

Mayoral candidates speak in Ballantrae

Garbage the big issue in first debate

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Garbage, garbage and more garbage dominated Whitchurch-Stouffville's first all-candidates forum.

On Thursday, mayoralty incumbent Wayne Emmerson and challenger Jeanne Major, along with acclaimed Ward 2 councillor Mark Carroll pitched to a full house at the Ballantrae Community Centre, while Jim Mason,

editor of The Stouffville Sun-Tribune, served as moderator.

The political trio outlined individual positions linked to such issues as the condition of roads, especially Ninth Line, the need for a municipal Web site, gravel pit infilling, preserving the town's heritage, water from Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake making its way to Bloomington, amalgamation and future residential growth. Still, the audience's

main focus was garbage.

While Emmerson backed the recently aborted plan to send York's garbage along with Toronto's to the Adams Mine site in Kirkland Lake, he does not support the alternative plan to ship trash to the United States. Emmerson stressed that he is, however, very impressed with the fact that regional officials are now going in search of a local landfill site which will be designed to take local garbage.

"It (the new site) will welcome garbage from York region only and not piggyback onto Toronto," said Emmerson.

Municipalities should revisit the incineration option, suggested Major. "We should look at incineration, making sure whatever we do, it's environmentally correct. It could be the way of the future," said Major.

While Carroll isn't on a quest for votes, he still stepped up to the microphone to talk garbage. The 38-year old councillor suggested local government take serious issue with the packaging of goods and not put all the responsibility on the public.

"Go back to the manufacturers and look at what's going on in packaging," said Carroll. As well, the region should deal with environmental issues such as recycling.

Emmerson reminded the voters that he was born and raised in Stouffville and that his political experience spans 12 years. Before being elected mayor '93, he served as a coun-

cillor for six years.

In his address, Emmerson outlined his accomplishments while mayor. Items listed included: no tax increase, construction of a second ice pad, building the Stouffville Train Station, moving the municipal office to new and larger quarters, a fire hall for Ballantrae, construction of a \$7-million library and indoor swimming pool as well as raising over \$70,000 for youth projects and introducing the new Community Policing project.

Major, 47, is a graduate of the University of Montreal and has had 14 years experience in senior management positions. Major and her husband moved to Stouffville 12 years ago. They have one child.

In her bid for the mayor's job, Major is proposing that Whitchurch-Stouffville implement strong, effective planning processes to help guide growth.

The mayoralty candidate also wants to see a community-minded vision in place before amalgamation occurs. "I want to make sure that Whitchurch-Stouffville grows and develops so that it remains a desirable place to live," Major said.

Major also wants to create trail systems and bicycle paths throughout Whitchurch-Stouffville.

As well, she's keen on developing Latham Gallery into a strong and cultural facility. Preserving and improving existing parks, including increasing the number of community parks is also on Major's agenda.

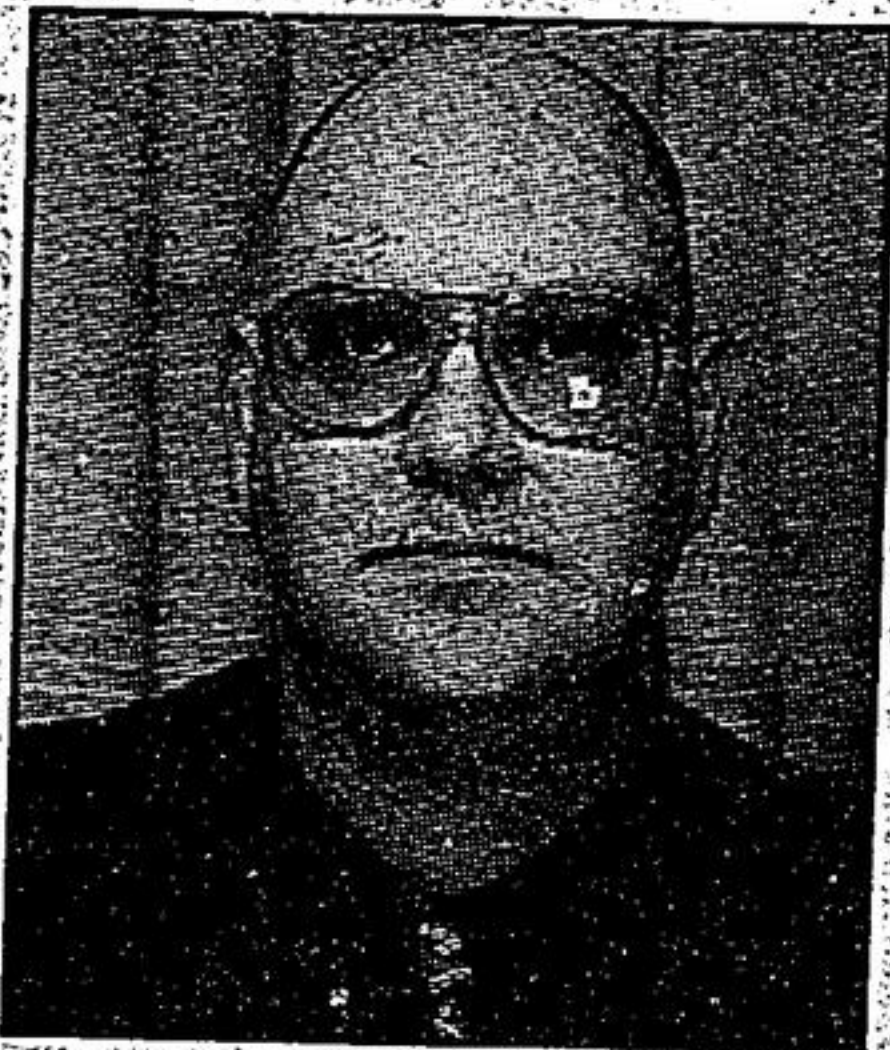


WAYNE EMMERSON: Incumbent lists no tax hike as one accomplishment.



JEANNE MAJOR: Challenger wants trail system and bicycle paths throughout the town.

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- Library Board
- Main Street Vision
- Community Watch
- Policing Centre
- Community Assoc.
- Community Charity
- BIA Board
- Mayor's Youth Cmt.
- Road Watch
- Alternate to GTSB
- SDSS Council
- Teen Youth

Scala's Objectives...

- Ensure stability of the Municipality
- Ensure Controlled growth
- Encourage business growth
- Ensure open government
- Work with Community Youth
- Ensure historical & environmental areas

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