

Most CSL council members committed to re-election

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Côte St. Luc mayor Anthony Housefather and most city councillors said they will definitely be running for re-election this November.

The Suburban was prompted to ask the question after Hampstead council regular Lorne Gold asked his town council about their intentions. All but one said they would run. Councillor Clifford Borden has decided not to seek re-election.

Côte St. Luc council members were asked their intention by e-mail.

“It is certainly my intention to run for re-election,” wrote Housefather, who was elected mayor in late 2005.

Councillor Glenn Nashen, as of last Wednesday, said he was focused on the impending birth of his latest child.

“Beyond that, I absolutely intend to run for re-election this fall,” he wrote. “As to running for mayor, I’ll have to discuss that with the current one as I would never run against someone doing such a stellar job as he is,” Nashen further clarified he has no intention of running for mayor this year. Nashen has been a councillor since 1990 — except during the merger years — and has been acclaimed several times.

Councillor Mitchell Brownstein’s answer was “absolutely.

“We have achieved more in this mandate than ever before,” he wrote. “I’m looking forward to the next.” Brownstein has a similar history to that of Nashen in terms of council longevity and acclamations.

Councillor Dida Berku had no comment — she was also first elected in 1990 and served continuously except between November 1994 and November 1998. Councillor Allan Levine, the veteran on council, wrote that he will seek re-election.

Councillor Mike Cohen, elected in 2005, wrote that he is “definitely” running. “After gaining 92 percent of the vote in the last election, I began my re-election campaign the day our mandate began which is why I initiated the district meeting concept,” he wrote. “I meet and speak with my constituents on a regular basis. Whereas I ran as a newcomer in 2005, I am pleased to say that I already have a team in place representing every street and building in my district.”

Councillors Sam Goldbloom and Steven Erdelyi, both elected in 2005, told The Suburban Monday that they will also be running. Councillor Ruth Kovac, first elected in 1990 and also acclaimed several times, was out of town and unavailable for comment.