

Ward 3 candidate confident

By BRUCE STAPLEY
For Ward 3 council candidate Nick Tatone, the campaign has been an opportunity for him to meet the people in the ward.
"Ward 3 is a mixed bag," says the 33-year-old manager of IBM's Systems Technology division. "There are farms, golf courses, equine centres, subdivisions, hamlets and businesses."
But the father of two feels ideally suited to the task of being able to relate to them all. "I'm a farmer, basically," he says, pointing to his horse breeding operation in his barn, and to his Markham Fair Committee membership. He's also on the co-op committee, and his daughter is an active 4-H club member.
He believes he can use the skills acquired in the business

world to further the cause of Ward 3.
"My goal will be to run for Mayor eventually," he states. "I have to have goals for myself. If I work hard, and succeed, I'll want to take the next step up."
He has limitless enthusiasm, and is a man for whom ideas breed nonstop. "I really want to go for it. Talking to the people so far, I've had a super welcome. It's really energized me. I feel after talking to them that I really want to go that extra mile for them."
"The next three years will be crucial to the Town, especially in terms of water and sewage. And I'm a very analytical person. When a developer comes to Council, I want to ask him the right questions to make sure he's done

his homework."
As for new development, Tatone wants to be sure that only the best are being allowed in. "Sure, we need growth, but I don't want to see us become another Markham. I want to see us pick the cherries, the best developments."
His goals include getting the residents more involved in matters pertaining to the ward.
He is a firm believer in doing things right the first time. "When I see a road being ripped up and then I see it being widened a year later, I think there is something wrong. Let's do it right the first time."
He would like to see people better educated with regard to waste disposal, and feels that proper chemical management is important. He would like to see frequent testing of area water wells, while acknowledging the inevitability of the big pipe.
He would also like to see more attention given to the needs of youth. While realizing the financial difficulties of offering facilities like a swimming pool or a theatre, he says youth must get involved in the community, helping out Council, and developing a sense of belonging.
"I'd like to see a track built at the high school," he says. "And I



NICK TATONE
Firm believer

believe that if we were to tackle the project ourselves, utilizing the energy and enthusiasm of the kids and local businesses and volunteers, we could do it on our own."
And he believes there should be a combination of creativity and logic applied to solving those problems.
"Even if I lose, I'll feel it was worth it just to meet some great people and to have had the chance to bounce around our ideas together."

Housing issue crucial to town

By KATE GILDERDALE
Mayorality candidate Crawford Thomson is concerned that the needs of youth in Whitchurch-Stouffville are not being met by the present council.
"I've been in this area for 18 of my 21 years," he declared. "I'd like to try to make a difference for the young people here. I'd like to see a pool and to see more parent involvement."



CRAWFORD THOMSON
Mayor's chair?

The view adults have of teenagers, he said, tends to be negative, particularly when the teenagers smoke or drink.
"The reason they do those things is boredom, there's nothing else for them to do," he said.
He'd like to see organizations geared to the needs of teens, something that would bring them together. The pool, he said, ties in with the youth issue. Mr. Thomson is in favor of controlled growth, both residentially and industrially.
"I think before more houses are put in, we should look at more industry; something that will put money into the town, like Tokai in Uxbridge," he explained. "This is a unique community. If housing keeps going in, it's going to be like Scarborough, Markham and Richmond Hill. I agree with hooking up to the big pipe as long as we use it responsibly."
He decided to run for mayor, he said, because he felt it was the best way to fight for change.
"I tossed it around with my friends for a while and we made the decision between us," he stated. "We talked about the way the town was going and the way

we thought it should be. I have ideas on what I'd like to see and I'm sure other people have the same ideas."
Affordable housing is a crucial issue, he says. He believes it would be a good idea to use the land on the site of the old arena as suggested by a resident at the all-candidates meeting.
"As a 21-year-old, my biggest concern is to put a roof over my head." House prices are out of reach for most young people, he added.
Mr. Thomson would like to see traffic lights or crosswalks at both ends of Stouffville, even though it would slow traffic flow through town. "If you put up lights, that would slow down things down. You're solving one problem and creating another one."
He may not have political experience, said Mr. Thomson, but "I've had 18 years experience in this area."

Alles is set to go

By BRUCE STAPLEY
After years spent helping others realize their political aspirations, Doug Alles has decided to climb into the arena himself.
The 48-year-old North Street resident and father of two has ceased all his activities with the Liberal parties of Ontario and Canada to apply himself to the task at hand.
He served as president of the York-Peel federal Liberal Association and was chief financial officer for the Durham-York Liberal Association. But he insists he will approach the municipal scene without the Liberal banner.
As a 22-year employee at IBM, Alles feels his workplace experiences have prepared him.
"Planning is a big part of my job," he says. "And long-term planning is what we need for Whitchurch-Stouffville now."
He is a firm believer of involving the community in the day-to-day operation of a town.
"You have to tap your resources, take advantage of people like Ralph Spademan who would empty the recycling bins for us free of charge. There are a

lot of people in this town who are community minded. By holding these people up and encouraging their efforts, it will make others want to get involved," he says.
Since moving his family to Stouffville in 1979, he has been vice-chairman and chairman of the Library Board's finance committee, co-organized the twinning of Whitchurch-Stouffville with Carpentras, France, worked as a recycling volunteer, been a member of the Latcham Gallery, and helped out as a soccer coach and referee with the town.
Alles says effective communication would be one of his top priorities if he wins the Ward 5 position. "Constituents get upset sometimes simply because communication has stopped," he says.
He also sees the affordable housing issue as something that has to be dealt with.
"There are three obstacles, as I see it. One, what is affordable housing? Two, how do you get industry to participate in coming up with such housing projects? And three, how do we get around the water and sewage problem that has all new development stopped right now?" he said.

Incumbent says pool needed now

By BRUCE STAPLEY
After 10 years on the job, Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders says he's come to understand and appreciate municipal politics.
"I'm starting to realize some of the things you can and can't do," he says. "I like the mediating aspect of trying to solve problems. When someone gets a definite 'no' on some matter or other, you can often find an opening and get it through, with some compromise."
His main concern as he tries for a fifth term in office is to monitor the aftermath of the tremendous growth the Town has experienced. "We've got a lot going here," he maintains. "It is important that we maintain the quality as we grow."
And there is no more obvious a want or need than the addition of the pool to the recreation complex, he insists. If that means a postponement of other projects like the new municipal facility, then so be it, he insists.
"We need these recreational services in order to have a healthy community. People are so much more aware of their health these days."

Sanders says the time has come when pressure must be put on the Region to help solve the problems facing municipalities like Whitchurch-Stouffville. He says Whitchurch-Stouffville's interest in recycling went a long way towards forcing the Region to get involved in the project itself.
Sanders believes the current waste management crisis calls for leadership at the provincial level. He is personally involved with the Solid Waste Environmental Assessment Plan, a group which meets regularly at City Hall in Toronto in an effort to come up with ways of addressing the waste problem.
On the home front, Sanders says openness in government must always be encouraged.
Sanders is also campaigning on a ticket that would bring expanded culture and recreation programs for all ages, as well as one that would encourage small, clean industries to Whitchurch-Stouffville to keep taxes down and provide funding for services.
Sanders lives on O'Brien Avenue with his wife Lovanna, and his two daughters.

Careful planning is needed in town

By KATE GILDERDALE
Though Johan Aaltink considered running for a position on council for some time, it wasn't until outgoing councillor Jim Rae announced his retirement that he decided to take the plunge.
Mr. Aaltink, a 13-year resident of the area, says commercial, industrial and residential development in Whitchurch-Stouffville must be carefully planned.
"I'm concerned that it doesn't get out of hand," he stresses. "I'm also concerned about this army of homes that are travelling north from Markham. I don't want to see that happening here."
Industrial and commercial development should be confined to allocated areas, he says. "We believe in preventative

methods. Why wait until the problem is there before you try to cure it?"
Like many others, Mr. Aaltink moved to a rural area because he wanted space and peace. "I would like to keep the rural feeling," he states.
He doesn't object to expansion as long as it's phased in properly, he says. "I don't want it to have a big impact on the people who are here."
The proposed extension of the recreation centre is of little interest to rural residents he notes, and would like to see private industry approached to support such ventures.
Environmental issues are of increasing concern, he observes. "We are very susceptible to pollution here," he says.

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