

# Bell retires from public life at gala

More than 600 people turned out Wednesday night to pay tribute to Carole Bell and her 25 years of political service.

The long-time Markham councillor, regional council and former mayor was honoured, and roasted, by past and present politicians, friends, and family members at a gala celebration at Le Parc in Markham.

Among those paying tribute to Bell, who now resides in Whitchurch-Stouffville, were York Region chair Eldred King, also of Stouffville, Markham Mayor Don Cousens, Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson, and daughter Jay Bomberry.

Bomberry gave an hilarious speech which went beyond Carole Bell the politician, to reveal Carole Bell the mother. "If you didn't already know it, what you see is what you get," said Bomberry of her mother.

"Imagine growing up with the wrath of Carole Bell your whole life," she joked.

Bomberry told a number of funny stories including the day Bell made her daughter Julie put on a chauffeur's cap and drive her downtown while she sat in the back seat of the car.

"We thought that was just the way things were," said Bomberry. "We didn't realize until we were older that these crazy things didn't happen in normal families."

She also paid tribute to her mother's strong character. "Our mother has taught us that sometimes you have to stand up and be counted, and those are the gifts that matter."

Tony Murphy also paid tribute to Bell with his famous rendition of Danny Boy, the singing of which he said he was also retiring. "Tonight I will retire Carole Bell and Danny Boy," he said.

Bell herself wrapped up the evening with a speech in which she thanked her many friends, and since she did have the last word, managed to get her revenge on those who roasted her.

"It's been wonderful to have a job which allows you to help out so many people, and meet so many people," said Bell.

"It's the best job around. Municipal politics is the best kind of politics because it's people politics. You win a front row seat on the future of your community."

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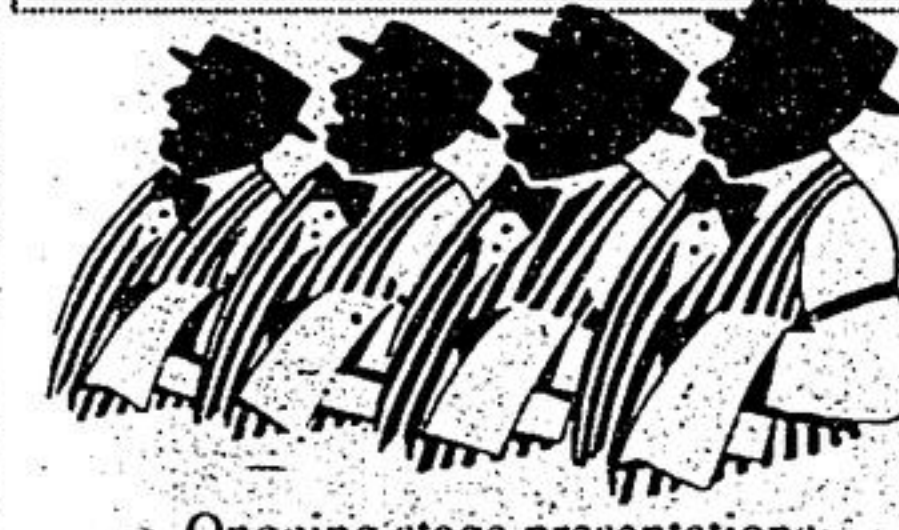
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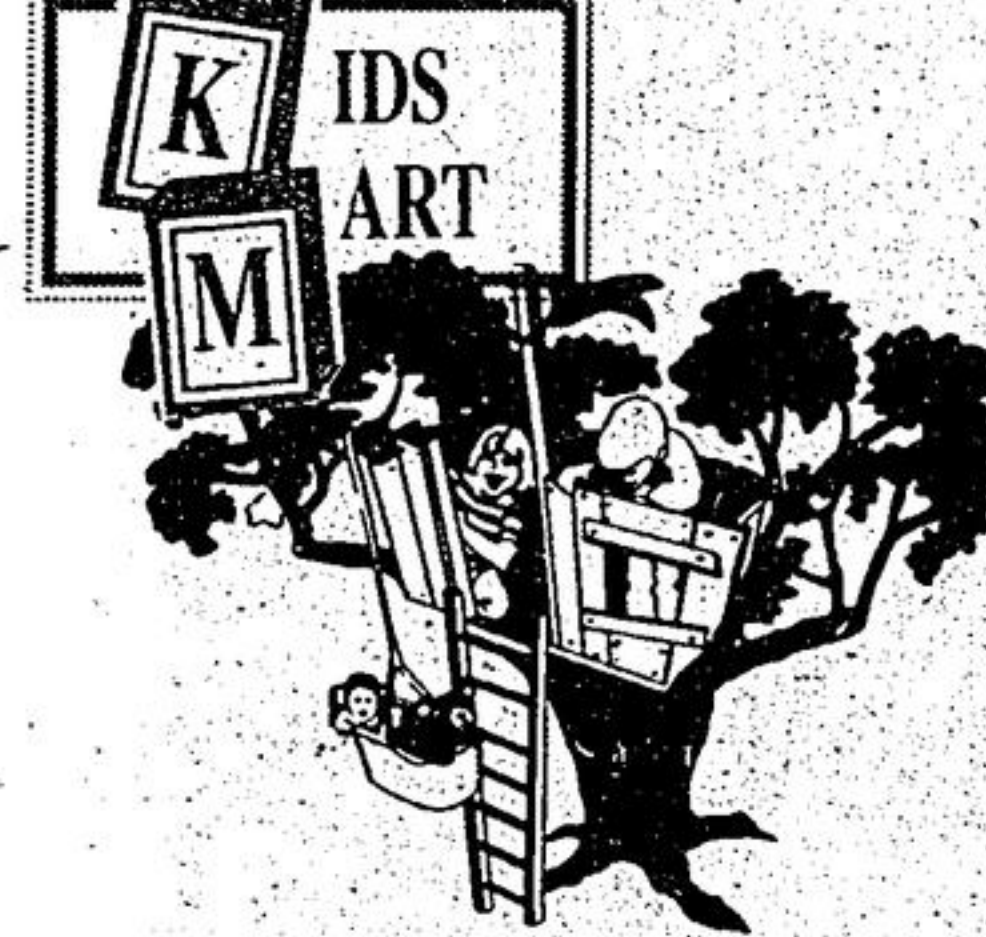


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