

# Ward 4: Ninth Line traffic becoming a worry for parents

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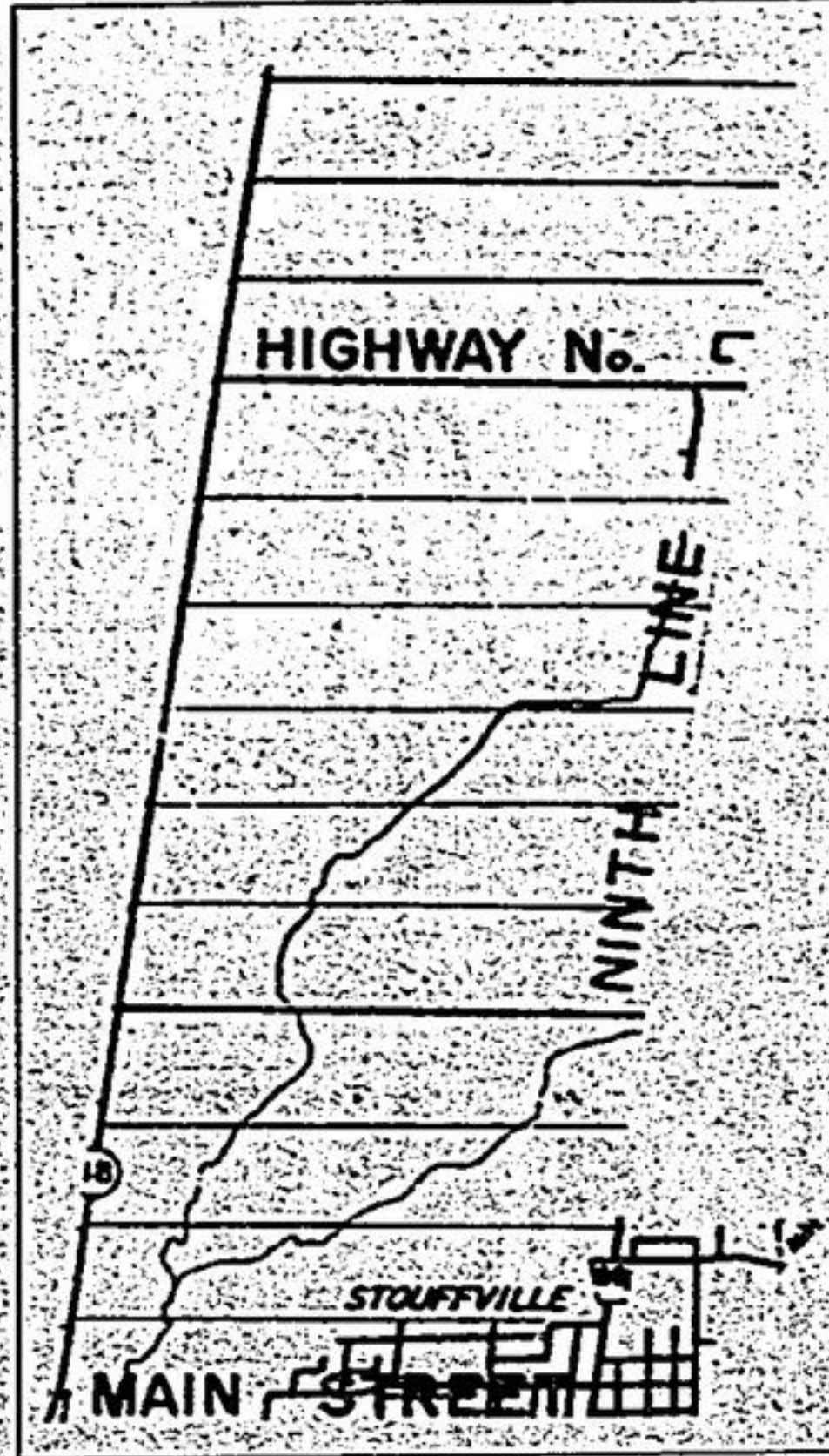
Long time councillor Cliff Dunkeld is being pursued in Ward 4 by long-distance runner and volunteer track coach, Fred Robbins, who is a first-time political hopeful.

As one of the three "downtown" wards, 2,252 people are on the voters' list for Nov. 13.

This ward reaches only from Hwy. 48 to Ninth Line, east to west, detouring over to the railway tracks in the downtown area; and from Main St. in the south to just below Vandorf Rd in the north.

The northwest part of downtown Stouffville features old established neighbourhoods, both a public and Catholic elementary school, and newer subdivisions to the west.

This means that a lot of young families have moved to the area in the past couple of years.



Traffic along Ninth Line in the area of the two schools is becoming dangerous, according to

Lorne Hurst, a Road Watch member.

As a school crossing guard at the Ninth Line, he sees the frustration of parents and the feeling that little can be done.

The area between Stouffville and Ringwood on Ninth Line, which now features the Tim Hortons, Harvey's Restaurant and No Frills, is the chief "urban expansion area for the community of Stouffville," said Mr. Parry.

Look for a number of new businesses to set up shop there in the near future.

New council members will have to look at more new housing slated for this area, by builders such as Fieldgate Homes.

Plans for construction will proceed once the "Big Pipe", the York-Durham trunk sewage system, reaches town.

This should happen by May or June of 2002.

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found here. Recently, members of the Bethesda Ratepayers Association came to council seeking to stop further dumping at four area gravel pits that had requested an exemption to the town's fill bylaw.

Council upheld the residents' wishes, but the issue promises to be ongoing.

Parents in the area surrounding Whitchurch Highlands Public School on Warden Ave. north of Bloomington Ave. are concerned about the truck traffic zooming by the school, and the

mud left on the road by trucks coming and going from the gravel pits.

The number of golf courses here (more than in any other municipality) could make water quality and sustainability a factor during the next council's term.

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