...it Council disregards the public

After attending numerous City Council meetings before and since the last election, I am thoroughly upset with the operation of council and the conduct of the aldermen.

There is a total disregard for the public. Any person sitting in the audience can not understand certain parts of the meetings because they are passed over with such speed. The one area of concern here is Section V of the Order of Business — By-Laws — First and Second readings.

Since my attendance at these meetings, I have noticed that these readings have been done by Ald. Tom Toth. He reads these with such speed that no one can understand what was being said. This was done at this week's meeting and in attendance were a group of high school students. They were not impressed. What a first impression our City Council members have left on their minds!

Another item of concern is the lack of respect paid to delegations at council meetings. Aldermen continue to come and go from council chambers as they please. Most of the time they leave to have a cigarette or to talk to people in the corridor. With these frequent interruptions by the aldermen, the delegations are not getting the full attention that they are entitled to.

These aldermen take the job to be there to hear these delegations and to hear all other business that may arise during these meetings and vote on such, but this is impossible if they are not in the room to here or vote on the issues before them.

Council meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Mondays but occasionally they start an hour early or even at 4 p.m. How is the public able to attend if the meetings are not held at a regular hour? If the agenda is too heavy, then hold the meetings on consecutive evenings commencing at the same time.

I urgently ask the people of this city to attend council meetings themselves as these problems are caused by people elected by you to serve our city.

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Principle? Not Bendix

I was shocked to read your recent article that Bendix was appealing the compensation awards of two Windsor widows on "principle." To talk about this giant multi-national doing anything on the basis of "principle," rather than its own narrow self interest, is to cynically distort its history in our community.

In 1966 and again in 1970, the Ontario Ministry of Health ordered the corporation to reduce asbestos exposure in their Windsor plants. In April, 1980, Bendix admitted at a press conference in Detroit that it did not respond to these governmental directives.

What principle was involved here?

If principle is really the issue, doesn't the company owe these widows and the other potential cancer victims who worked at Bendix something more than a shrug of the shoulders after so many years of neglect?

And where was principle, when in the middle of this cancer controversy, the company closed its doors and left hundreds of workers and their families high and dry with a legacy of fear?

Fighting for principle doesn't appear to be Bendix's bailiwick. Maximizing profits and covering-up their liabilities seems more their forte.

No, it is left for the widows and the former Bendix workers to fight for justice and principle.

Integrity and principle would grow cold waiting for Bendix.

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