

Emmerson, Sainsbury ready for mayoral fight

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Heading into the November election, neither Fran Sainsbury or Wayne Emmerson seem afraid of a little competition.

Both mayor Sainsbury and Ward 4 councillor Emmerson have stepped forward as participants in the upcoming mayoral race.

Emmerson said he looks for

ward to the race, while Sainsbury has been in this position before.

"The town of Stouffville needs a change," Emmerson said during a news conference from his home.

In announcing his election intentions last week, Emmerson vowed to bring local council closer together and carry a strong voice at the regional level.

"Council has been split the last three years," he believes.

"If you follow council and the

issues, we're spinning our wheels," he added. "We're not getting much accomplished."

Both candidates come into the race carry substantial support from family and friends. Emmerson claims to have the backing of the business community.

Sainsbury boasts the support that has helped her catch the position in past elections.

She is no stranger to competition. Her last two mayoral cam-

paigns have been three-way races.

According to Sainsbury, the two election platforms don't seem to be far apart.

"I don't see there is a big difference in what we're trying to accomplish," she commented.

Among other things, both candidates are looking to increase the town's tax base and get on the York/Durham sewer line.

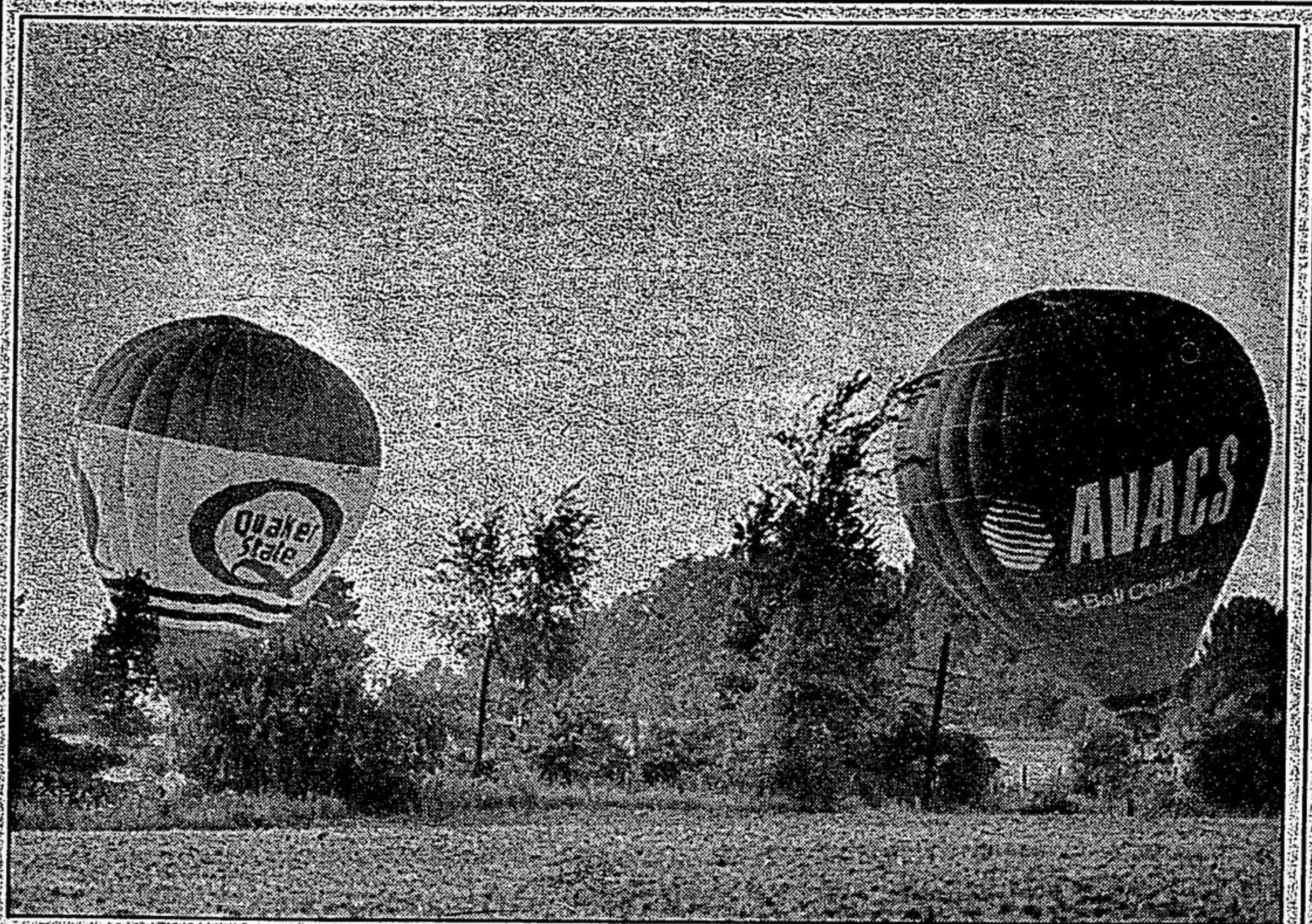
"The incumbent believes she has always had a great rapport with

staff and department heads. "But one would be naive to think one would always have all the councillors going the same way," she said.

Sainsbury claimed she has never worked against the region.

The voice she takes to York Region is that of Stouffville councillor, she indicated.

"The role of the mayor is not the boss, council is the boss," she said.



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What goes up...

There's nothing quite like a late-summer balloon ride, and these hot air balloons from Sun-dance Balloons were taking a trip near Concession 7 west of Claremont last week.

Board member opts not to seek re-election

Editor's Note: The following is a letter submitted to The Tribune from York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board trustee Lucille Linton. She chose to address this letter to the residents of the area in this fashion.

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that I will not seek re-election as trustee representative for Aurora/Whitchurch-Stouffville on the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

I have served two terms over the past six years and have found my commitment to Catholic education very rewarding. Of course, there were many challenges to face and many yet for the future.

However, I find that since becoming a single parent over three years ago I wish to spend more time with my family. For over 10 years I have served in some capacity, from parent volunteer to president of the parents' guild to trustee. The many parents who gave generously of their time, whether as volunteers in the schools or attending meetings to become better informed and shared their concerns, have impressed me very much. I have always strived to encourage a balance in the roles of the parents, church and school in the education of our children. I must express my appreciation to our spiritual leaders, teachers and staff who gave unselfishly of their time and were dedicated to making our schools Christian communities.

Education by its very nature is always in a state of change or review. Issues facing the board, especially mainstreaming, equity and strategic planning, will continue to be areas to address but the most critical is the funding mechanism by the province of Ontario.

The need to address equity in funding has continued to be in the forefront of the board's concerns. The current deficit endangers the future of programs for our children. It is my sincerest hope that the existing inequities be corrected, but I fear it will only happen if all stakeholders in Catholic education work together to lobby for action.

Finally, I wish to express thanks to all who provided me with their support and encouragement.

Aurora resident seeking school board trustee position

Aurora resident Dennis Collins has announced his intention to seek the trustee's position for the Aurora/Whitchurch-Stouffville area on the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

Collins made his announcement public yesterday in the wake of Lucille Linton's notification that she will not be seeking the YRRC-SSB trustee's seat for another term.

Collins has lived in Aurora for 12

years and has three children enrolled in the Catholic elementary school system.

Collins is an administrative specialist, with experience in the financial industry as well as the non-profit sector.

In a press release, Collins said the long-term implications of the current deficit position of the separate school board, the primary responsibility of a trustee over the next

three years will be to ensure fiscal responsibility at all levels.

"The board must begin immediately to live within its means. Some difficult choices must be made. This

will require frank discussion and prudent decisions on the part of trustees, staff and parents alike," he said.

He also said he is committed to ensuring the continued viability of the Catholic education system in York Region.

"We need to strengthen and maintain three-way partnership between the school, the home and the parish church."

He said he is an active volunteer in both his local parish and the community.

Collins is a founding member and director of Our Lady of Grace Childcare Centre in Aurora, and has been a member of the Daycare



DENNIS COLLINS

Advisory Committee of the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board since 1988.

Collins is currently a member of the board of directors of Catholic

Family Services of Metro Toronto and served for six years as a director of Sacred Heart Child and Family Centre, a children's mental health facility in Scarborough.

Despite strike, payments must still be maintained

Due to the mail strike, family support payments can now be made at any branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Interruption of the mail service prompted the Support and Custody Enforcement Program to make alternate plans.

Cheques should be enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed to The Royal Bank of Canada, Lockbox Dept., 180 Wellington St. West, Toronto, Ontario, Transit: 4132-3.

On the back of the cheque the case number and the following must be noted: Royal Bank Plaza, 200 Bay St., Toronto Transit: 0002, No. 256-430-0.

Payments may also be made at any office of the Support and Custody Enforcement Program during regular hours.

Support recipients will be notified by telephone where and when to pick up payments.

Region puts recycling plant on hold

York Regional Council has put a stop to its plans for a central recycling facility.

At a recent meeting, councillors voted 8 to 5 to nix plans for a \$4.6 million plant in Richmond Hill.

A central building for recycling material from all of York's local municipalities was supposed to be more efficient than the current fragmented procedures.

The region and Richmond Hill were unable to find common ground on the issue. According to reports, Richmond Hill was unwilling to allow the Bond Steel building to be used for more than five years.

It was the region's intention to use the six acre site as a temporary recycling facility as part of a master waste

management plan.

The local municipality also wanted a new site plan and review process for the plant as well as an agreement there would be no outside storage.

But also contributing to the project's failure was current provincial legislation.

It is unclear at this time, whether the region has the authority to open a central recycling facility anywhere in the region.

The region is now taking steps to clarify whether regional governments have the legal right to process recyclables. York has already contacted the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to try and obtain a definite ruling.

Thieves hit variety store

Thieves made off with more than \$6000 worth of cash and goods from a Whitchurch-Stouffville convenience store.

The break-in at One Thousand & One Variety Store at Stouffville Plaza was reported to police last Thursday morning. After thieves pruned through the front door of the Main St. shop they made off with cartons of cigarettes, lottery tickets and cash. Damage to the door is listed at about \$500.

Tools and jewels missing

Tools and jewels were reported missing from a Stouffville house last week. Between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Aug. 29, a first floor window of the Concession 5 residence was entered by unknown culprits. The burglars took a large quantity of tools, jewelry and cash with an approximate value of \$6,400.

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