

# Ryan loses seat

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Markham Trustee Terry Ryan has lost his seat with York Region's Catholic school board.

A vote recount from the Nov. 13 municipal election has put the Markham Area 2 incumbent behind newcomer Frank Alexander by 10 votes. At the board's inaugural meeting Tuesday night, director of education Susan LaRosa said, barring any major circumstance, the recount will be final in exactly two weeks.

"It's important to point out that, due to the recount taking place in Markham Ward 2, no official candidate can be declared until Dec. 20. We will invite the successful candidate to join us and be

sworn in at that time," she said.

Ryan, who served as chairperson with the board in 1993 and 1994, appeared to have won on election night, garnered 1,945 vote — six better than Alexander, who could not be reached for comment.

Ryan criticized his colleagues for agreeing to spend between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for the recount, saying the money should go toward books. He's noted three different sets of election results have been posted on the Town of Markham's website. They had him ahead by three, 48 and six votes.

Ryan could appeal the recount to the courts if he believes it was tainted with irregularities.



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