagrees with your views Mr. Gionet, and those of your committee, is also stupid, delusional and bizzare? Is your slanderous letter, Mr. Gionet also directed at the government representative, since they were his expert explanations in the first place? Will you be calling for him to be disqualified from sitting on the committee also? Your committee should know that slanderous comments makes it very hard for many of us to take your committee serious. I was under the impression that the Citizen Liaisons Committee would be representing the community as a whole.

There is also another citizen of this community who has been slandered by some members of your committee including you Mr. Gionet. That is the owner of the land in question. What is it with your obsession? Jealousy? What?

Would you prefer that it belonged to an unknown American? The land owner and his wife are longtime "ordinary" citizens

Success at Hockey

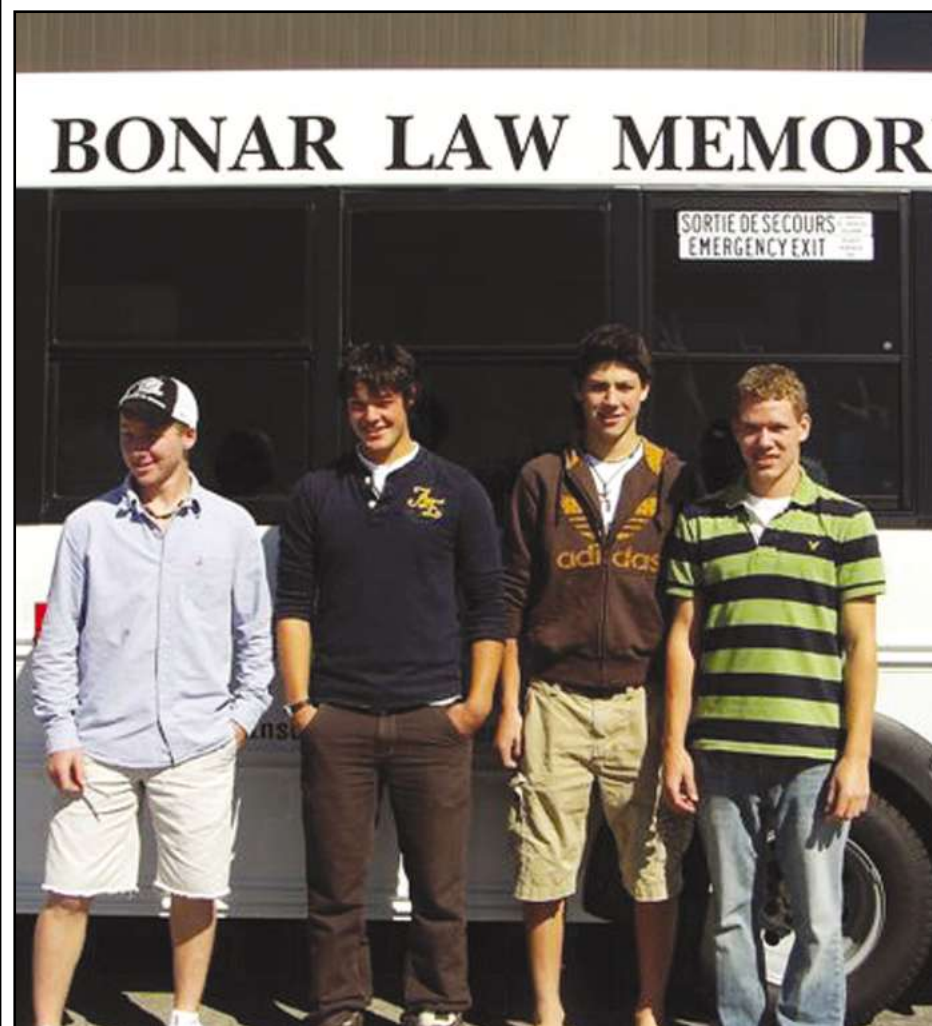


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Four students from the Bonar Law Memorial School have made the cut and signed cards to play with the 'AAA' Midget Moncton Flyers . In the picture are D. Campbell (F), J. Arsenault (D), S. Hannay (D), and L. Joseph (F). Congratulation to these young men for their hard work and dedication and a special thanks to the Kent Center Minor Hockey Association for their excellent program. Sub. by B. Landry, Rexton.

of Richibucto, hardworking, both members of numerous committees and very generous with their time and energy. As you stated Mr. Gionet, gullibility has its limits.

I will be sending a copy of this letter to the Town Council with a suggestion that you be disqualified from sitting on any committee pending a public apology. Not for expressing your views but for the slanderous way you chose to do so, for

you managed to insult three quarters of the population of Richibucto.

In the meantime I would suggest that you go on the internet and look up the hundreds of dump sites that have been transformed into green areas and public parks across Canada.

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