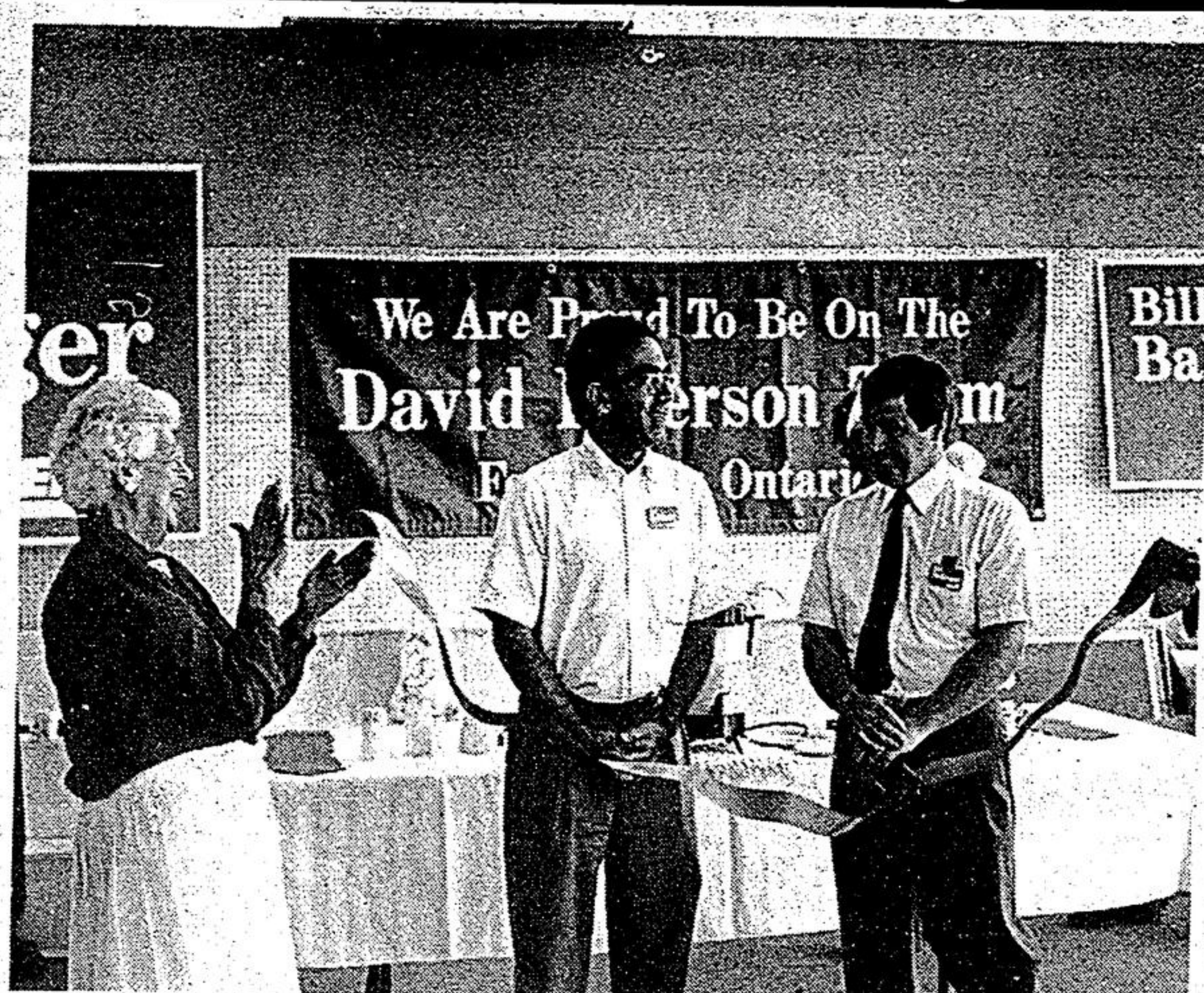


## Election campaigns move into high gear with headquarter openings



Acclaimed Durham-York riding Progressive Conservative candidate Jack Hauseman was on hand last Friday night for the official opening of the Tory campaign headquarters on Main Street in Stouffville. Federal Tory MP Bill Attewell and campaign workers helped with the ribbon cutting to kick off the PC campaign. Mean-



while, Liberal supporters were on hand for the official opening of incumbent MPP Bill Ballinger's Stouffville campaign office. Helping Mr. Ballinger cut the ribbon are (from left) Elva Boyd, and former riding MPP Greg Sorbara, who represented Whitchurch-Stouffville before boundary changes in 1987.

### Stouffville Council in brief

## Stoplight tenders come in lower than Town expected

New stoplights at Summitview Public School will cost nearly \$260,000 and a single tender received by the Town is under its budget by about \$20,000, according to a report from staff.

Public Works Director Paul Whitehouse received one tender for \$280,000 to complete stoplight installation at the Main/Stouffer Streets and Main/Market/Mill Streets intersections from R.S. Electric Contracting Limited.

Another tender was received 17 minutes past the deadline and was disqualified, Mr. Whitehouse states in a report, which was to be discussed by Town officials yesterday during its final committee meeting.

Local politicians were expected to vote on accepting the tender amount at a committee meeting yesterday.

### Street improvements

## 'Waste' days plan in York

York Region wants to set up two household hazardous waste collection days each year to conveniently serve all its residents, according to a report from York's engineering department.

Although Keele Valley Landfill Site, located in Maple, offers public access for toxic household waste, the region says the location is not accessible for municipalities living "some distance" from the facility.

To help rid residents' easily of cleaners, solvents, paints, furniture polish and insecticides, the region wants to propose sites "established co-operatively by the area municipalities" on two given days each year.

The collection days, which would cost taxpayers about \$300,000 a year, will be partially funded through government grants.

Local officials were to comment on the report at yesterday's committee meeting.

\$50,000 to reconstruct Burkholder Street after staff recommends officials accept one tender in that amount.

Seven companies bid for the job to improve the street, with Econo Excavating and Paving Company Limited being the lowest bidder.

The street will be reconstructed well under the Town's outlined

budget of \$80,000.

Giffel's Associates Limited, the Town's planning consultant says low bidders dealt with in the past "perform quality work."

Giffel's also recommends, along with Director of Works Paul Whitehouse, that council accept the \$50,000 bid.

## 100 Stouffville homes affected by 911 system

Several streets containing 100 homes in Whitchurch-Stouffville's downtown core will have to be re-numbered as part of the upcoming 911 Emergency System implementation, says a report from the Town.

Town Chief Administrative Officer Bob Panizza will discuss changing the house numbers on six streets in order to "remove potential confusion with emergency services" once the region-wide program is up and running.

Streets with a north and south split that have duplicate house numbers, such as 392 Loretta Crescent North and 392 Loretta Crescent South, will have to be re-numbered, Mr. Panizza says.

Twenty-four homes on Loretta Crescent, 38 homes on Stouffer Street, 18 homes on Thicketwood Boulevard, one on Park Drive, eight on Church Street and 11 homes on Albert Street will all have to be re-numbered according to the report, which was discussed yesterday.

The cost of re-numbering the home addresses and changing personal stationery will be left up to each homeowner, Mr. Panizza said recently.

Also, any streets with a north/south division will be rescinded as part of the 911 preparation plan.

The re-numbering system being applied throughout the region is aimed at eliminating any confusion for emergency crews when identifying a location.

Town officials were to discuss the issue at yesterday's council meeting.

## Stouffville getting ready for '91 Goods and Services Tax

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is preparing for the GST tax, which will come into effect January, 1991.

Town Director of Finance Ed Blackburn has written an impact report on the tax and has recommended an "action plan" which would involve hiring a consultant.

Some of the recommendations Mr. Blackburn has prepared for discussion involves reviewing activities of each department and training all staff before the tax comes into effect.

"The GST is not going to disappear or in any likelihood by

delayed. The Town has no choice but to address the issues and prepare itself. Failure to begin as soon as possible could negate the availability of any planning advantages and could result in lost tax credits if we do not meet the January 1st deadline," Mr. Blackburn states in his report.

Mr. Blackburn also says Town staff must be "committed to providing resources within their department and to fully recognize the magnitude of the impact on the GST."

Council was to discuss the matter at yesterday's meeting.

## Beach temporarily closed

TRACY KIBBLE  
Staff Reporter

Unacceptably high bacteria levels forced the closing of Cedar Beach last Thursday, but the public swimming area was opened again Friday, a spokesman for the York Region Health Department says.

Health Unit representative Brenda Guarda says all beaches at Musselman's Lake are tested every Tuesday for bacteria, and says if a beach exceeds the department's "acceptability levels" for two consecutive weeks, a placard is posted to warn swimmers.

"All beaches in Whitchurch-Stouffville and York Region are tested on a weekly basis," Ms. Guarda says.

But waiting for test results from the laboratory can take up to two days, and by that time the second testing may show bacteria has once again dropped to an acceptable level, she adds.

Cedar Beach, after the first test on July 31, showed fecal bacteria counts exceeded the levels, so the beach was closed on Aug. 9.

But the results from the Aug. 7 test showed the levels had dropped again, resulting in the beach being re-opened on Aug. 10.

"A lot of different factors," influence the bacteria migration and high levels in one specific area, Ms. Guarda says.

Main factors that influence bacteria levels are:

■ Rain - if there is a substantial rain fall, storm water run-off washes the bacteria into the lake, increasing the count of fecal levels.

■ Strong winds - this action turns up sediments at the bottom of the lake "which usually contain bacteria."

■ Shallow water - these areas are more likely to contain high bacteria levels, especially when the sun hits the water surface. This causes the bacteria to spread, she says.

■ Storm sewers - there is one culvert located at Cedar Beach, which can drain run-off into the beach area.

"The testings and closings are a regular procedure," Ms. Guarda says.

All tests performed at other beaches along Musselman's Lake did not exceed the acceptable fecal bacteria levels last week, but Sunday's rainfall may change that, she says.

Tests were performed again yesterday and results are expected to be in by tomorrow, she adds.

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