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ROSS STEVENSON



BILL BALLINGER



DONNA KELLY



KEN CANNING

By CHRIS GARBUTT

Progressive Conservative candidate Ross Stevenson mentioned a number of problems that concern him, claiming the minority Liberal government was unable to act upon them.

"Right here in the town of Stouffville, ambulance service is the thing I hear most about. There was a Liberal cabinet minister here as a previous member and he was unable to get it," Mr. Stevenson said.

Another concern for the 44-year-old candidate is ground water quality in the Ballantrae area and others with similar soil.

"We're certainly getting funding and moving projects along," he claimed.

There was also some concern because Whitchurch-Stouffville is such a prime water source area for wells and streams, they want the water quality very high for both drinking and waterways. That is something that needs more work at the provincial level.

Transportation, particularly roads, is important to the riding according to Mr. Stevenson.

The transfer payments from the province have not been keeping up with demand and growth in this area. The incumbent lists the finishing of Highways 407 and 404 as essential to alleviate existing and potential traffic problems.

Mr. Stevenson said he would like to see more money go to education.

In the mid-1970's, the province paid 60 per cent of the cost of education. The province's share has declined since then, but this is the first year there has been an actual drop in the total number of dollars. We're going to have to increase capital funding for schools and we're also going to have to find a way at the provincial level to head back to 60 per cent.

By CHRIS GARBUTT

Bill Ballinger, candidate for the Liberal Party, says his campaign has two levels — provincial and local.

"At the provincial level, the question is who best is qualified to lead the government in Ontario. The polls would indicate it is David Peterson."

Mr. Ballinger said free trade is a topic which is provincial, but has great impact locally as well.

"It's a big issue in the rural area — most are opposed to it. The impact on our community is phenomenal."

The problem of busing school children in Stouffville is a concern for the candidate.

"It's hard to understand why children in the east end of town have to be bussed to the west end. I'd sit down with school board trustee Harry Bowes to see what the long-term plans for the community are."

Water pollution in the Ballantrae area is another concern for the candidate.

"It's something that has to be addressed immediately. Central water is going to have to be the answer. No one in the 1980's should be without potable water."

Transportation within the region is an important issue, according to Mr. Ballinger.

The 404 has had the single most impact on Whitchurch-Stouffville, as well as so many other communities. As far as it is concerned, long-term planning is going to have to be provided to be sure the east-west traffic coming off the 404 is accommodated.

Also, calls for traffic lights at Lincolnville (Hwy. 47 and Bloomington Rd.) are coming out loud and clear. It would push to have lights there.

Mr. Ballinger said continued growth will occur in the area, but he'd like to see some control over it.

By CHRIS GARBUTT

NDP candidate Donna Kelly emphasizes social programs in her bid for the Durham York seat.

Ms. Kelly, 44, said she will push for a government-run, driver-owned automobile insurance program, claiming it would make owning a car less expensive.

"We live in a rural riding, and everybody has to have a car. In other provinces (where auto insurance is government-run) they're paying half what we are here."

Of particular concern in Whitchurch-Stouffville for the candidate is environmental problems, especially water quality.

"Something has to be done to protect this sort of thing from happening again. We'd like to explore possible alternatives to the landfill sites we presently have."

Transportation is an important issue for the Queensville resident; extension of Hwy. 404 and diverting traffic away from downtown Stouffville were two problems she listed.

Ms. Kelly noted that roads are not the only transportation issue. She would like to see better transit systems within the riding, especially for rural areas.

The candidate supports more affordable housing for the area. She says she would accomplish this through a number of solutions, including subsidized homes.

Higher density housing in the urbanized serviced areas is one way of solving some of the problems. You can also force developers to dedicate a portion of the development to lower priced housing.

Better medical care is another priority for her. More support should be given to alternative care such as midwives and paramedics, according to Ms. Kelly. She supports a District Health Council for York Region, like the one existing in Durham.

Ken Canning admits he feels much like the biblical David.

"But we all know what fate befell David's opponent."

The Durham York candidate for the Family Coalition Party isn't quite so optimistic. "But there's always a hope," says the 27-year-old father of four.

The FCP was formed June 10. The Party now has more than 30 candidates across Ontario.

Ken Canning's platform is based on family values. The Party comes out strongly against such practices as abortion, sterilization, homosexual-lesbian lifestyles, no-fault divorce and the funding of feminist organizations.

Ken admits getting these and other points across will take time. He hopes to live to fight another day.

"We need a public awareness," he says, "to tell people exactly where we stand, straight out."

Canning calls his Party's platform a matter of conscience. "We deal with things from a commonsense point of view," he claims.

While his opponents are spending in excess of \$40,000, his budget is something like \$1,500.

Canning says the three mainline parties no longer represent the average voter. "Ours is a Party I can agree with," he explains.

While the Party's stand is family oriented, Ken supports other points in the platform as well, including — preservation of farmland, a balanced budget, equal pay for equal work, public funding for all schools, pollution control, government sponsored low-cost housing and improved government supervision of automobile insurance.

It may take years of education, concludes the Beaverton resident, "but Rome wasn't built in a day."

Newly-formed party supports family

Dear Editor:

I was surprised to see that The Tribune editorial "Town holds election key" (Aug. 12, 1987) referred to "the three candidates currently beating the bushes for votes". Surely you must have been aware of the fourth candidate, Ken Canning, representing the Family Coalition Party (FCP).

The newly-formed Family Coalition Party was started by a large group of voters who feel their interests are not being represented by the three mainstream Ontario parties: voters who want a re-

turn to traditional Judeo-Christian values and who believe that the family, the backbone of our nation, must be protected through political, economic, social and judicial measures.

Candidates running for the FCP pledge to work towards issues such as the protection of family farms; expansion of nursing facilities and care of the elderly in their own homes; proper health care for all; pollution control in city and country and protection of the environment; Government-sponsored low-cost housing; protection of life

from conception to natural death; Sunday as a day of rest; recognition of parents' rights; public funding of all schools; equal pay for equal work; the rights of communities to protect themselves against pornography and prostitution.

The FCP will definitely NOT support issues such as pay equity; secular sex education; (condoms in schools to battle AIDS); funding of feminist organizations; no-fault divorce; Government promotion and subsidization of abortion; birth control, sterilization, eutha-

nasia; homosexual-lesbian lifestyles and the dictatorial attitudes of premier or party caucus overriding individual conscience.

The FCP is supported by voters who realize that the 'new morality' is actually nothing more than the old immorality, and that one cannot have a society with only rights and no responsibilities. The Family Coalition Party wants to promote respect for the family, build a caring society and bring ethics back into government.

During its brief lifespan, (the FCP was officially reg-

istered June 10, 1987), the party has attracted supporters from all the provincial Ridings, and has, to date, 34 candidates running for office. This must certainly be an indication of the dissatisfaction that many feel regarding the present system of Provincial Government. The Family Coalition Party is giving them someone to vote for with a clear conscience now that the other three parties have left them disenfranchised.

Sincerely,
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