

Who would you vote for as our new MPP?

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The by-election that is expected to be called soon to fill the seat left vacant by former Sault MPP David Orazietti is starting to take shape as in who might be interested in the job.

Ross Ramano, councillor for ward 6, has already been nominated to carry the PC banner but no one has been nominated for the other two parties, namely the Liberals and the NDP.



But according to a recent [Sault Star](#) report, two other councillors seem to be keen in becoming the Sault's new MPP.

David Orazietti first won the seat in 2003 as the Liberals, under Dalton McGuinty, painted the province red. The Liberals have been in power ever since, but recent policies by the Ontario Liberals and its Premier Kathleen Wynne, has seen support for the Liberals drop substantially in the last few years and the polls indicate that the Liberals are doomed in 2018 Provincial election.

Ward 3 councillor Matt Shoemaker, a staunch Liberal supporter, may consider running for the seat if asked by the Liberal association. Though the councillor did tell the Sault Star that "he's focusing on his council work".

Meanwhile, another two term Sault councillor, is considering running under the NDP banner. Ward 6 councillor Joe Krmpotich says he has been approached by the NDP party. "I'm thinking about it", but did not elaborate any further.

Premier Wynne has six months to call the by-election for the Sault, meaning an early Spring election is likely. The new MPP will sit for just over a year before the next Province wide election in 2018.

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