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## Too quiet candidates

### EDITORIAL

Waterloo Mayor Brenda Halloran and mayoral candidate Dale Ross missed the mark this week when they refused to state their views on the city's fluoridation debate.

Asked at a public meeting how they would vote in the upcoming referendum about whether the city's water should or shouldn't be fluoridated, both said it was a personal health issue and declined to share their opinions. That did voters a disservice.

Waterloo's next mayor will also sit on Waterloo regional council and may have to vote for or against fluoridating the city's water.

Moreover, this is not, as the mayor suggested, a "personal" matter. It is a public health matter because what's at stake is the public water supply. Yes, this is a tough issue. But we elect and pay politicians to deal with tough issues.

The two other mayoral candidates, Coun. Jan d'Ailly and Franklin Ramsomair said they would vote no to fluoridation. Halloran and Ross should reveal where they stand, too.

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