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Maychak takes West Lincoln by-election in close race

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Greg Maychak is the newest member of Twp. of West Lincoln Council.

Maychak edged out former Mayor and current Niagara Catholic District School Board Trustee Doug Joyner by 48 votes in Monday's by-election.

The by-election was set when council made the decision to remove Terry Bell from his council

seat because of missed meetings due to personal reasons.

Maychak, who earned 512 votes, bested Joyner's 466. The field was rounded out by Heather Gill, 296; Stefanie Bonazza, 219, and; Gord MacCharles, 136.

Maychak said Monday after the results were announced he felt a turning point partway through the campaign - a point borne out by



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advance and by-election day numbers.

In the advance poll results, he trailed Joyner 101-95, but by-election day settled things with Maychak taking 417, while Joyner got 365.

"A lot of people came up to me in the last 10 days and said they would vote for me. It seemed clear the tide had turned," Maychak said.

"Today (voting day), people came to my house, asking if they could put a sign on their lawn or if there was anything they could do to help."

As a relatively new resident in West Lincoln and with no political experience, Maychak said it took time and effort to make connections with voters.

"At first, people didn't know me, but I knocked on doors and
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Rockin' good time

Jeff Green, playing with the Beamsville Blades rink, hurls a rock down the ice sheet at the annual Curl for Kids fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters at Grimsby Curling Club on Saturday. Loree - Photo

IC report generates council fireworks

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Like the sun coming up in the east, Grimsby residents can bank on fireworks when another Integrity Commissioner (IC) report regarding Coun. Veronica Charrois' conduct arises on a council agenda.

Such was the case Monday night when IC Michael Maynard sat in to present his report of Charrois's latest Code of Conduct violation relating, but not limited to, issues related to Facebook.

While Coun. Jacob Baradziej and others

questioned Maynard on what his recommendation of a "reprimand" could entail Charrois commented over top of council members at a couple of points.

"As he said in the very last line, the case is now closed and you appear to be opening it up again," said Mayor Jeff Jordan.

Jordan noted Charrois was citing Chat GPT with respect to why she thought Coun. Reg Freake's complaint was out of bounds but, "we don't even know if that is reliable".

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