



Stouffville United Church Monday night was the scene of a concert by Stouffville Singers. The 30 voice choir put on a performance of Handel's Messiah that was much appreciated by the audience. Monday night's show marked the last in a series of performances at area churches. One

concert at St. John's Norway in Toronto still remains. According to director Barbara Sibbick they will begin working on Haydn's Creation in late February.

Eldred King questioned on 'responsiveness' at meeting

STOUFFVILLE — Whether Ward 6 Councillor Eldred King is a "responsive" representative was an issue raised Saturday at the Tribune-sponsored all-candidates meeting at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Candidate Sheila Brumell called responsiveness "a serious issue" and said "some of the personal touch between citizens and council has been lost."

Mr. King commented that he has "answered every reply... My phone number is in the book." He added that communication with constituents must be a "two-way street" and that public meetings between residents and their councillor have been tried in the past. "Attendance was nil at one time," he said.

The third candidate in the race, Postmaster Gary Fisher, told the audience that as part of a large organization, "I know what it's like to not be informed, and I would like to correct that problem." He said he would "open my house" and be "at your beck and call."

Mr. Fisher expressed as his aims attracting "good industry" in town, improving some sidewalks and roads in the ward, having clean streets and getting a bypass for Stouffville.

He cited his experience in administering post office budgets and personnel as an asset in seeking the council position.

Councillor King said his goal would be "controlled development which will not place a tax burden," and that he favoured capitalizing on both industry and rural estate development to improve the town's assessment.

Mr. King cited a variety of volunteer organizations in town, saying "the benevolence of these citizens is what makes this town click" and pledged to "continue to cooperate and assist where necessary."

Library had full support of council—Becky Wedley

STOUFFVILLE — Although she is an acclaimed candidate, Ward 2 Councillor Becky Wedley offered her views on a variety of topics in a speech at Saturday's all-candidates meeting at SDSS.

Mrs. Wedley called her time on council "very challenging" and productive years, but said there are "several issues that could cast a shadow."

Among them is the York Sanitation Highway 48 dump, Mrs. Wedley said. She cited a letter from Professor Gilliam,

who had been a witness for the town at the Environmental Hearing Board proceedings, to show that the town had "good reason" for fighting the dump.

"I for one do not intend to relax my vigil," she said, regarding the dump.

On the library, Mrs. Wedley asked, "How many buildings have we built in the last 25 years for recreational purposes? This is the first... And, also, it had 100 per cent approval of council."

She commented as

well on some "very dissenting votes" over the Ballantrae community centre addition, which she said "wasn't going to cost the taxpayers one cent."

Mrs. Wedley expressed her approval of the secondary plan for Musselman's Lake and Ballantrae, providing for "the expansion of the town in an orderly fashion."

The councillor said that, while she represented Ward 2, that she felt "strongly committed to work for the community as a whole."

Candidate claims ineffective leadership

STOUFFVILLE — Mayoralty candidate Cathy Joice cited what she considers to be an example of ineffective leadership by Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, Saturday at the Tribune's all-candidates' meeting at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

She was responding to a questioner who had asked for a specific example of her charges

that the mayor is ineffective.

It involved an incident in which she claims Mr. Ratcliff was unsuccessful in getting the speed limit on Don Mills Road near Gormley lowered, and that the residents had to seek help from another regional councillor, who was effective in getting the change.

Mr. Ratcliff recalled

that when he first approached regional council with the matter, they turned down the request. Later, a meeting with Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe, Councillor Merlyn Baker, himself and others took place with some of the residents.

After that, the limit was reduced on that stretch of road by the

region from 60 to 50 m.p.h.

Mrs. Joice presented a letter Tuesday to The Tribune from Richmond Hill Councillor William Corcoran dated Nov. 26, which states that he, Mr. Corcoran, had set up the meeting with the regional representatives after he was approached by "the residents of the area."

Mr. Corcoran said that "after reviewing the

situation, it was decided to reapproach the Region with the application. Under the guidance of our own Regional Representative, Mr. (Gordon) Rowe, the application to have the speed limit reduced was approved by the Regional Council."

According to Mr. Ratcliff, Mr. Rowe had had a complete change of view about the speed

limit lowering from the time Mr. Ratcliff had first proposed the lowering.

Mr. Ratcliff said Mr. Rowe had made a speech before regional council at that time on how it would take "minutes more" for commuters to get to their jobs in Toronto, but that when Mr. Rowe visited the site with the group, "he changed his view."

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH—STOUFFVILLE FROM YOUR CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

★ CATHY ★ JOICE



During the course of this election campaign, several rumours have been circulating with respect to my stand on various issues. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my position on each of these.

★★★ RUMOUR vs FACT ★★★

RUMOUR— I did not oppose the Pickering Airport.

FACT— I did oppose the Pickering Airport. It was primarily through my insistence that Council hired Andrew Harris, a noise abatement expert from Boston. It was his testimony, at the Airport hearings that gave credibility to our arguments and was largely instrumental in the final decision to halt the project.

RUMOUR— I did not support the closing of the York Sanitation Landfill Site.

FACT— I did strongly support all of Council's efforts to have the Landfill Site closed. I personally, through our local MPP, arranged several meetings with the Minister of the Environment so that the matter could be discussed right at the top. It was primarily through my urgings that, when it became clear that the dump was not going to be closed, the Ministry agreed to give Council a letter stating that they would give Whitchurch-Stouffville residents an alternative water supply, should ours ever become contaminated.

RUMOUR— I propose more large-scale development within the old Town of Stouffville.

FACT— I do not. The completion of the Dulverton Subdivision with its 500 homes and 2700 people will be enough development within the old town limits for several years to come. However, within the rural areas of the Municipality, there are many small parcels of land that are nothing but scrub waste land. These could easily accommodate 10 and 15 home projects, well planned and well controlled by Council.

RUMOUR— I want to change the unique character of our town.

FACT— I do not want to change the unique character of Whitchurch-Stouffville. I like many others of you, moved here because of the very reason of its uniqueness. However, such things as the completion of the Dulverton Subdivision and the addition of new industries, will necessitate that changes will have to take place in certain areas to accommodate them. My position is that we should become aware now of what these changes are going to have to be, and start planning for them immediately so that they don't just happen.

RUMOUR— I have "conflicts of interest" in some matters that come before Council and Planning Board.

FACT— I do not have a conflict of interest in any such matters. Conflict of interest involves the prospect of obtaining profit from a personal, financial interest in a proposal under consideration. The only personal, financial, interest I have within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is the private home owned by my husband and myself.

RUMOUR— I am not in favour of the new library.

FACT— I am, and always have been, in favour of a library for the town. As a matter of fact, I was the town's representative on the Joint Service Club Committee that attempted, over a period of a year or more, to establish in Stouffville a combined sports-recreation complex that included a library. I did, along with other members of Council, very willingly support the library as the town's Centennial Project. I objected only to the cost of the library and to the location, not to the library itself. I would rather have spent less money on land acquisition, and on the building, and more money on books and inside facilities.



★ I urge you, in this election campaign, not to be swayed by rumour, without finding out the facts. I am as close as your telephone to discuss or clarify any matter with you (640-4504). I sincerely hope that you will look closely and fairly into all the matters of concern before you make your decision.

THE TRUE ISSUE

The true issue of this campaign is the issue of leadership. I feel that we need more effective leadership on the Local Council and a stronger voice on the Regional Council where the Mayor is our only representative, and where many crucial decisions that affect

our town are made. I feel that in the six years of Regional Government, our rate of progress has fallen behind that of other Municipalities within the Region. **Strong, decisive leadership is necessary to get us moving again. I can give you that leadership.**

I strongly request your support and ask that **ON MONDAY**
When you make your choice—Vote for Cathy Joice

JOICE, Cathy 

DON'T *You* THINK IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE?