

Who are the undecided?

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Today's vote at city council on the ratification of the contract for CUPE locals 416 and 79 is dividing council along pro-Miller and anti-Miller lines. It could be close, and a handful of councillors who are politically neutral will be the key. Here are five councillors to watch and the ridings they represent:

Ward 6: Etobicoke-Lakeshore:

In 2007, Etobicoke Councillor Mark Grimes played a key role behind the scenes, helping to forge a compromise over implementation of Mayor David Miller's land transfer tax. The modified tax won the support of major developers and the Toronto Board of Trade and was passed by council.

Ward 1: Etobicoke-North:

Etobicoke Councillor Suzan Hall proved she's not afraid to take on the mayor when she actively worked to delay the implementation of the land transfer tax. Yesterday, she said she hasn't decided on the union deal and wants to see the details, but hinted changes could be afoot. "There has to be compromise," she said.

Ward 43: Scarborough East:

A council loner, Scarborough's Paul Ainslie has often criticized the mayor, but doesn't align himself with the right-wing Responsible Government Group of councillors. This week, he said the use of the sick bank is a "huge financial liability" he can't support.

Ward 44: Scarborough East:

A long-serving Scarborough councillor, Ron Moeser has not yet made up his mind on the union deal, saying, "I have not seen the details of this agreement, and I think in this case, the devil is in the details."

Ward 13: Parkdale-High Park:

Councillor Bill Saunderson shares the same ward as Miller but has not thrown his support behind the mayor. Saunderson often takes a conservative stand on issues, but may decide that prolonging the strike is untenable.