

Candidates offer visions for future of our town

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 an impediment to development we need to value them and realize the tremendous economic benefits we can realize from them through tourism dollars (as

one example).
 There is so much to be done in Whitchurch-Stouffville in the area of planning that the large official plan, when taken in context to all the Official

Plan Amendments may not appear to be the largest issue — as well we need to remember that it costs big dollars to redo an Official Plan. Let me explain: —I'll try to go in order of priority and

logical sequence:
 a) as you know we have just completed a very convoluted process with the passing of OPA 88 with what could be described as much obstruction from various senior levels of authority.

b) with the passing of OPA 88 there were several points made in the deliberations of the Board, Provincial Facilitator and other parties that appear to preempt any development that might have been considered in the Vandorf area and the related Vandorf secondary plan.

c) next the OPA 90 Ballantrae/Musselmans Lake Secondary plan had to be tackled and is essentially on hold pending resolution of the water funding question from the Region of York.

d) next the Urban Stouffville/Downtown area Railway Lands needs to be considered for study — referred to as the Stouffville Urban Area Study.

From all of the above, I am saying that yes, we need to review our OP and draft a new one, BUT we must build into it certain logical constituent parts (a, b, c and d above).

3. I support the overall thrust of the Crombie Commission Report in as much as it looked at the broader picture of growth and development in the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) — (we couldn't go on with uncontrolled 1980s, LA style sprawl).

I also believe that providing steps of 2011 and 2021 for benchmarks for population growth was wise. Unfortunately I'm not sure how realistic the population growth figures are (6 million people in GTA by 2021 (?)). As you may know the new Region of York Official Plan is in conformity with the Crombie

Commission Report. I do have some concerns with the growth path set out for Whitchurch-Stouffville in the Region's official plan — how can we pay for facilities that will be demanded with such limited growth opportunities?

4. a) Yes, I understand the challenges being faced by farmers, and the last thing they need is to face attack from their own municipality, in making their business pursuit even more difficult. Farming is a viable business, that should not be taken for granted.

b) I would only support agribusiness pursuits and commercial pursuits related to farm husbandry on class 1-5 farm land. However, in Hamlets where a lot or proposed building does not represent an extension of a ribbon-type development I would support this as well.

5. The siting of the proposed well and tower for the Ballantrae-Musselman Lake water project could very well have a "draw down effect" on private wells surrounding the service area. In the event the proposed water project moves ahead, as Mayor I would, together with Council work and residents for a citizens committee and enlist the help of representatives from the "Oak Ridges Moraine Group" (ORMs) and other groups to define the potential zone of influence.

We have garnered very little respect from the Region over the last few years with respect to the special needs of our community. This must change. I would propose, together with the citizens committee, and as many individuals as they can muster along with Mayor and Coun-

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IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC REINFORCEMENT ACTION

- Improve High Tech infrastructure for growing Home-Based Businesses
- Maximize the utilization of existing available resources to attract High Tech Industry, visitors and promote International Trade
- Streamline government services

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL SAFETYNET

- Improve effectiveness and efficiency of policing by maximizing legislative action
- Input from community in decision making
- Establish guidelines on conflict of interest
- Improve community safety

SOCIAL AWARENESS

- Organize activities to promote better understanding of the heritage of the communities



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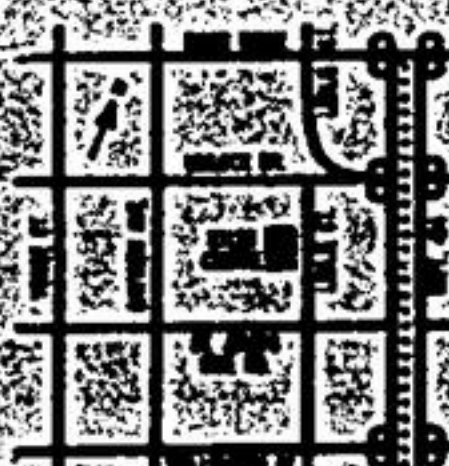
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