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## Election Expenses

# Sainsbury spent most

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
Staff Reporter

The big spender did not become the big winner in the Whitchurch-Stouffville municipal election held in November.

Documents filed recently at the local municipal office show that former mayor Fran Sainsbury spent \$9,039 in the bid to hold onto the job.

However, present mayor Wayne Emmerson came out the winner after spending \$6,637 on his campaign.

Mayoralty candidate Doug Alles spent \$6,204, while Ken Prentice's attempt to capture the mayor's post cost \$2,708.

Under provincial law, candidates must file election expenses by July 1.

The law stipulates that a mayoralty candidate could spend \$5,500 plus 50 cents for each elector for a total of \$12,801 in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council ward candidates were allowed to spend about \$4,500 each.

Ward 2 Councillor Ed Lyons was the big spender in the ward races, having spent a total of \$2,809.

Documents filed show that Ward 1 Councillor Ivanka Bradley, Ward 5 Councillor Judy Scala and Ward 6 Councillor Mark Kostandoff each spent less than \$2,000 on the individual campaigns.

Ward 3 Councillor Margot Marshall and Ward 4 Councillor Cliff Dunkeld were acclaimed.

Defeated ward candidates Courtney Newmarch, Stephen Sword, Marie Adams, Norma Urquhart, Richard Farmer, Raymond Preston, Lynda Norman and Helene Johnson each spent less than \$2,000 on their campaigns.

Ward candidate Eric Lec-

esse failed to file an election expenses form.

Lecesse has been notified

by the town that he now has 30 days to comply, said municipal clerk Michele

Kennedy.

Securing a spot on the York Region Public School Board

does not come cheap.

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## Storm causes damage

By **MIKE RUTA**  
Correspondent

Town, fire and hydro officials all remarked that Friday night's violent storm could have been worse. But Churchill Drive resident Ben Willemsen figures it could have been a lot better.

During the blast, a huge branch came off a neighbor's tree, crushing his boat and landing square on top of Willemsen's shed.

"I have no idea what the state of the stuff inside is," he said, adding that he's awaiting someone from a tree-cutting service to do some cleaning up.

Willemsen has reason to worry. The shed contains a computer, a brand new snowblower and two ten-speed bikes, among other expensive items. Willemsen said he has already determined that two snowmobiles in the shed were heavily damaged.

The branch would have totalled his 1987 Ford Tempo as well, he said, if not for a power line which was just strong enough to sustain the considerable weight.

He said the car did receive some dents and many scratches, adding that Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro was at the scene yesterday to remove the tree.

Hydro manager Nick Tatone said the town escaped relatively unscathed. "We were kind of lucky, but we had a lot of lines down," he said.

Lightning hit the transformer at Montreal Street, disabling it, and a curious squirrel paid the ultimate price for getting too close to another transformer, which was also knocked out.

Eight homes on Elm Street were without power until Saturday, and Tatone reported that a large tree on Rose Avenue fell on to power lines. By 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon, he said, everyone in town had power.

By director of works Paul Whitehouse's count, the storm knocked over 20 large trees. Deputy fire chief Murray Emmerson said the town got off reasonably easily compared to other areas.

"We were out on a few calls," he said. "We didn't have any fires, fortunately. There was a lot of potential with all the wires down."



**Taking to the trees**

Steve Price of Pioneer Tree Experts cuts down a poplar on Spring Street in Stouffville. One of its branches landed on the car of Bob Thornhill and Laura Metherak during Friday night's storm.

Photo: SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## Dickson replaced at SDSS

After six years at the helm of Stouffville District Secondary School, Principal Alan Dickson is being transferred to a high school in Richmond Hill.

Dickson's career with the York Region Board of Education began in 1970 at Markham District High School where he taught in the English Department for 15 years.

He was promoted to vice-principal in September 1985 at Langstaff Secondary School in Richmond Hill where he stayed for one school year before moving to Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket where he served as principal for three years.

Dickson's transfer to Alexander Mackenzie High School was approved by the board on July 10.

Replacing Dickson at SDSS this September will be Rod Leonard, who is currently principal of King City Secondary School.

Julie Caspersen

## Health

# Lodge takes over blood clinics

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
Staff Reporter

The business of collecting blood will continue in Stouffville, a Red Cross official has confirmed.

Faye Roberts, Red Cross blood donor clinic co-ordinator for York Region, told *The Tribune* that despite the fact that the local clinic organizers have now retired, the practise of collecting blood in the town will still be carried out.

Members of Stouffville's Masonic Lodge will pick up where the ladies (Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary) left off, said Roberts.

Red Cross officials were notified in February that the ladies will retire. Meanwhile, a search for new clinic sponsors was launched.

"After nearly 50 years of service, officials of Stouffville's Canadian Legion Branch 459 Ladies Auxiliary decided it was time to pass on the responsibility of promoting and running the blood clinic to others.

While the Masons will now coordinate the clinic, the Legion ladies will still help.

"These women have a wealth of information. We'll use them in a resource capacity," said Roberts.

A grass roots approach will be taken when promoting future blood clinics in Stouffville, said Roberts.

"We're expecting community involvement and sponsorship. It will involve volunteers with juice, cookies and smiles," said Roberts.

The first Mason-sponsored blood clinic will be held on Oct. 6 at the Legion Hall.

The Red Cross will take on the job of notifying all registered donors for the fall clinic, said Roberts.

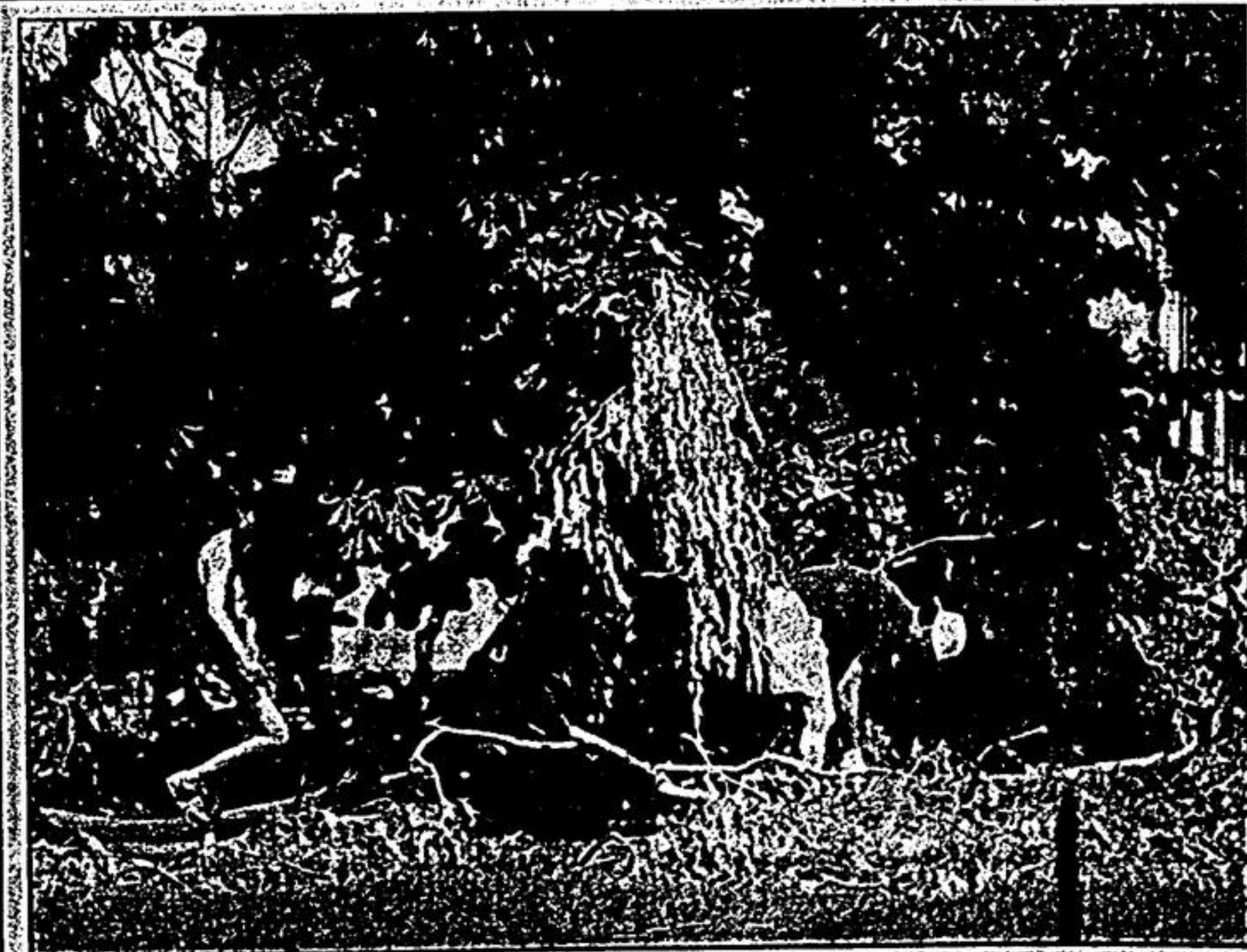
There are a total four blood clinics held each year in Stouffville. About 800 units of blood are collected from this community each year, said Roberts.

"We certainly want this clinic to continue. It is very important," said Roberts.

When it comes to donating blood, Stouffville rises to the challenge. Two weeks ago, 179 units of blood were collected the annual Mayor's Clinic.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson said next year's goal has already been set: The mayor is aiming for 200 units.

The Toronto Blood Centre is responsible for collecting, testing, processing and distributing blood and blood products for 61 hospitals in Toronto and Central area, including Stouffville.



**Cleaning up**

Peter Woessner, right, and Charlotte McQuade clear debris from Friday's storm at their home at the corner of Bloomington Rd. and McCowan Rd. Many homes in the area were damaged by falling branches and trees.

Photo: SJOERD WITTEVEEN

# Emmerson doesn't back photo radar on York roads

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
Staff Reporter

Photo radar is not welcome in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Although last week York Regional councillors voted to have the regional staff look into the possibility of administering photo radar in the region, it did not get the backing of Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor

Wayne Emmerson.

"Emmerson is not a photo radar enthusiast. I don't think the photo radar helps the problem of speeding on municipal streets or highways," said Emmerson.

Emmerson is not alone. York Regional Police Chief Bryan Cousineau is also opposed to any move to bring photo radar back.

Two weeks ago, Ontario Premier Mike

Harris kept an election promise by killing the photo radar system, province-wide. Instead, Harris has beefed up police traffic units.

The move to get rid of photo radar impressed the York police chief.

Cousineau has never supported its use as a deterrent to speeding.

"I'm with the police chief on this one," said Emmerson.

Emmerson is suggesting that the best way to discourage speeding is to have police officers stop violators and issue speeding tickets, complete with having the demerit point system in place.

Speeding is a problem. And, Whitchurch-Stouffville is not immune.

"Yes, we have speeding problems too," said Emmerson.