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Photo/JIM THOMAS

Jim Sanders, (left), the incumbent candidate in Ward 6 chats with local constituents.

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Marie Adams paused for a photograph before heading out on the campaign trail again. The ward 5 candidate told an audience she wouldn't make false promises.

Mayor's seat beckons

Mayoralty candidates Crawford Thomson and Wilf Morley are presently employed.

Incumbent Fran Sainsbury is not.

The question was asked at the All-Candidates Forum, Friday, how each could fulfill the responsibilities required of the mayor's office.

Thomson said he would devote as much time to the position as possible.

Morley replied that, if successful, he would resign his position with York Region Board of Education at the end of February, 1989.

Morley said he had been tempted to go for the mayoralty three years ago, but decided against it due to his position with the board. In four months time, he said, he could see his way clear to retire.

Mrs. Sainsbury said she had worked diligently for the Town over the past 21 years, not just a single term as mayor.

Ward 6 candidates speak on pool

Both incumbent Jim Sanders and opponent Don Bigioni agree on the need for an indoor pool. However, both Ward 6 candidates differ widely on where the facility should be located.

Mr. Sanders feels the Recreation Centre is the proper place.

Mr. Bigioni says either renovate and cover the present pool or build a new one as an addition to the high school.

Sanders told an all-candidates forum Friday, the pool should hold priority over a new town office.

Bigioni maintained that by sharing operating expenses with the board, the cost could be reduced by $2 million. He suggested a proposed health club be put on 'hold'.

"A pool would be used by young and old," he said.

Sanders argued the Rec. Centre had been constructed with a pool addition in mind. He said he couldn't argue either in favor or against the high school location without knowing the feeling of the board.

Bigioni estimated the pool cost alone at $4 million "plus a substantial operating loss."

Both Sanders and Bigioni commented on the problems of Main Street traffic. Bigioni said congestion is particularly serious when it impedes the progress of fire trucks.

Mr. Sanders called for implementation of a Town-approved traffic study including the erection of cross-over lights on Main Street west to assist residents of Parkview Village.

Photo/JIM THOMAS

Ward 3 candidate Nick Tatone says he wants the job — and he's setting his sights on the mayor's chair in the future. Mr. Tatone is seen here with a constituent following debate last Friday an all-candidates forum where hopefuls took the stage to state their cases.

Ward 3 race heats up

"I want the job," Ward 3 candidate Nick Tatone told the All-Candidates Forum in Stouffville last Friday.

He went one step further. He said he's be interested in the mayoralty three to six years down the road.

Mr. Tatone stressed the need to involve people in the decision-making process.

"Let the people have their say," he urged.

If successful, the Vandorf Road resident promised to establish the best communications network the Town has ever seen.

Johan Aaltink of Preston Lake, also a candidate for the Ward 3 seat, stressed protection of the environment and orderly development as issues of prime importance.

"Let's preserve the rural, small-town atmosphere we now enjoy," he said.

Mr. Aaltink described the lack of parkland in Ward 3 as "appalling." His children, he said, must travel long distances to play ball.

He spoke against the construction of a new town office, calling the present building "a landmark." Instead, he recommended improvements to the present facility.

Mr. Tatone suggested his business management experience would prove useful to Council.

Over the years, he said, he attended many meetings and learned much from looking on as a spectator. He said Council could save itself considerable trouble "by doing things right the first time."

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Crawford Thomson, a young Stouffville resident who seeks Mayor Fran Sainsbury's seat, discusses the issues with Tribune Correspondent Kate Gilderdale. He offered a suggestion to ease the affordable housing crisis, urging people to share accommodations.

Ward 5 candidates vie for important seat

When it comes to involvement, neither Marie Adams nor Doug Alles, candidates in Whitchurch-Stouffville's Ward 5 are found lacking. Both have a profound stake in the community.

Mrs. Adams spoke of 'creative leadership' in her opening remarks at the All-Candidates Forum, Friday.

"Anyone can deal with sure things," she said.

Mr. Alles stressed the need for improved communications saying problems in Stouffville's Westfield Estates wouldn't have escalated to such heights if there'd been more discussion between residents and Council at an earlier stage.

"I intend to provide a forum so the voice of the people is heard," he stated.

With respect to much-discussed indoor pool and Office Complex, Mrs. Adams suggested "it's not a question of which but when?".

"I will not make promises I can't keep," she said.

"Tonight, I ask for your support. On Nov. 14, I ask for your vote," concluded Alles.

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Nick Tatone (left) a candidate in Ward 3 talks with Ward 6 candidate Don Bigioni and a constituent at the All Candidates Forum in Stouffville.

Luxuries will cost taxpayers say

After proposed projects like an indoor pool, a Town Office complex and an addition to the public library were touched on several times at the All-Candidates Forum, Friday, a ratepayer asked the question undoubtedly on many minds — where's the money coming from?"

"We'll be taxed out of our pants," the speaker said. He charged his property tax had gone up 25 per cent.

Councillor Jim Sanders, (Ward 6), listed lot fees, government grants and volunteer fundraising as possible sources. He said the big increase in taxes had come through education costs and not municipal spending. The Town, he explained, had held its 1988 tax increase down to around five per cent.

Doug Alles, (candidate Ward 5), said industrial growth would lighten the tax burden.

Don Bigioni, (candidate Ward 6), urged better management of funds already available.

The ratepayer criticized the inclusion of too many luxuries and improper use of time.

"Would a farmer abandon his tractor in the middle of the field at noon hour to go and play racquetball?" he asked.

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