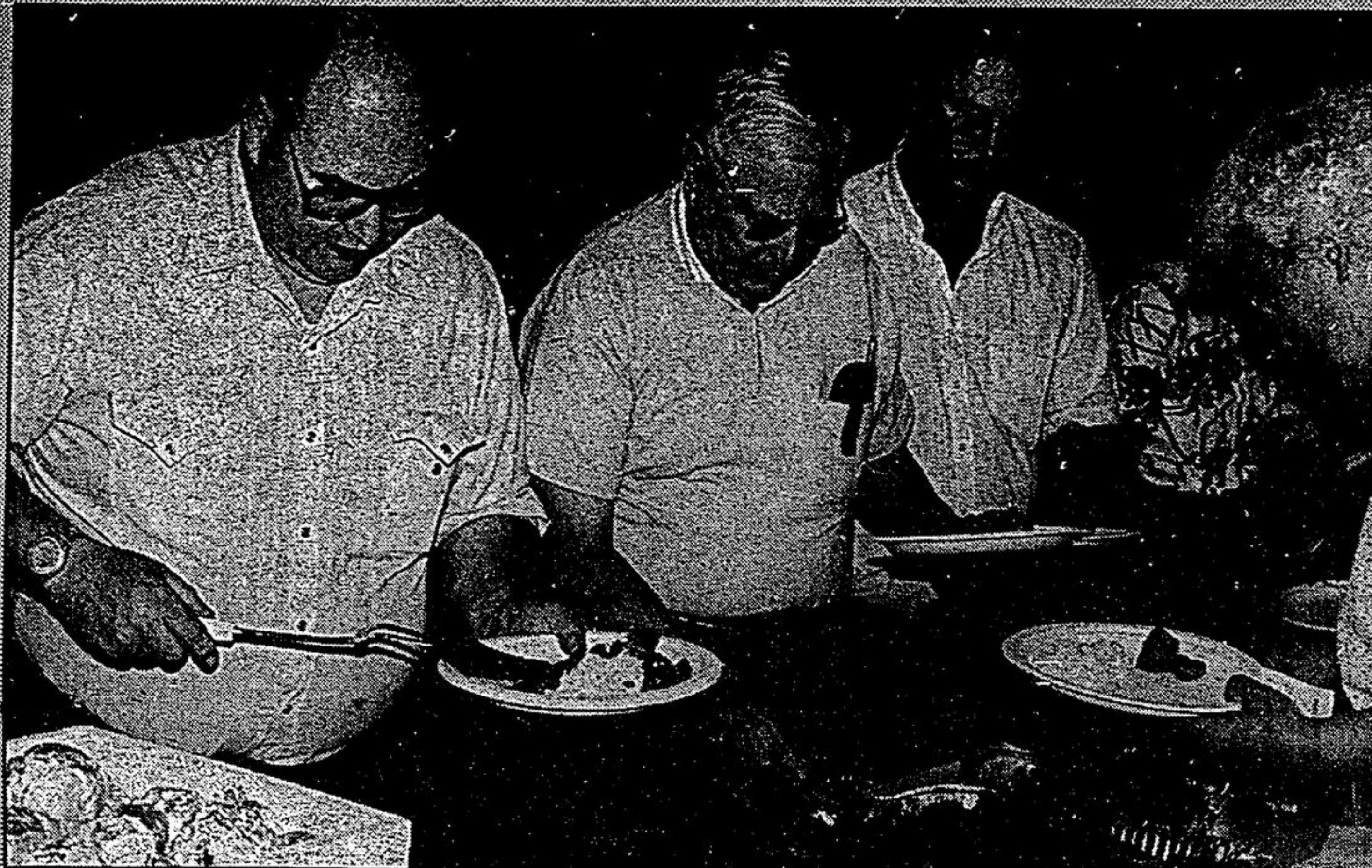


## York Pork producers host feast



Tickets for the York Pork Producers annual barbecue at the Markham Fairgrounds quickly sold out for the Friday evening event. The 700 tickets available to the public were gone almost as fast as the barbecued fare at the buffet table. This was the 17th annual event. Almost 1,000 teriyaki pork steaks and 800 back ribs were served up for the occasion. At left, Donald Miles, Gordon Miles and Daryl Rush eye the offerings served up by Betty Hastings. Below, left, Bob Robson ensured the steaks were cooked to perfection. Below right, a steady line of customers wound its way through the buffet of back ribs, salads and pork steaks.

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**MICHAEL KUSNER**  
"no instant Liberal"

## Defeat plan never used

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"We cannot allow an instant Liberal to win," Kusner said.

"I have been a member of the party for more than 20 years and Mrs. Sainsbury has been in the party for several years."

Mayor Sainsbury confirmed the existence of the agreement between her and Kusner. She said she objected to Scarpitti for reasons similar to Kusner's.

"I was concerned that two long-term Liberals should support each other," she said.

She said Mr. Scarpitti, a former independent, had been closely associated with Markham MPP Don Cousens and Markham Mayor Tony Roman, both of them conservatives.

Mr. Scarpitti said he disagrees with his opponents because the Liberal party is open for new members like him.

"The political process allows people to choose," he said. "I hope that Michael (Kusner) is not saying that the political process is closed to new members."

"Is he saying that we can use new members to vote for old members, but for heaven's sake they should not run?"

Mayor Sainsbury said she and Mr. Kusner agreed to support each other when Mr. Kusner and his campaign manager visited her early in June.

"It was them who came to me," she said.

However, she said the agreement may not have guaranteed Mr. Scarpitti's loss even if he did not have the majority of votes. Even if she had announced her backing for Mr. Kusner, her supporters may not have followed her.

"I can't make anyone vote this way or that way," she said.

John Johnson, an organizer at the Ontario Liberal Party headquarters said deals like the agreement between Mrs. Sainsbury and Mr. Kusner are legal.

"The party allows any kind of deal-making," he said.



## Stouffville mayor has positive outlook

**ALAN SHACKLETON**  
Tribune Staff

Despite her unsuccessful bid at winning the Liberal nomination for Markham riding last week, Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury is taking a positive outlook on the future.

Moments after hearing she had lost the nomination to Frank Scarpitti a York Regional councillor from Markham, Mrs. Sainsbury said she would be back at her desk at the Whitchurch-Stouffville municipal offices.

She wouldn't make any predictions on her political future past 1991, when the next round of municipal elections are slated.

"Life will go on," she said, "but not in Markham."

Mayor Sainsbury's bid for the Liberal nomination was in essence a return to the mayor's roots as she grew up in Unionville, and was a longtime Markham area resident until moving north to Stouffville.

Some of her opponents implied that the Markham riding would be better served by a candidate who lives within

its boundaries, not in Stouffville which is in the York-Durham riding.

However, she pointed out in her speech prior to the voting that she had a long association with Markham and was hardly a parachute candidate.

"I have four generations of family in Markham, and know the issues and concerns," she said.

However, the voters at the nomination meeting didn't see it that way and Frank Scarpitti won the candidacy on the first ballot with almost 60 per cent of the vote. In total, he took 728 votes, while Mayor Sainsbury, and Michael Kusner each had 244 votes.

Heading into the meeting, Mrs. Sainsbury had signed up 926 members for the riding, but less than a third showed up for the actual vote.

Getting the members out proved to be the key to victory for Mr. Scarpitti as he managed to have more than half of his supporters show up for the election Thursday night.

Mrs. Sainsbury had announced her intention seek the nomination long before Mr. Scarpitti but he still managed to sign up more members, for which she

gave him full credit.

"Frank had more members, and he moved quite quickly," she said.

Though disappointed with the result, she said that running for provincial politics had long been something she wished to do and she would have regretted never having made the effort.

"I've worked long and hard for the Liberals, and wanted a chance to run provincially," said Mrs. Sainsbury, who has been mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville since 1985, and a member of council since 1982.

With former Uxbridge mayor Bill Ballinger firmly entrenched as the Liberal MPP for York-Durham, the only other logical location for her to seek a nomination was Markham riding.

"This was a return to my roots, and I did have a lot support," she said. "It was something I wanted to do and if I hadn't tried for it, I would have always wondered what might have happened."



**FRAN SAINSBURY**  
positive outlook

## No schools hurts students, board told

A pledge to stop building schools will hurt students, not home builders, says the Ontario Home Builders' Association.

This is the association's response to a threat by the York Region Board of Education to stop building schools if its ability to collect lot levies is curtailed. Boards are able to collect levies added to the price of new homes in a subdivision to offset the cost of school construction in the neighborhood.

But the OHBA had threatened to launch an appeal to prevent boards from collecting the money, which prompted the York Region public school trustees to promise to cease school construction.

"Those who will suffer will be students and young families, not just York Region builders," states a letter signed by OHBA President John Mansfield.

On June 11, the association released its plan to fight the

new home tax on the grounds that it is unconstitutional.

It would rather see school boards take advantage of long-term financing in the form of municipal bonds to raise funds.

This money would enable boards to build schools before they are needed instead of collecting taxes after the fact, argued the OHBA.

"Bonds provide the opportunity to spread the cost of infrastructure over the appropriate benefitting community rather than hitting the homebuyer with major upfront fees," Mr. Mansfield said.

According to the OHBA, lot levies place "an unfair tax burden on new home buyers and renters while providing an undependable and inconsistent source of revenue for the boards."

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