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PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR 900 HOMES PLANNED IN NORTH STOUFFVILLE STANDING ROOM ONLY

## RESIDENTS SLAM SMALL LOTS

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

Whitchurch-Stouffville residents turned out in droves again Tuesday to balk at developers' plans to build three subdivisions that include townhouses and homes, most with less than 40-foot frontages.

For the second straight Tuesday night, angry residents packed the council chambers, overflowed into

the lobby and filled an adjacent room. They were there with a common cause: to tell local council that small lots bring high density and eventually change the small-town character of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Close to 900 homes are on the books for housing developments slated for the north side of Stouffville. They are to be phased in over the next 15 years. One council-

lor left the meeting, protesting the way Mayor Wayne Emmerson conducts a public meeting.

Ward 6 Councillor Sue Sherban abandoned her seat when Andrew McNeely, manager of the town's development services, was giving an overview of the proposals.

A week ago, a similar size crowd rejected a plan calling for about 3,000 homes to be built in the

southern part of town.

At both meetings, angry residents targeted lot sizes as their main beef and suggested density problems will bring other troubles to the quiet community.

Mayor Emmerson said the small, narrow lots are the wish of the developers, not the town. He said the developers should follow

See **CONTROVERSIAL**, page 4.

## Orchard Park gives fond farewell to its principal

Stouffville resident a 'life-long educator'

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
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Sandra Jones never had a second career choice.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville resident always wanted to be a teacher.

"If my friends wouldn't play school with me when I was a child, my teddy bears would," said Mrs. Jones.

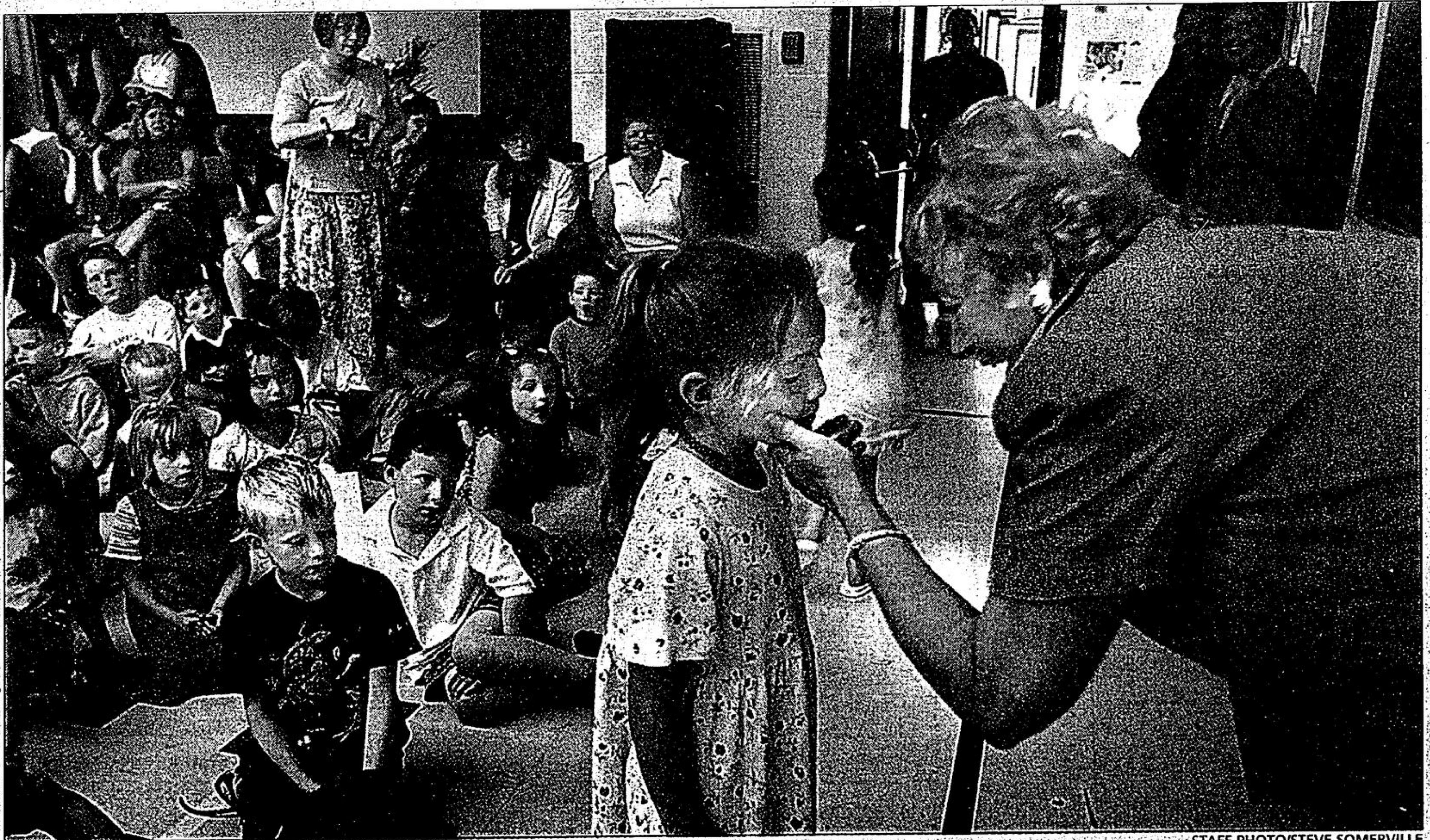
Her teaching career was launched 37 years ago in London, Ont. It ended on Wednesday in Stouffville. The wrap-up didn't go unnoticed. The 393 students at Orchard Park Public School joined parents and staff to salute their favorite principal.

Mrs. Jones was presented with a personalized video and year-book, both made by the children over the course of the past year.

"This woman has had a tremendous impact on our school in the past three years," said Sharon O'Shaughnessy, chairperson of the school's council.

"Mrs. Jones is a leader; she has grace; she has compassion; she is tough; she is on the roof when the kids reach a goal; she wears crazy hair on crazy hair days; she has a jelly bean machine to help celebrate no matter how big or small and she knows every child by name. As well, her shoes match her suits and she cares,"

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### GOODBYES ARE DIFFICULT

Orchard Park Public School principal Sandra Jones gives a sad farewell to senior kindergarten student Bryanne Burrows at a ceremony in the Stouffville school's gym Wednesday. See story at left.

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