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Job on the line

Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro crew members Steve King, left, and Willie Hutchison work on dead ending a line on Ninth Line South in Stouffville. The men were lucky to have sunshine Monday, to take the bite out of the cold winter air.

Top handy man Wim Pattenden retires Friday

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will say goodbye to its number one fix-it man this Friday.

Wim Pattenden will retire after 32 years of service to the taxpayers of the community.

Mr. Pattenden started with the town in the works department in the "old Whitchurch days," says Public Works Director Paul Whitehouse.

But soon it became known that Mr. Pattenden possessed several other valuable qualities such as woodworking and maintenance skills.

He now fills the demanding shoes of maintenance facility foreman and has helped improve such public facilities as the

Lemonville Community Centre, said resident Dave Probert.

Staff will officially say goodbye to Mr. Pattenden next Friday at a farewell dinner at the Maples of Ballantrae, Mr. Whitehouse said.

Meeting roster

Here is a current list of upcoming town meetings to help encourage public participation in the municipal government process.

All meetings, unless otherwise stated, are held at the Municipal Offices, 19 Civic Ave., off of Main street in downtown Stouffville.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5
7:15 p.m. - Council in Committee

TUESDAY, FEB. 12
4 p.m. - Council
7:15 p.m. - Public Meetings/Planning Advisory Committee

Marshall surprised by pool drawings

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that surveying 375 households is not sufficient to determine what the majority of taxpayers want.

"I am disappointed with this company. Asking 375 people is not a good cross-section of 7,500 households for the whole municipality," Councillor Marshall says.

"I don't even know how many rural residents were asked about this. They didn't break that information down," she adds.

However, Leisureplan officials say 375 people surveyed for a town Whitchurch-Stouffville's size is a 90 per cent accuracy point.

Leisureplan International was hired by the town last year to survey and perform extensive studies as a guideline on whether the town should undertake building an indoor pool.

Councillor Marshall went on to say she did not like the group's artistic drawings submitted last year.

"These drawings look like we're running a private, expensive club with palm trees, umbrellas and lounge

chairs. I thought it should be a competitive pool for competitive swimming. I'm just disappointed about the whole thing," she says.

The pool, if approved by Council of the day, would cost taxpayers about \$4.5 million in 1994, and is forecasted to run at an annual operating loss of about \$200,000.

At last week's council meeting, Councillor Marshall said she was shocked to learn the town wants to hire the consultant again for the town's updated recreation Masterplan - an update from the 1982 study.

Councillor Marshall maintains the findings released by the consultant does not offer a clear picture of what residents want.

The cost of the project is \$75,000 - \$25,000 paid by the town; \$50,000 by a provincial grant and the remaining from the town's trust fund.

In spite of Councillor Marshall's objectives, the Town voted to hire Leisureplan International to update its recreation masterplan.

Ward 2 candidate sets environmental platform

TRACY KIBBLE
Staff Reporter

Ward 2 residents feel isolated from the town and want their concerns heard, says sole Feb. 25 by-election candidate, Stephen Bellerby.

"Most people I've talked to say their views aren't getting represented at the town," Mr. Bellerby, 24, told the Tribune recently.

The Ballantrae resident announced his candidacy in the upcoming election several weeks ago, and has already visited more than 100 homes in the ward, he said.

Mr. Bellerby's platform, based largely on the environment, also includes improvements to Lakeshore Road and added, if elected, he will bring recommendations to Council for all-around improvements in the ward.

He also wants:

- * improvements to the water quality at Musselman Lake

- * more promotion and implementation of soft recreation use throughout the ward and of Musselman Lake (such as swimming, kayaking, canoeing and wind surfing.)

- * immediate solutions to intercept sewage problems

Mr. Bellerby said the town could also help promote water conservation by purchasing and supplying its residents with "reduced-flow shower heads" at cost.

"I have lots of ideas regarding inexpensive ways to help conserve the environment," he said.

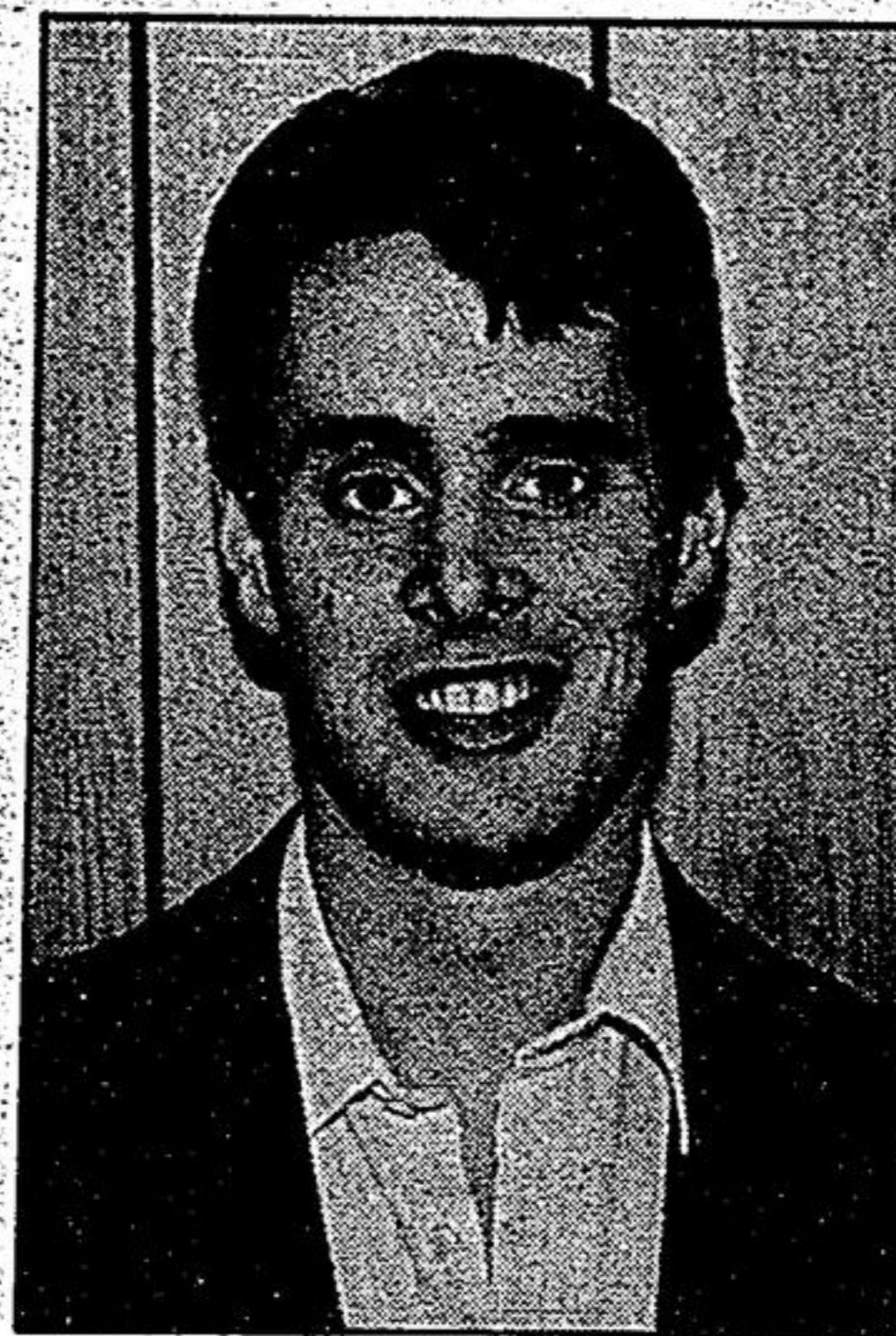
"For example, just by placing a beer bottle in the tank of your toilet you can reduce the flow by a litre every other flush," Mr. Bellerby said.

Mr. Bellerby also said he has talked to Miller Waste Disposal officials about the possibility of expanding Whitchurch-Stouffville's recycling program.

"In Markham they accept all plastic recyclables like javex bottles and yogurt tubs. I'd like to see that here," he said.

He also added that residents "will not stand for piped water without sewage in place," and said he will fight that cause as well. To date, there have been no other official candidates to run in the ward which includes Ballantrae, Musselman Lake and area.

The ward serves more than 2,500 eligible voters and has been marked as one of the busiest wards in the town.



STEPHEN BELLERBY
Candidate in ward 2

Accountant charged with fraud

A Whitchurch-Stouffville accountant faces fraud charges after money went missing from a local photocopying firm.

A 48-year-old woman of Vivian Sdrd. was arrested by York Region police Jan. 25 for the thefts taking place from October 1989 to Jan. 25, 1991 at Kwik-Kopy Printing on Riviera Dr.

According to York Region police Sgt. Norn Miles, money that was supposed to be deposited into a company account was transferred into an employee's personal account.

Money was improperly transferred at least four times and the total amount missing is listed at \$12,000.

The woman is to appear in Newmarket Provincial Court Feb. 26.

CRIME WATCH

Car wash hit by vandals
The Stouffville Auto Wash was damaged to the tune of \$5,700 in a break in last week.

Between 2 p.m. Jan. 23 and 9 a.m. Jan. 24, the car wash on Winona Dr. was entered through the glass door on the east side of the building that lead to the office.

In addition to smashing the glass, the culprits pried a metal frame as well as forced open a coin machine and coin boxes. A phone was also missing.

The loot is worth \$1,300.

Drug charges laid
Three Stouffville men face drug charges after being stopped by York Region police Sunday morning.

The men were stopped at Raymerville Dr. and Graham Cres. on a liquor offence and proceeded to assault the two male officers.

Two of the three accused tried to hide drugs in the rear of the police cruiser.

Tow of the accuses live on Concession 9, the third is a Rupert St. man. All face charges of assaulting police and narcotics possession and are set to appear in court Feb. 28.

Snowmobiles swiped
Two snowmobiles and a trailer were stolen in Stouffville last Wednesday morning.

Between midnight and 6:30 a.m. Jan. 16, the 1991 Polaris snowmobiles and a 1991 trailer were stolen from an Aspen Cres. location.

The machines and trailer are worth \$15,800.

Landfill study report public

Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders said the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library should have a copy of the newly-released public report - the Contingency Landfill Site Search - so that residents could review the study.

The obsolete \$160,000-report was replaced by new initiatives by the environment ministry but was released to the public by York Region as information last week.

Town staff will issue the library a copy, it was decided last Tuesday.

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