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#### **Confused voters**

Voters have a lot to figure out in this election, especially if they are newcomers to Markham. Over the last week or so, they have been bombarded with campaign literature that they

will have to sort out. This page features profiles and platforms for candidates for mayor and regional council only. More Markham election stories appear in the A section.

## Markham race for mayor, region

Stories by Larry Johnston

#### Moran runs, runs again

MARKHAM - Ron Moran never stops running.

The 49-year-old former insurance underwriter turned politician started to campaign for re-election the day he was unseated in a 1975 recount. Moran served from Jan. 1 to June 15,

1975 on regional council before the recount gave his seat to Alma Walker by four votes.

Ever since, he has been working towards re-election. His campaign signs were ordered one and a half years ago and his literature last August.

He has attended all daytime council meetings since he was put out of office and for the past three years, has called on six to eight taxpayers every Saturday "to learn of the public's views and to uncover local problems.'

Selling insurance

Moran has also been selling insurance as an agent. He and his wife, Penny, live near Highway 48 and the 19th sideroad. (Their four children are grown up and living on their own.) He expects to run well on the west

side of town where much of his door-todoor canvassing has been concentrated.

And he says the aborted "team" of Hi Lawrie and Alma Walker have made the election a "whole new ball game" Ever since, Lawrie and Walker announced they would run as a "team",

he has been receiving notes of encouragement of \$5 and \$10 in the mail, sometimes anonymously. He says he was not one of the "gang" when he was on council and some

members would not like to see him Some voters have picked this up and

many of those calling to complain about the "slate" now say they are going to vote for him alone.

Moran, a member of the Markham District Veterans Association, and a extremely small subdivisions where a Chapter of Chartered Life Under- tot-lot would be expensive to maintain. writers, served two years as a councillor for Ward 6 in Markham. He has been active in the NDP in the past but dependent."

**Speeding Cars** 

veillance of our streets. Many residents buildings should come to an end." are complaining of speeding cars, squealing tires, and numerous breakins. If there is one area where tax- was no sooner passed than there were payers appear to be prepared to pay dozens of businesses appearing before Thornhill have a regional represen- development, long range concern for more for better service this seems to be council asking for exemptions.



Ron Moran .....long campaign

it. I will support an increase in the regional police budget if Chief Crawford can assure me that the extra men he seeks will provide the quality of service being demanded by our tax-

"There are too many townhouses going into existing neighborhoods. In 1975 a total of 221 single permits were issued compared to 1,518 multiples. It is easy to see how schools become crowded, parks and recreation programs taxed to the limit and traffic flows altered. High densities should be planned for new developments such as Riseborough, not old neighborhoods."

Council salaries "The practice of a new council setting their own salaries must stop. The present council should make a recommendation to the incoming council so that the taxpayers will have an opportunity to hear where each candidate stands. (This approach is being worked on by finance committee people with lower incomes.

chairman Stan Daurio.)" "Council should not accept cash in lieu of parkland except in the case of residents own their own homes. We should try to obtain all the parkland possible.

"Millions of dollars have been says he is now politically "in debentured over the past few years by our town, much of it for recreational He lists the following as important structures. It is now time to turn to such as to tennis, soccer and baseball. "There must be greater police sur- The era of big spending for big Markham gave the region \$25,000 to do passed the local level.

"The town sign bylaw should be enforced, or it will be meaningless. It

# Battle brewed below surface

By Larry Johnston

BUTTONVILLE - Tweedledum, dong battle shaping up in Markham even if most of the voters are in a lost. contented state of apathy.

didates for mayor.

six years ago is facing his first to lose both of them to one overheard through them." challenge from Bob Adams, 47, last week that "they're both jerks." regional councillor, chairman of Markham has undergone tremendous town around" by providing office space opponent, Tom Gove had to say.

out of hearing range. Such is the nature town has made a reputation for being of politics.

Both are politically ambitious,

Leading in the fray are the can- last time and also lost.

planning and the other dominant force growth over the past six years and to provide white collar workers who borrowed heavily against future growth live in Markham with a place to work as candidates for mayor even if it is no The pair have worked side by side for to keep taxes in line. At the same time, well. years but are now tearing strips off (with ratepayers' associations wateach other whenever the opposition is ching them from every corner), the reach down into the race for regional

tough to deal with, says Roman.

Adams says he is the one with the tweedle . . . nothing. There is a ding- Roman has run twice for the legislature reputation for toughness and as a result for the Progressive Conservatives and "some people want me out of there." Roman says the difference between

Adams sought the Liberal nomination him and Adams is one of approach, that there are times when you have to use Opinions of their talents vary from diplomacy. "I have had to mend so Tony Roman, 40, who won the office that of most councillors that it is too bad many fences after he charged right beamed behind him and Adams looked

council where Alma Walker from old Markham, Roy Muldrew from Thornhill and Ron Moran, who tries to be in as many places as possible, are after the two seats.

Even in ward races, watching the candidates debate at Bayview Fairways Public School last week, while Peter Grosskurth talked the mayor up at the ceiling. Adams seemed much Adams says he wants "to turn the more interested in what Grosskurth's

There is a difference between the two more or less subtle than one inviting The election has opened rifts that you home for breakfast while the other takes you out to lunch.

## Adams sees Langstaff issue

The next morning at 8:30 a.m., have a different way of life up here." Adams was poring over a voters list Since first elected in 1970, he has and with a pocket calculator figuring served one term as a local councillor out how many voters he could call on by and two as regional councillor. He lunchtime.

He should have been tired after the ning this time for mayor. planning meeting that kept him out He sees two big issues at this stage in until after 2 a.m. but it didn't show. the campaign and Langstaff is one of "You know what happened last night. them. "It is preposterous that people of We approved an entire town without Langstaff when they tried to make their any fanfare."

Thornlea High School was close enough could not propose an alternate route. that his wife, for one, was sorry to hear bulldozer.

rose through the ranks of community the jail farm. organizations, from coach to president of the Thornhill Community Hockey to appeal the court decision and has not League. He became a member of the amended the legislation on which it was Thornhill District Lions Club and went based. on to be president of "that very successful organization"

committee for the Thornhill Com- would like to "clean up that situation" munity Centre, sits as a trustee on the and stop all the shunting there. York Central Hospital Board and is a and Region Conservation Authority.

have raised three children.

THORNHILL-"Come early and He first became involved in politics have breakfast with us," said Bob when Darcy McKeough threatened to merge Thornhill with North York. "We

announced last June that he was run-

case at the public hearings, all they The "town", five subdivisions behind could do was object to where it is. They

A court ruling prevented the public more fields would be falling to the hearings from dealing with land outside the Parkway Belt which made it im-Adams is known for his energy. He possible to discuss the merits of using

The Ontario government decided not

The other major issue is the noise of CN trains in the Bayview Fairways and He was chairman of the building Bayview Glen areas. Adams says he

Adams says the housing shortage will member of the Metropolitan Toronto be over in five years when most of the post-war babies will be through buying A Bell Canada manager, Adams built their first homes. Meanwhile, his house on Ida Street and moved here developers will be scrambling to get as 20 years ago. He and his wife Margaret many houses on the market as soon as possible.

brief, he believes it made one key point, that has worked on it for two years. in its downtown area?"

volvement in planning. One place where his views vary the most from those of the present mayor is "Kids should not be in highrises," he in the attitude to the region which he says includes "all the worst things of county council.'

**Bob Adams** .....turn town around

Adams says he would have liked to He is vice-chairman of the regional see the fairgrounds in Markham as a planning committee, (where the park. While there were many things Markham plan goes next) as well as wrong with the Save the Fairgrounds chairman of the Markham committee

"how often does a community get a No Official Plan is perfect, he says, second chance in history to have a park but the hope through the OP is to change Markham to a vital community He believes in community in- which will give more people a chance to work there as well as live there.

Adams would like to avoid highrises. says. "There are studies in Europe that show it is harmful to children in their formative years not to be living on the

He thinks Markham's record in the area of senior citizens apartments is "abysmal". There are no senior citizens, rent-geared-to-income apartments in town now and the first one is being built by a church group. Another church group is planning one for Thornhill.

He thinks the density in the Thornhill-Vaughan plan is far too high. The people there do not know what they are getting themselves into. "It is like the old Markham Township.'

The density of 40 units per acre compares to 22 units on the Markham side of Thornhill, he says. Again turning to his pocket calculator, he said that Vaughan would be 11 lanes short on moving the traffic out of the Thornhill-Vaughan development.

## Roman knows his way around

THORNHILL - "Tony Roman is just an ordinary guy who happens to be

the mayor," says Tony Roman. An ordinary guy who talks about himself in the third person, Roman still

has to get up at 7 a.m. to feed cattle. That's not the easiest thing to do if council has been sitting until 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. as it often does. But politics "gets into your blood," says Roman.

He likes working with people and the feeling of achievement when something is accomplished.

Roman and his wife Elsie, moved onto a farm at Victoria Square in 1962. He first became involved in local politics because of some sloppy sideyards in old Markham Township. The first time he ran, he lost by 13 votes, but in 1966, he was elected to the

old township council. He ran for mayor of the new town in 1969 and won. He said he realized he could not do two jobs, so he resigned the one he had in the city, went into the cattle exporting business as a sideline

and went to work as mayor. Over a steak sandwich at the Park- with Vaughan, he is the one who will be way Friday, he talked forcefully about able to talk to Garnet Williams about it, some of the things that bothered him not Adams.

in the current campaign. members of council". He said he told the regional waste management con-Adams he would make up his mind tract is up for renewal. about running again by the end of June. Before the end of June, he read the through a \$1 million debenture for

announcement in the paper. him two elections, the two in which he been in a might embarrassing position ran for a provincial seat for the if that had not gone through. I had to Progressive Conservatives.

The ratepayers in the area just through," said Roman.

agreement worked out to provide for Park has helped Markham too, he said. my opinion, we blew it then.'

than I know you. Most of the negotiation money?" was done through his lawyer who happens to be Don Hindson.'

On cliques, and friends, he said government too, he said. people go to lawyers in Markham because there happen to be some ex- protect, (a Tory MPP) Markham won't cellent lawyers there, not because they get the new transportation links like think they can get a better deal out of Highway 404. Highways like 410 (to the town of Markham.

him he is full of s . . . and to tell his the police budget. "We have not got the client that."

"I am tougher on my friends, if

anything than with strangers." Roman's monologue was punctuated by finger pointing and four letter words. "That's business," he said.

He said there was such a thing as diplomacy. When it came time to discuss the Thornhill-Vaughan plan

There are things Markham needs "I don't make deals with any from Vaughan too, for example when

He recalled when Adams tried to ram Markham (the region does the The Sabiston Pit, he said, has cost borrowing). "Markham would have collect a lot of IOUs to get that

wanted the dumping stopped. He had an Knowing his way around Queen's the restoration of the land with Sabiston The Official Plan was paid for entirely in 1972 but council chose to reject it. "In by the province. "Do you think anyone could do that now with spending "People think I was a friend of restraints? Do you see what happened Sabiston's. I don't know him any better to Vaughan when they tried to get more

His two provincial campaigns are worth some marks with the provincial

But so long as there is no one to Brampton) are getting priority.

"If Hindson hasn't got a case, I tell Other concerns at the region include:



**Tony Roman** 

..... mends fences

manpower now for preventative crime. Chief Crawford wanted three more men for the youth bureau" - transportation. Markham has the

largest public transit system now. - the Official Plan has to be passed by the region or the town will be doing

its planning piecemeal. Roman does not think the council gets enough credit for passing the Official Plan. Being a town of communities, it should have been more difficult to put together than one for a small town like

Aurora, he said. He lets councillors bring forward their own ideas, as well as staff, and comments on them in open council.

He said he would never muzzle a councillor or criticize a staff member in public. But the staff is getting to the point

where the late hours of night council meetings are too much. He said that so far as he was con-

cerned, there will be more daytime council meetings next year to ease the load. The Roman family first moved to

Markham in 1952 and Tony was sent to board at St. Michael's College School where he played football and hockey. He also played football at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, worked

four years in the meat packing industry and eight for Denison Mines.

He is the nephew of Stephen Roman, the mining millionaire. The Roman's have four children, Michael, 16, Maria, 14, Paula, 12 and Edward 6 and the whole family gets involved in politics which is a good thing considering the demands it makes

on their father's time.

#### Muldrew touts experience

THORNHILL - A late entry for the regional council race in Markham is Roy Muldrew, 48, of Thornhill.

But Muldrew does not think his decision to run was made too late last month to jeopardize his chances. Muldrew says he is running because

"a number of citizens approached me some months ago and asked me about responsible representation." He was a councillor from Thornhill

for four years and chairman of the Markham finance committee. "I feel I have to offer business sense," he said on a recent Cable television 10 program. "I think I proved my love

for the town." The Muldrews raised their family in a home in Thornhill and, now that the children have moved away, are living in a high rise luxury condominium on

Yonge Street.

tative.

Muldrew says it is a misconception that condominium living is only for "It is for all levels," he says, and

emphasizes that condominium Key issues in Thornhill include He is opposed to a you-scratch-my- restricting Yonge Street to five lanes back-and-I'll-scratch-yours system at and providing alternate north-south York Region, the system that requires routes so that Thornhill will not be split. that you vote for something in someone

you in return. He thinks proposals should be con- councillor as opposed to a ward sidered on their individual merits

He is pleased the Markham Official years later than it should have been. an official plan for it, but it was never done, he says. He thinks it is important from the responsible decision on matters which

Region misunderstood else's municipality and they support Muldrew says many people do not understand the role of a regional

councillor.

point of view of representation that affect long range planning, long range

Roy Muldrew

.....regional bid

Key issues

The regional councillor has to provide issues in the current campaign: other less expensive sports facilities Plan is completed but thinks it is two leadership to pursue issues with senior levels of government after they have "I believe the region requires someone who can work with and make

the residents of our communities.'

### Walker known to speak out

MARKHAM - Alma Walker's most famous official remarks as a regional councillor were made behind closed doors, but they came barrelling

through "I have been compared to such intellects as Charlotte Whitton," says the 60-year-old Mrs. Walker who is about the same height, has the same red hair color and the reputation for speaking her mind as the former mayor of

Ottawa. On this occasion, whe was chastizing the Save the Fairgrounds Committee for its criticism of the Markham fair board. No one could defend old Markham better than the former mayor of the old town who was first elected to council in 1952 when it was a

village of 1,200 people. Over the years, she served as councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve. She ran for mayor of the new town when it was formed and lost and the following two years were the only time she was out of office.

She returned as a ward councillor in 1972 and in 1974 lost a close race on election night for regional council. She took office six months later following a

Never a big spender in election contests, she said the recount cost her government, but we must work to more than the previous campaign. A busy person around and beyond the

town borders, Mrs. Walker is a director of the Markham fair, active in Grace Anglican Church and has been honored for her long service as hydro commissioner by the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association.

Mrs. Walker notes that the council made an agreement with the new owners of the old fairgrounds when she was off council. Looking back, she says she probably would have voted the same way since the land changed hands



Alma Walker

.....former mayor "It was too expensive for a park. We

can buy a whole farm in the parkway belt and have room for all kinds of things would not have there," she said, in an interview. She felt the main concerns of residents near the fairgrounds was not

to have a park, but the kind of homes that will be built. "They will be con-She says she is running again because of the need for strong representation at the region. "I believe in regional

improve regional government. There must be regional approval for the Markham Official Plan and secondary plan, she said. That brings up a second reason fur running, "To

finish what we started." Mrs. Walker saw few issues in the current campaign. "The council has dealt with most of them.

The aircraft must finally be dealt with at Buttonville and the CN trains and federal government must come up with a decision that will help the people in the Bayview Glen area.