



E.L. Crossley's marching band stepped into the movie spotlight and under the warm sun this past weekend for the shooting of the made-for-TV-movie *Back In '93*, which was written and directed by St. Catharines native Mark Montefiore. Music teacher Dave Gaines said the five-hour shoot wasn't trying on the Fonthill high school students because they perform in numerous parades and events throughout the region. ALISON BELL/STAFF PHOTO

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Sarah Giovannone, the Greens' electoral district's CEO and the only one seeking to represent the party in St. Catharines, said last week she was aware of Fannon's motion and did not agree with it. She said there were a lot of people upset about the public comments Fannon made.

"It caused a lot of stress for the head office and I was getting a lot of phone calls," she said.

She issued a statement last Thursday, the day Fannon's comments appeared in the paper, saying she believed the motion will be defeated.

Fannon said on Friday the motion was wrong to make and will not see the light of day. He also

Conservatives, I thought this was a swing riding that might make a difference," he said. "But we know that strategic voting is not what's going to move us forward."

He said he understands why many in his party were upset with his motion and why it probably would not have been supported.

"If somebody told me I couldn't vote Green, that would upset me," he said.

Giovannone said the Green Party of Canada is committed to running 307 candidates across the country, and she plans to run in the next election after the association votes May 29.

However, she also said she will not run if there is a spring 2007 election, saying she has business

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Two years ago, the group purchased new uniforms with funds raised through various performances. Gaines kept the old uniforms around, which came in handy over the weekend. They were altered by seamstresses to incorporate red, white and blue, the colours synonymous with the Montreal Canadiens.

Bass drum players Joanna Lucas and Michael Naundorf were glad to take a break after two hours of filming.

"It's a big strain on your back," said Naundorf, a Grade 9 student. "Walking is harder than standing in the shoot. With every step the weight of the drum comes down on you."

The duo experienced similar conditions to Saturday's sunny 20° C conditions this past February in Florida when the band played at Disney World.

The group also plays in numerous parades and festivals around the region, including Welland's Rose Parade and in Pelham's Canada Day celebrations.

"We're the only high school marching band in the area," said Gaines. "It's just one of those traditions that makes us unique."

Back in '93 was written and directed by St. Catharines native Mark Montefiore, whose quiet neighbourhood on Nello Street was transformed into a semi-zoo for the shoot, complete with an Asian elephant and lambs. The plot is centred around a young St. Catharines resident who must keep his fantasies of playing with his favourite hockey team — the Montreal Canadiens — a secret from his Toronto Maple Leaf-loving peers.

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"It was a bit of an inconvenience, but not a big deal. We had to park our cars down the street but luckily it's a beautiful day," said neighbour Lisa Bosca. "Anything for a neighbourhood kid."

Bosca recalls a young Montefiore knocking on her door to call her children out to play, along with her husband, who enjoyed playing hockey on the quiet street. Bosca enjoyed a Saturday morning coffee in her driveway, while taking in the action on her street.

"I'm very excited to see the finished product," she said. "I've seen bits and pieces of it, but it's hard to imagine the finished product."

The film will air early next year on CityTV, YTV and Bravo.

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