

Mayor must abide by the rules

Tue Apr 22, 2008

To the editor:

Is it just me who thinks that Mayor Jim Abernethy should excuse himself from chairing the Green Community Advisory Committee? Clearly he knows what he's doing is in violation of the rules; rules which he took an oath to abide by when he took public office.

So why is it he seems to think the rules don't apply to him? Last time I checked he was a mayor, not a dictator, and as such he should be leading by example. If he is free to flout the rules where and when he wishes what is that saying about his respect for the office and to the people who elected him?

Forgive my naiveté, but aren't elected officials supposed to be servants of the people? It is our mandate not theirs that they are supposed to be carrying out. Yet all too often because there is no real public watchdog nipping their heels at every step, that is what happens.

Small wonder the Canadian people are losing faith in elected officials, even democracy itself.

Tim Logan

Bowmanville