

# Candidates - Ward Five

Cathy Joice

Ward

## Back in politics



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STOUFFVILLE — When former Whitechurch-Stouffville Councillor, Cathy Joice, lost in her bid for the mayor's chair four years ago, the loss was almost more than she could take.

"I remember driving downtown the next day," she says, "crying my eyes out, looking at the people and thinking: 'Do you know what you've done?'"

Mrs. Joice has matured considerably in her political outlook since then. She no longer considers her defeat to incumbent Gordon Ratcliff, a personal slap in the face; in fact, she thinks she's gained from it.

"I know now I wasn't ready for the job of mayor then," she says. "I'm not even ready now."

But, she is ready to resume her old role of councillor, and she's anxious that everyone knows it. She was approached to run and, after, considerable soul-searching, agreed with her petitioners that the time was ripe. Now, she can't wait to get started.

"There's a great need for experience and a great need for positive action," says this bright and vivacious mother of three. "I feel there's really a need for a person such as myself."

"During my four years on council, I proved to the people I was con-

cerned about the entire municipality, and concern needs to go with the job."

"And," she declares with a finality that leaves no room for doubt, "I want the job!"

She said that, when she and her husband first came to Stouffville, it was because it was just the kind of place they were looking for. Now, 13 years later, she assesses the town and her possible role this way: "It's nice to live in a small community, but I believe you have to look to the future."

"For example, I'm going to be pressured for development. I'm not necessarily in favor, but if it comes, it should be well planned. If development is done properly, then it can assimilate without changing character."

Mrs. Joice emphasized the importance of thinking positively, throughout the interview. She said that "being negative (about development) will accomplish nothing. I feel a negative approach has been taken recently..."

"You can study things to death. There has to be positive attitude by people making decisions. Don't try to shove it under the door."

The Ward 6 candidate says she's anxious to help make newcomers to the area feel at home.

There's still a barrier, too, between the urban and rural areas, "but, can be broken down."

One of the ways it would help bring the about, is through regular newsletters, a device she used with some effect before.

"It makes people feel more a part, if they want to know what's going on without going to council. They can use a newsletter to question things, too, she says."

Besides her four years on council, Mrs. Joice has served on the town planning board, chairman, the public works committee, community centre board, library board, recreation committee and has been a member both the provincial and federal Progressive Conservative riding associations.

The publisher of an industrial magazine and associate publisher of second, she says that she's flexible enough that she's able to get away when she has to on council matters.

Also, with daughters Kim, 18, Karen, 15, and Lianne, 10, growing up time at home is less physically demanding. And, the children, she says, say "Mom can cope with it."

Of even more importance, so does Mom

Jim Sanders

## Controlled growth

STOUFFVILLE — "It's really nice when someone comes up to you and says: 'Boy, I like living here.'"

That's Councillor Jim Sanders, Ward 6, talking, and the sentiments he relates from a recent encounter with a constituent, are the kind he would like to see preserved.

That's one of the reasons why he's running for a second term; it gives him a chance to continue with his culture and recreation master plan. Implementation of the latter, when it comes, he feels, will help to provide just the kind of atmosphere and amenities to maintain that "I like living here" attitude.

It is his hope that the plan would cover the needs of everyone, and he would like as much public participation - both orally and in writing - to help bring that about.

"I want a lively and interesting place to live," says Sanders. "That takes money, and the people know that... So, we have to make use of government grants when looking for any programs or facilities."

Implementation of the master plan recommends how to spend money over the next five years, while determining a recreation and cultural plan for the next century, he said.

Sanders would like to see other forms of development in the Town, too, but, "I hear all the time we're controlled by our sewage."

He says the town "could handle any development," but it would cost \$10 million to hook up with the York-Durham sewage plan. "If the demand here was to be like Markham, we could do it, but we aren't after explosive growth."

He looks for more light industry to assist in development.

Sanders also has some other definite areas of concern. Among these: Energy - He initiated a committee, which is now taking inventory of buildings and departments to see how much energy is used. When completed in a month, "then we can see where we can make savings at no cost to the town."

Transportation - "We have to improve public transportation between

Stouffville and Toronto," he says. He would like to see some sort of hook-up with the Markham bus or the subway. He's also requesting "through council, that Canadian Transportation Commission hold a hearing into lowering rates in the VIA Rail commuter service."

Main St. traffic - He would like to see a bypass around the town to handle traffic, especially the weekend rush.

Sanders would also like to see curb-side pickups of paper for recycling, and a public meeting to explain re-assessment.

He says he made a motion at a committee meeting of council to set a salary for next year's council, as recommended by the administrator, but it was voted down. He said he could see a five per cent increase.

He had high praise for the town staff, terming them "very capable, very helpful and very approachable."

He's happy with his first term, but thinks he can be "more effective next year."

A father of two young girls, Shauna and Leanna, Sanders and his wife, Lovanna have lived in Stouffville for the past 14 years in a house built by his grandfather in 1900.

A librarian-teacher in Scarborough, Sanders is looking forward to the completion of another project, one that would establish a campus of Seneca College in Stouffville.

Proposals for the latter, he said, are expected to go before the college soon.

## Meetings

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Eldred King, seeking re-election for another two-year term, has arranged a series of public meetings in the weeks ahead.

The first is Thursday (to-night) in the Vandorf Community Hall at 8 p.m. The second is Monday, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m., in Latham Hall, Stouffville. The third is Thursday, Oct. 30 at 8:30 p.m., in the Ballantrae Community Centre.

The all-candidates meeting is Monday, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m., in the High School.

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