

Stouffville to see new faces at council table

Ward 1

Pliakes takes seat

While the early results from Vandorf showed great support for Frank Martino, it was Steve Pliakes who won the race for Ward 1. At 9:30 p.m. Martino had 62 per cent of the polls reporting, but by 10:30 p.m. Pliakes steamrolled through the ward taking more than half the support with him.

"I thought I would have done better," he said. "It shows you have to work for what you're elected for. You're not going to slide through anything."

Pliakes said he'll take a cautious approach as the new councillor.

"The majority of people said they don't want too many changes. Now we have provincial downloading (of services). We can't spend money when there's no money to spend," he said.



MARTINO



PLIAKES

Ward 2

Carroll wins

Mark Carroll won a narrow victory in Whitchurch-Stouffville's Ward 2.



JOHNSON



CARROLL

It was a see-saw election for Carroll and his challenger Helene Johnson. Finally, the 35-year-old landscaper was declared the winner with 488 votes compared to 422 votes for Johnson.

For the first half of the evening, Johnson held a comfortable lead. However, the tables turned when the sixth of the ward's eight polls was reported.

Carroll was thrilled with his victory. "I really enjoyed the campaign," he said. "I covered 90 per cent of the area. I met some wonderful people." His campaign focused on environmental issues as well as the need for a fire hall for Ward 2.

While disappointed, Johnson said she has no regrets. "Mark ran a good campaign—a very clean campaign."

Ward 3

Dobrich victorious

Peter Dobrich took Ward 3 in a photo finish last night, defeating Sophie Angelis by 10 votes.

Angelis started out ahead but Dobrich quickly closed the gap and then gained the votes needed to win the seat. It wasn't until *The Tribune* called that he knew he'd won the race.

"I have about 40 people here to watch the results," he said. "Everybody looked so dejected," as the early results were broadcast.



DOBRICH

Dobrich said he'll spend the near future familiarizing himself with council. "You should never go hog wild to change things," he said adding that his background on the hydro commission will serve him well in this position.

The final tally was 306 to 296 votes.



ANGELIS

Ward 5

Scala retains seat

From an early lead of 59 per cent, incumbent Judy Scala beat out challenger Judy Saabas with a final tally of 796 votes to her rival's 739 in a close race Monday night.

Throughout the evening, Scala never lost her lead, although Saabas gave her a good run for her money. "I am feeling great," said Scala. "First of all I am very proud that the residents of Ward 5 put me in for another three years. I want to make sure the secondary plan goes through in the downtown core and to continue working on all the objectives I outlined in my campaign. I want to initiate more projects and I am very positive about the future."



SCALA

Scala vowed to ensure the continuation and stability of the municipality, work towards controlled growth, encourage business growth, ensure open government and public participation and



SAABAS

work with young people in town as part of her three-year action plan.

Saabas was also delighted with the support she received and pleased with her campaign. "It was so close. All the people that worked with me worked very hard and I want to thank them. I think this just proves that a lot of people are not happy, but I wish Judy Scala all the best."



ELECTION NIGHT EXCITEMENT: Judy Scala accepts congratulations on her victory in Ward 5 from a supporter. Below, Sophie Angelis and her husband John watch anxiously as the results come in. Angelis lost a 10-vote race to Peter Dobrich.

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Ward 6

Incumbent ousted

Sue Sherban is looking forward to bringing her hands-on approach to council after ousting Ward 6 incumbent Mark Kostandoff.

The self-employed, life-long Stouffville resident outpolled her opponent 657-572, giving her 54 per cent of the vote.

Sherban, who expressed thanks to her neighbours and constituents for their support, said she's earned the right to sit on council. "I've represented Ward 6 the past three years with my input at council meetings, through delegations for recreation facilities, and through petitions regarding the new town hall. I



KOSTANDOFF

think the people in my ward were well aware of that."

Kostandoff expressed disappointment in defeat, suggesting the campaign had centred around the issue of making a full-time job of being a councillor. "The job pays \$10,000 a year. If someone wants to make that a full time job, the more power to them."



SHERBAN

One advance poll not counted at press time

At press time one advance poll had not yet been counted which represented about 80 votes across the municipality. The poll had not been tallied at 10:30 p.m. and numbers published in *The Tribune* reflect the latest numbers available.



Dunkeld welcomes new councillors

Once again, it was a "no contest" for Ward 4 Councillor Cliff Dunkeld.

Dunkeld learned Oct. 17 on Nomination Day that his six-year political career would culminate in his second acclamation. Dunkeld, 66, was first elected in 1991. With no challengers in '95 and none last night, Dunkeld said he can't help but feel he's done a good job so far. Team work is critical to the success of all levels of government, especially municipal, Dunkeld stressed. "I'll work alongside everyone. The sooner we sit down and find out what's needed in each ward, the better."



DUNKELD

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