

New vision sought by local council

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 "The chain of office is a symbol of responsibility that has been bestowed upon you by the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville," said Mingay.

A visibly choked Sainsbury thanked her electorate and former councillors for their years of service to begin her address.

She singled out former councillor Jim Sanders, saying "Your expertise will be missed." She also congratulated and welcomed the new council. "I will act responsibly as chief executive officer and mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville," she said.

As the town embarks on a period when "systems are letting us down and what we consider to be a given isn't reliable anymore, teamwork will carry us through," said the mayor.

Keeping taxes down, providing services to the town and promoting youth activities will be high on the list for the next term, Sainsbury said.

Councillors were also given the opportunity to address those in attendance.

"Every resident of Whitchurch-Stouffville should be promoting our town, not just council. We need the participation of our taxpayers," said Ward 4 councillor Cliff Dunkeld.

"I'll try my best and we'll try our hardest," said a smiling Ivanka Bradley, a newcomer who was acclaimed as Ward 1 councillor.

"The next three years will be the most challenging the town has faced, but together we'll do it right," said rookie councillor Bob Ancheril, representing Ward 5.

"It's interesting when you go from a rookie to a senior (councillor)," quipped Ward 3 councillor Nick Tatone, embarking on his second term as a council member.

Tatone wants to see greater co-operation between "every level of government."

"We have to rebuild confidence in our country," he said.
 New Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice urged council to keep certain "points" in mind throughout the next term.

"Work hard. If you don't know, ask. Tell the truth. Don't hurt others. Treat others with respect and be a good sport," Prentice said.

"If we can keep these in mind, we can have one of the best councils ever," he said.

"Thanks to everyone who voted. You've made our town a better place," said returning Ward 2 councillor Stephen Bellerby.

"Thanks to my mom and dad for introducing us to Whitchurch-Stouffville. I'll try hard to live up to everyone's expectations," said Bellerby.



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Naughty or nice?

That jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus brought the Christmas spirit to Stouffville Saturday at the 25th annual Santa Claus Parade, sponsored by the Kinsmen Club. Despite damp weather, thousands lined Main St. to watch the floats, marching bands and clowns lead the procession for Santa. Food was collected along the parade route for the foodbank by the Progress Club.

Region takes aim at official plan

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 Staff Reporter

Completing the official plan and finding long-term solutions to the water and garbage problems top the list of issues facing York Region's new council.

The issues were addressed at a four-hour orientation session for councillors-elect at regional headquarters in Newmarket on Tuesday morning. The session was also attended by a number of regional staff members and regional chairman Eldred King. The session began with a 10-minute promotional video on York Region and featured speakers from the region's five main departments, as well as three guest speakers. Council will be officially sworn in on December 12.

During an overview of each department, a number of other issues were also addressed including: the renovation of the region's seniors home, changes to its child care and health care systems, and the implementation of major road construction projects.

Planning commissioner Hershel Weinberg told councillors the region has been working on its official plan since 1982. The process is a long and difficult one, he said.

"It took Metro Toronto between 20-25 years to complete its official plan. The rules have changed since then. What Metro did is now unacceptable," said Weinberg. The preparation of a draft of the official plan for presentation to council will take place next year, following a consultation process involving the region, province and the public, he said.

Regional medical health officer Helena Jaczek said lobbying the provincial government for more funding and implementing new provincial programs and initiatives top the health department's list.

As the province cuts back on funding to hospitals, more pressure will be placed on regional programs, she said.

"We're seeing sicker patients and our caseload in homecare is larger. This will put the squeeze on our administrative costs," said Jaczek.

The Berkeley report, which recommends regional councils get involved in prioritizing public health programs, is one example of new government programs the region must implement, she said.

"We are excited about (the Berkeley Report). You are the representatives of your community. You know what the community needs," said Jaczek.

Community services commissioner Peter Crichton said new initiatives in child care recently announced by the Ministry of Community and Social Services "will have a dramatic effect on suppliers."

The NDP government has clearly stated it supports non-profit daycare facilities, rather than commercial operations, said Crichton.

"Commercial centres we contract to will compete and try to sort it out," he said.

The Green Paper — new provincial child-care legislation is expected next spring, he said. Also high on the agenda is the consolidation of the region's two seniors home under one roof, said Crichton. York Manor will be closed and residents transferred to Greenacres seniors home which will be renovated.

The new home will target the "frail elderly" and specialize in "psycho-geriatric and Alzheimer's" patients, said Crichton.

"We will have a first-class facility at Greenacres," he said.

Treasurer Joe Pennachetti said council will need to address the issue of "increased levels of service" during the 1992 budget process.

In the long-term, the region will have to face "major infrastructure requirements" costing \$1.5-billion over the next 10 to 20 years, Pennachetti told the councillors-elect.



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Swearing in

Councillors Steve Bellerby, Ken Prentice, Nick Tatone, Mayor Fran Sainsbury, Bob Ancheril, Ivanka Bradley and Cliff Dunkeld (from left) take the oath of office from town solicitor Paul Mingay last Tuesday as the council for 1991-1994 was sworn in at the council chambers.

Contractor investigates Summitview site

The contractor is unaware of how the cartridges ended up strewn across the construction site, he said. The site superintendent said a "window and front door at the site, had been broken into," said Gardner.

No cartridges were found by Gardner when he visited the site. Gardner plans to interview workers about the incident.

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The contractor is prohibited from using the equipment until the investigation has concluded, said Gardner.

Under the act, fines can range from \$25,000 to \$500,000, depending on the seriousness of the charge, he said.

Gutkind decided to contact the ministry after his 8-year-old stepson Adam Dewey discovered some misfired cartridges on the sidewalk

near the school.

Gutkind then visited the school grounds where he found several more strips of the misfired cartridges.

Gutkind, a glazier and metal mechanic, immediately recognized the cartridges, which are manufactured by Hilti.

They are loaded into gun-like tools used to drive steel pins into steel or concrete.

Board seeking public input on budget

The York Region Board of Education Budget Committee is in the process of developing spending priorities for the board's 1992 budget.

The budget committee welcomes submissions, either written or oral. Delegations are invited to appear

before the committee on January 15.

Anyone wishing to appear before the committee is asked to contact Christine Lewis, committee secretary, by January 6 at 969-7170, 727-0022, 722-6255 or 895-7227; ext. 273. Presentations will

be limited to 15 minutes, including questions.

Written briefs should be submitted by January 7 to Jack Webber, superintendent of Business, York Region Board of Education, Box 40, 60 Wellington Street W., Aurora, Ont. L4G 3H2.

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