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Lest We Forget



SECOND TERM: Newly-re-elected Mayor Wayne Emmerson and wife Deb are all smiles at the Legion hall last night after learning he won a second term as the town's mayor, defeating Mike Watson for the top political post.

Emmerson's mayor for 21st Century

JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Wayne Emmerson will lead Whitchurch-Stouffville into the next century.

Despite a strong challenge by mayoralty contender Mike Watson, the town's voters returned Emmerson to the mayor's post.

With 51 of 52 polls reporting at press time, Emmerson attracted 3,490 votes compared with 2,599 votes for Watson.

This marks Emmerson's second mayoralty win. In 1994, Emmerson came out the victor in a four-way race over Fran Sainsbury, Doug Alles and Ken Prentice.

At his victory party held at the Legion Hall, about 150 people turned out to congratulate Emmerson.

"I'm pleased with the overall night," said Emmerson. "There weren't a lot of issues in this campaign but we did well."

Emmerson ran on his record and it paid off — When the polls closed at 8 p.m., people started to trickle into Latham Hall where the results were to be posted. While most ward races remained neck-and-neck throughout the evening, the mayor's race was never in serious question. Just after 9 p.m., Emmerson held a 500-vote lead and he never looked back.

While Watson admitted to being disappointed at his loss, he said he has no regrets. "I

don't feel great but I did get a respectful number of votes," said Watson.

The first thing on Emmerson's agenda is to welcome the new members of his new council. "I want to make sure they come with an open mind. The first six months of this council are critical," said Emmerson.

He added, "Tonight, the residents made up their minds. Now it's up to council."

Watson said he wishes Emmerson luck with his new council. "He'll see me in the audience. I'm not going away. I don't know if I'll run again but I'll keep my



WATSON DEFEATED

signs," said Watson.

Hackson wins seat by 1,500 votes

Virginia Hackson, who has served as a school trustee for four years, won a convincing victory in the race for trustee for the Whitchurch-Stouffville and East Gwillimbury public school board Monday night.



She took a total of 1,246 votes against rival Andrew Harris, who came in with 571, and she ran her campaign on her experience and knowledge of the trustee's role. "I strongly believe this is a time we need an experienced person, there's no time for a learning curve. With such demands, change, coming from the province, I'm confident that we have great representation."

Although she will represent an area with one of the highest rates of unemployment, she said she will continue to work with the board to improve the quality of education in the district.



PAUSING TO REMEMBER: Robert (Bud) Sanderson lays a poppy and flag in honour of his father, William Sanderson who fought in WWI. Sanderson took part in the Stouffville Cemetery service Saturday.

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