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Margaret Britton is Citizen of Year

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Long-time Lemonville resident Margaret Britton has been named The Tribune's Whitchurch-Stouffville 1993 Citizen of the Year. Britton, 68, earned the title through ongoing, dedicated contributions to the community in which she

and her family have been an active part of for 20 years. Britton says her "greatest love" is her involvement as a member of the Christ Church Anglican in Stouffville.

"I have learned you don't have to preach the gospel - you can live it each day," she reflects, while posing for a portrait on

the deck of her water-edged pavilion that she and husband, Lloyd share with the community for various events.

Britton's biggest accomplishment this past year is her work as chairman of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Mobility Transit committee, but she says it won't really be an accomplishment

until there's a mobility van operating in the community for Whitchurch-Stouffville's disabled residents.

Britton, a mother of seven and grandmother of seven, is also a founding and board member of the York-East chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society where she opens her home and spacious grounds each year for an annual barbecue, and works earnestly to raise funds through carnation campaigns, golf tourneys and car rallies.

Britton also drives a bus for

Parkview and Green Gables nursing facilities and invites seniors and disabled residents to enjoy her country home.

Britton volunteers in palliative care at the Markham Stouffville Hospital, is a member of York Region's Transportation Advocacy Committee and guest speaks at schools on behalf of the MS Society.

Britton will be honored for her accomplished dedication and community spirit by local dignitaries and charity groups at the Memorial Park stage platform at 7 p.m. on Wed., June 30.

Ninth Line sidewalk to go ahead; funding causes council rift

A \$29,000 sidewalk will be installed this year along the Ninth Line from Parkview Village to Main Street, local politicians decided this week in a 5-2 recorded vote.

But a heated debate was sparked between several politicians over how the controversial project would be paid for.

When Parkview Village was developed six years ago, they made a \$29,186 contribution to the town towards upgrading the Ninth Line in front of the cluster homes and apartment building.

Public pressure to install a sidewalk triggered investigations by Mayor Fran Sainsbury, who came up with the idea of

taking Parkview's road improvement contributions and using it to install the sidewalk.

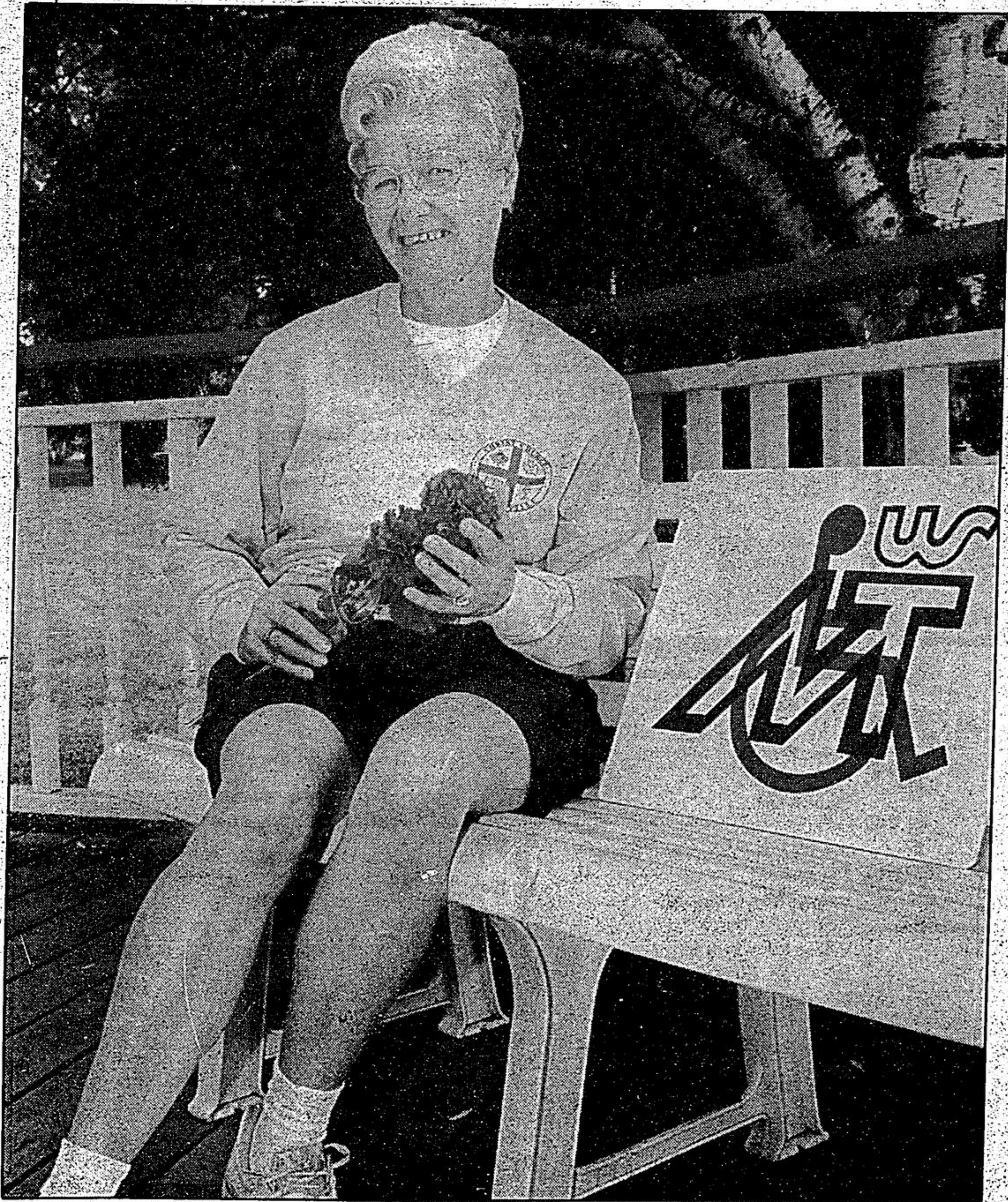
But Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice is fuming because council snubbed the project during budget deliberations.

"Council had the opportunity to do this properly during budget and it was turned down," Prentice said.

The councillor said Parkview Village should not have to use money set aside for road improvements for a service the town is paid to provide.

"No one wants a sidewalk there more than me, but if we're not in business to provide

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Photo/CELIA BRONKHORST

Margaret Britton, a long-time Whitchurch-Stouffville resident has been named Citizen of the Year. She will be presented her Tribune-spon-

sored award at the June 30 opening of the Strawberry Festival. Margaret lives in Lemonville.

Strawberries ready this weekend at local farms

What would the Strawberry Festival be without strawberries?

To get into the right mood, residents can visit local strawberry farms and markets this weekend for a taste of the latest crop. You can pick your own berries at Applewood, Chepack's, Mangione's and Reesor Farm Market.

Applewood, which is located about half a kilometre north of Stouffville Rd. on McCowan Rd., also offers pre-picked berries

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