

# Scala offered promotion

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Defeated councillor Judy Scala admits to being taken aback after losing to challenger Harry Bowes in Ward 5. It was a squeaker. Scala, a six-year councillor captured 770 votes, compared to 835 for Bowes, a former school board trustee.

"I have to admit: I can't believe it happened," said Scala. "I was so close. I don't know if the wet weather had anything to do with it. I just don't know. The turnout was low. The voters grow apathetic when it rains."

Scala got another surprise when she reported to work at AC Neilson Corp. Tuesday morning. She was offered a full-time position with advancement.

On the plus side, the defeat means, Scala can spend more time with her family. "I even have some time for the dog. I'm still in shock. But hey. That's life. The world still goes 'round."

When defeated mayoralty candidate Jeanne Major left her supporters at the Stouffville Train Station election night to visit Wayne Emmerson, she felt fine. "I dropped in on the mayor and congratulated him," said Major. Besides, Major had had nothing to be ashamed of. She garnished 41 per cent, or 2,758, of the vote, compared to 59 per cent, or 3,898, for Emmerson. "She put on a good show," said Emmerson.

The election may be over, but Major's interest in the municipality isn't. "I will carry on with my community work. I will watch Wayne and hope that he keeps his election promises. I hope he follows through with the planning matters. A great number of the phone calls are from people wanting me to remain involved. During the campaign when I'd met one of Wayne's supporters, I'd tell them I could offer a broader reach. I could look out for everyone's interest in this town and not just the interest of a few. I still believe I can."

Former Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley lost in her bid to regain a seat on Whitchurch-Stouffville council. She, too, was shocked at the final outcome. It was a very close call. Bradley lost to incumbent Councillor Steve Pliakes by 15 votes. Pliakes polled 390 votes, compared to 375 for Bradley who represented the Vandorf and area ward for one term from '94 to '97 before retiring.

"I couldn't believe it," said Bradley. "I was so very close. There was so many who didn't vote. This happened without their participation. This is what they get," said Bradley.

There were no changes in Whitchurch-Stouffville's Wards 2, 4, or 6. Ward 2 councillor Mark Carroll was elected by acclamation; Ward 4 councillor Cliff Dunkeld handily defeated challenger Fred Robbins by 566 votes compared to 323 votes, while Ward 6 councillor Sue Sherban slid to easy victory defeating challenger Mark Dewar. Sherban attracted 933 votes, compared to 525 votes for Dewar.

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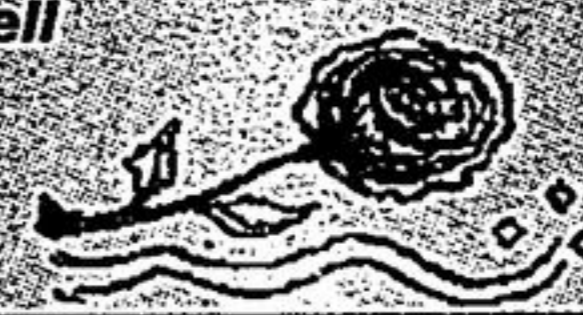
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