



WAYNE EMMERSON

Incumbent Mayor Wayne Emmerson is running on his record.

"I am a proven leader and will provide strong leadership into the next millennium," said Emmerson.

Emmerson is reminding voters that he gets things done. His list of accomplishments include the completion of a second ice pad, completion of the Stouffville Secondary Plan and completion of the train station.

Emmerson said he's committed to building a fire hall in Ballantrae, to a library addition and to delivering a Secondary Plan for Vandorf.

As a member of the Stouffville Hydro Commission, Emmerson was part of the team that introduced radical restructuring, resulting in Stouffville not only having the lowest rates in Ontario, but giving each household a \$100-rebate in the past year.

Born, raised and educated in Stouffville, Emmerson is focusing on a life-long commitment to Stouffville as well as his political experience as the main reasons why he should be

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returned to office.

"Not only have I experience in the community for the last 44 years, but my family has lived here for three generations," said Emmerson.

Emmerson served three years as mayor, three years as a York regional councillor and six years as a town councillor.

As well, Emmerson is a member of the Greater Toronto Area Mayors' Committee, chairman of the budget committee and a member of the Economic Development Action Committee and the local library board. As founder and chairman of the town's Mayor's Youth Committee, Emmerson has often stressed that the committee has raised \$30,000 to enhance youth programs and facilities. Emmerson led a council that delivered a zero per cent tax increase for three consecutive years. He's now promising "no tax increases" for the next while.

Emmerson is employed at Schell Lumber in downtown Stouffville. Married to Deb for 22 years, the Emmersons have two children.

Ward 1 hopeful STEVE PLIAKES has promised voters throughout his campaign to offer his services 'full time' and has stressed a 'team work' approach when dealing with other councillors and town staff, if elected.

"I've gained a lot from this area," said Pliakes. "Now, I'd like to give something back."

Pliakes has lived in the ward with wife Lilly for 23 years. "This is home. I understand our needs."

The couple has two children and four grandchildren.

The 56-year old semi-retired resident served on the York Region Police Services Board from 1994-96. First and foremost, Ward 1 residents want an "open" government, said Pliakes. "The people don't want any surprises. Especially when it comes to development. The residents certainly don't want development that's not compatible with the area—I agree with them. We shouldn't be forced to alter our zoning areas just for the sake of bringing in more tax dollars."

Lower speed limits, especially in the ward's subdivisions and in school zones are top priorities. As well, Pliakes said he'll push for more park land in Vandorf.

Ward 1 residents feel alienated. "We're left out," said Pliakes. "We're at the end of the municipality, and very little money comes our way. This must change."

# Diverse choice for mayor



MIKE WATSON

Promising an open and accountable government complete with fresh ideas, mayoralty candidate Mike Watson is waging an aggressive and serious campaign.

"It is time for a change," said Watson.

"I'll make council and staff fully accountable to the taxpayer. I will improve how our facilities are being operated, how our services are being provided and at the same time, make every dollar work for our community."

Watson is blunt and passionate: "We have a unique opportunity to elect a mayor who's interest lies in the pockets of the residents' first," he said.

Watson reminds voters that the mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville is also on York Regional Council.

"I'll represent you at the regional level in the face of amalgamation and fight hard to preserve the character of our town," he said.

Watson, 32, joined local council in January after winning a by-election in Ward 2.

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An arborist with a local tree moving company, Watson has lived in Musselman's Lake with his wife Patricia for 10 years.

In his quest for votes, Watson is quick to point out that he's always been against the new town hall project.

"The old council was on the brink of wasting up to \$3.4 million on a new town hall without public input," he said.

Watson's plan is to overhaul town procedures and operations. Watson's game plan is to have council regain power.

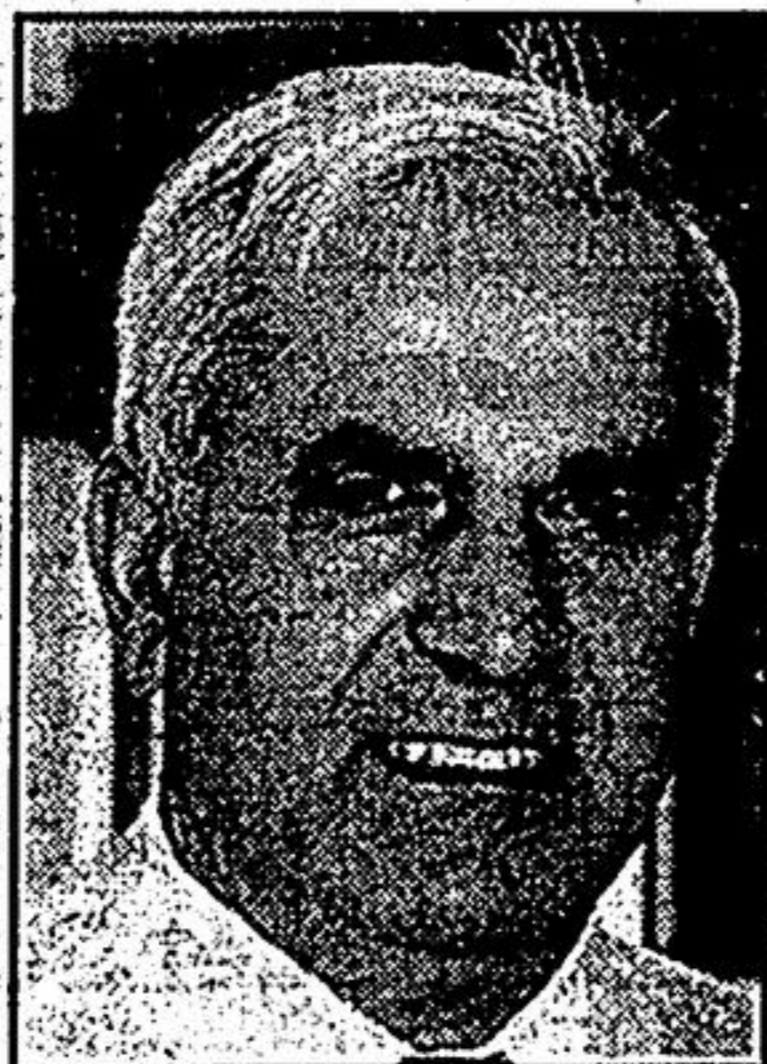
"Council needs to provide direction to staff rather than having staff provide direction to council," he said. Watson has been an active member of the community for 10 years. His service includes membership on town's Environmental Advisory Committee, the Vandorf Community Centre Board, the Ballantrae Community Centre board and the Pool Feasibility Committee.

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STEVE PLIAKES



FRANK MARTINO

Promoting the museum, reviewing garbage pickup, being on guard when it comes to provincial downloading and fixing potholes are all on Ward 1 candidate FRANK MARTINO's agenda.

A resident of Vandorf for the last two years and a member of the Vandorf Ratepayers' Association, Martino said he'd like the next Whitchurch-Stouffville council to concern itself with preserving the quality of life. While meeting the voters, Martino has stressed Ward 1 deserves balanced and planned development. Establishing a Secondary Plan for Vandorf and Preston Lake is an issue Martino will push.

"We need to undertake a thorough secondary plan to promote the appropriate ratio of residential, commercial, industrial, farm, and business mix to maximize quality of life in our community," he has said.

Martino wants to see a sound barrier built between Highway 404 and adjoining residential properties. As well, traffic problems need to be addressed and roads improved. As well, the political hopeful's agenda includes improving snow plowing, vision at intersections and developing policy and bylaws to promote sight lighting for streets, pedestrian crosswalks and parks. Martino graduated from the University of Toronto in 1978. He's principle and managing director of a national rehabilitation service provider.

Married to Kathleen, the couple has two daughters.