

HYDRO COMMISSION '85

White says he can make contribution

Former Markham village police chief Fred White believes he has the sensitivity to deal with the public as a com-



FRED WHITE

missioner for Markham Hydro.

Mr. White, a part-time justice of the peace, is not critical of Markham Hydro or the way it is run, but feels he can make a contribution to its efficient operation.

"I've been used to dealing with the public all my life," he said.

Mr. White is a graduate of the University of Toronto in business administration and worked his way from constable to chief in the Markham village police force. He resigned shortly after the York Regional Police force came into being in 1971.

He was appointed a Justice of the Peace later that year.

Mr. White has lived in Markham for 30 years.

Walker wants to oversee projects through to end



ALMA WALKER

Alma Walker will seek reelection to the Markham Hydro Commission to oversee the end result of projects she and her colleagues have brought forth in the past three years.

One example of this is the \$3.2 million transformer station under construction.

She chose to vacate her seat on Markham Council in 1978 to try for the newly-formed elected hydro commission. She made her decision on the basis that improvements are easier seen at the utility than on council.

One of the major issues of the commission now, as she sees it is

to keep up with the rapid growth of the Town.

Mrs. Walker has a long history of involvement in municipal politics. She began her career as a councillor in the historic Village of Markham. She progressed to deputy reeve and reeve and was first mayor of Markham when it became a town.

Her other interests include the Markham Museum and the Markham Fair. She was the first woman president of the Markham Fair in 1978.

Mrs. Walker is a widow with two children and 10 grandchildren.

WARD 8 PUBLIC BOARD

Fortier says 'he's committed to Markham'

Gerry Fortier is new to the workings of Markham Hydro but has been involved in community work for several years.

The 36-year-old said, "I am committed to representing the people of Markham on the Hydro



GERRY FORTIER

Commission in the same fashion as I have committed myself to the community."

He would like to see hydro rates maintained at their present levels by operating proper financial control. He also advocates an upgrading of services.

Markham's continuing growth will require that more modern equipment be installed to meet greater demands. Mr. Fortier is prepared to evaluate such purchases.

His community involvement includes positions as, director of the Milliken Mills Softball League, executive member of Mother Teresa Parents Guild and former leader of the York Region Boy Scouts Group.

Mr. Fortier is a product specialist at IBM and a longtime resident of Markham. He and his wife Kathy have two children. He has been involved in his own business and has held a number of managerial positions in various companies in the past.

Dedicated to area

Ron Stevenson is running for the Ward 8 seat on the York Region Board of Education.

A resident of Milliken Mills and has been involved with the community for many years.

Mr. Stevenson, a chartered accountant, is currently a member of the Markham Library Board and also helps out with ringette.

He has served as treasurer of the Milliken Mills Community Association, a member of the Markham Economist and Sun Advisory Board and has coached T-ball.

His wife, Pat, is president of both the Milliken Mills Community Association and the Highgate Public School Parent Teacher Association.

Mr. Stevenson is a strong proponent of quickly increasing the



RON STEVENSON

number of community schools to eliminate the severe problems of busing and overcrowding.

Another main concern is the urgent need for a secondary school in Milliken. He would also like to see the community have full use of publicly owned buildings.

Mr. Stevenson is controller of Kawneer Company Canada Ltd. He is married and has two school-aged children.

Education experience

John Persaud Ramphal is a newcomer to Milliken, but not to education.

Mr. Ramphal is an employee of the Toronto Board of Education. He attended the University of Guyana where he received a B.A. and Diploma in Education.

Mr. Ramphal believes the main issue facing the residents of Ward 8 is quality education and easing of overcrowding in the schools.

He would also like to see more emphasis placed on computer literacy in the classroom to teach more occupational skills to cater with the world of tomorrow.

His other concerns include implementation of Junior Kindergarten programs, introduction of adult literacy prog-



JOHN RAMPHAL

rams, including adult upgrading, proper assessment and placement of transfer students, and interaction between officials and community residents when educational changes are being undertaken.

Mr. Ramphal is married and three children, aged 17, 19 and 21.

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