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## Plan redistribution study



### On the money

Markham resident Cliff Thorburn, one of the top snooker players in the world, tried out a \$20,000 table for sale in the new Sears Christmas cata-

logue. Mr. Thorburn demonstrated his skill at a special session last week in Toronto.

— Sjoerd Wittveen

With residential build-up occurring in a number of areas of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Mayor Tom Wood says he'll recommend a redistribution study over the entire Town, if re-elected Nov. 12.

"The whole thing has to be looked into," Mayor Wood told The Tribune at a press meeting, Thursday.

Wood mentioned specifically Wards 2 and 5 where residential construction is either underway or contemplated. He stressed the fact Council's size would not change but instead, ward populations would be more evenly distributed.

"I think it's something we should take a look at," he said, noting that ward boundaries hadn't been altered for many years.

Ward 2 Councillor Ron Robb was cool to the idea, saying that, while extremely busy, he has no problem keeping pace with complaints. He says he spends between 35 and 40 hours a week on Town business since his ward is one of the largest

in the municipality.

"I knew this when I ran for election," he said, "the majority of comments I hear are positive, most people seem happy."

Councillor Robb agrees that personal contact with the people is difficult, if not impossible, during a three-week election campaign. To overcome this, he obtains help from volunteers, "but even then, we never get to meet everyone."

Ward 5 Councillor Wilf Morley claims redistribution is "a little premature." He says the people in his ward are extremely understanding "and I'd hate to lose any of them."

Build-up, he feels, hasn't reached the stage where it poses a burden. "The fact is, I don't receive that many calls."

Morley stated that in recent months, only one issue, that of sidewalks on Aspen Crescent, had come up. "I kind of enjoyed it," he said, "even though the majority of residents didn't agree with my recommendation."

## Ambulance strike Stalemate

It's likely a mediator will be called in soon to try and settle the 13-day-old strike by Stouffville and Uxbridge ambulance workers, says a representative of their union.

Pat Rooney of the Whitby-based Ontario Public Service Employees' Union (OPSEU), told The Weekender he expects a mediator will be appointed by the Ministry of Labor.

He said union president James Clancy discussed this possibly in length during a Aug. 27 meeting with Ministry of Health officials.

The union is representing the nine full-time and six part-time ambulance attendants in bargaining with their private, temporary controller, Whitby-Bowmanville Ambulance Services.

The legal strike began Aug. 19 after OPSEU and ambulance service operators failed to reach a settlement in earlier mediation.

A main demand of the striking workers is wage parity with their counterparts employed directly by the Ministry of Health. The salary average of Stouffville-Uxbridge employees is \$10.50 an hour, compared to the \$11.78 an hour earned by Ministry drivers.

"A mediator can only do so much. The two parties have to agree," Mr. Rooney added. "It's a matter of equal pay for equal work."