

# Decision '94

November 14



## Ward 1



### Bradley seeking second term on council

Ivanka Bradley, seeking a second term as Ward 1 councillor, says with one term under her belt she can do a better job.

"I understand more, I'm more effective, and I can work hard for the community," said Bradley.

She said her questioning of issues, seen as time-wasting by some members of council, is

good for the community. "I feel that my need to understand issues benefits the community, because I get information from all sides."

She said there has to be a greater partnership between the municipality's urban and rural areas.

While she understands that adding more services to the town can attract business,

### Preston calls for accountability, consistency

Life-long resident Ray Preston says he has identified the keys to a successful term on

council: accountability, responsibility, fairness and consistency.

"If you can keep those ideas in mind," he said, "that will help solve the problems that come before council."

Preston is challenging incumbent Ivanka Bradley for the Ward 1 chair.

He said Whitchurch-Stouffville is at a crossroads and must decide if it wants to retain its rural, small-town character or become "a bit of suburbia."

For his part, Preston would choose the former.

"I'd like Whitchurch-Stouffville to become a town that's a destination because we've built from our heritage," he said, "not just over it."

To accomplish this, Preston said future development must be based on need and environmental and financial responsibility.

Preston said his campaign travels have told him that many rural voters don't feel well-represented.

"I think a lot of the people think they don't have a voice at council."

"The councillor and council should foster a sense of com-

munity for the whole town and not forget the rural areas."

Preston said council must ensure it is getting an adequate

level of police protection, especially in the rural areas. Some back roads have become dumping grounds, he said, and need to be better monitored.

The recent robberies in Stouffville (IGA) and Port Perry, said Preston, tell us that "distance is no longer a barrier to big-city crime."

He said one thing all voters have in common is they demand fair value and good service for their tax dollars.

"We all have to live within our means as a community," he said, "and that means asking some tough questions on the services provided."

Preston said he has the necessary qualities to provide the leadership needed in ward one.

"I can work with people to see what they're looking for," he said, "but I'll fight for my point of view."



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Bradley believes facilities should be more spread out across the municipality.

Tourism and recreation, she said, is the way of the future, and the town has to develop

partnerships to tap into this resource. "We have to work with what we've got, and that's what we've got."

Bradley believes there are some aspects of the town's three-bag-garbage limit policy that need to be ironed out. She points out that it may not reflect the reality of many rural properties, where large families can easily exceed the limit. Also, with less garbage from Whitchurch-Stouffville going to landfill sites, Bradley would like to know where the cost savings is reflected.

She said she would seek a return of weekly council meetings and work to achieve more open and responsive government for all residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

### Lyons well prepared for run at council

Retired school teacher Ed Lyons went back to school to help prepare for his second attempt at winning the Ward 2 council seat.

Lyons spent part of the past three years at Seneca College taking courses on municipal administrative structure and management, and financial administration. He also attended most meetings of council to keep abreast of the issues, and sat on the town's Fence Viewing Committee.

Lyons said he understands the importance of the communal water issue in his ward and is prepared to ensure the people are kept informed. "In this ward,

that's an issue you've got to have both hands on," he said.

He said he would push for more discussion while making available more information,

research, and analysis for local residents. Lyons thinks the Ballantrae Community Centre is being used as a money maker for the town, and would like to see it fulfill its original mandate as a centre for youth and seniors. "With the coming of users fees,



ED LYONS

many young people's and seniors' groups can't use it because they don't have the money."

He said the town's potential for growth over the next few years will be limited due to restrictions imposed by the York Region Official Plan and the town's location on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Lyons said he is prepared to spend the time necessary to deal with the complex and sometimes controversial issues particular to his ward. "I have the time to address the issues, to focus in on the issues here in Ward 2. I've lived in the area for over 38 years and I'm familiar with the issues and the people."

### Farmer promises community involvement

Richard Farmer is looking to parlay a strong record of civic involvement into a Ward 2 council seat.

Farmer, who moved into the area from the Barrie area over a year ago, is past chairman of both the Stephen Leacock Corporate Olympics and the Gardiner Awards Organizing Committee. He has also been a vice president with the Toronto Junior Board of Trade and Toronto Jaycees.

Farmer, a partner with a Markham-based insurance broker business, cites council's decision not to put the current garbage contract up to tender as evidence that the current council is not acting in the best interests of the town residents.

He sees the communal water issue in his ward as another area where council is not deal-

ing squarely with residents.

"This is supposed to be an issue where the politicians are working with the people. It could have been handled in a better way."

He also questioned why the town chose not to include a communal sewage system in the proposal, suggesting the decision was shortsighted. "I've never heard of that being done before. They could have at least laid the pipe for when they do eventually go with a sewage system. Will they have to rip up the streets again in the year



RICHARD FARMER

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Farmer said residents in his ward are also upset that the Ballantrae Community Centre is being run by the town instead of by members of the local community. He feels the current council is guilty of not involving residents in the decision making process. "I think what's happened the past few years is that the people haven't been heard. I'm tired of that type of politics. I represent the common man, the citizen with a mortgage."

Farmer said his civic background and ability to organize has prepared him for a seat on council.

"I've been involved with the community, and I've got the organizational skills that have catapulted me into the position to straighten things out and get the job done."