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EDITORIAL

Our next mayor

It's the talk of donut shops and dinner tables across Whitchurch-Stouffville. Or at least it should be.

With less than 50 per cent of people eligible voting in local elections, one wonders how many people are talking about the next mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The only thing that's for certain is that it won't be current mayor Wayne Emmerson. He announced earlier this month he won't seek a fourth term as mayor in the Nov. 10 election.

Who do you want as the next mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville? Better yet, what qualities should the next mayor bring to the council table?

Here's what we'd like to see in the next mayor:

- Municipal government experience. There are a lot of qualified leaders in this community, but how many know how local council works? It's a must. There is a lot to learn about the Municipal Act and local responsibilities. You can walk into a councillor's chair without experience, but not the mayor's office, we believe.

Here are some items that should be on the mayor's resume:

- The ability to solve problems. Whitchurch-Stouffville's population will boom in the next 20 years. With change will come conflict. We need someone to show strong leadership and help residents through some stressful times.

- Business experience. "Run the town like a business," taxpayers often say. We'd like to see someone with a solid background in private business, combined with government experience, lead this town. The job of mayor also includes the title of chief executive officer.

- The ability to attract new business to our town. Some of the thousands of people moving here should be able to work in their new home town. We need new industry.

Who is running, anyway? Names abound. When the rumours become fact, this could turn into a most fascinating election.

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WHEN I WAS LITTLE WE ALWAYS ATE
EVERYTHING ON OUR PLATE.

PAT WHEELER '63
STOUFFVILLE SUN



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New subdivisions plans still built around cars

To the Editor:

On Thursday at 6:45 p.m. the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is holding a public information session to review and discuss the planned Mauro subdivision on the Ninth Line, north of Bramble Crescent.

In the past the town has been criticized for not presenting the information openly or fully to the people. For instance, why they do not see fit to put the subdivision plans in the newspaper so that all residents can see what is being proposed, not just the people within 130 metres of the property.

This is not a formal presentation or a question and answer session. However it is up to you, the public, to ask those questions and demand those answers because at a subsequent council meeting councillors will just be approving everything saying they have allowed for adequate public input.

What is evident from these new plans is a total reliance on the car with no small parkettes or bicycle paths allowing for alternate forms of transportation.

Don't they get it? Southern Ontario is one of the most polluted and congested areas on the continent.

I think it's time that the developers and planners got out of their cars and started walking and bicycling. I think it's time that young mothers and children were a part of the planning boards of this town. If we are building for the future here then it has to be suitable for those people most involved, our children.

Why is it so difficult for these planners and the developers to want to do something decent for this community? Why is it that the planners are not taught that the structure of a community has considerable effect on the social and psychological makeup of it. Crime is preventable at the street design level. Congestion and gridlock are a product of the design and can be prevented.

The sole purpose of these subdivisions is to house the people and their cars. For community they have to go elsewhere. The essence of a small town is that community spirit which is more open and giving and understanding because people have

a chance to meet and know their neighbours. Small parkettes allow this.

Not everybody is willing to invite a complete stranger over to their house. However they would have an opportunity to meet them and know them, socialize with them and have their kids play with their kids in small parkettes. These should be an essential part of every block. Are the planners only trained to think in straight lines? People want to get out of their cars, especially at these gas prices.

These people work for you. Don't let them forget it. Tell them what you need.

Randy Mole
Stouffville

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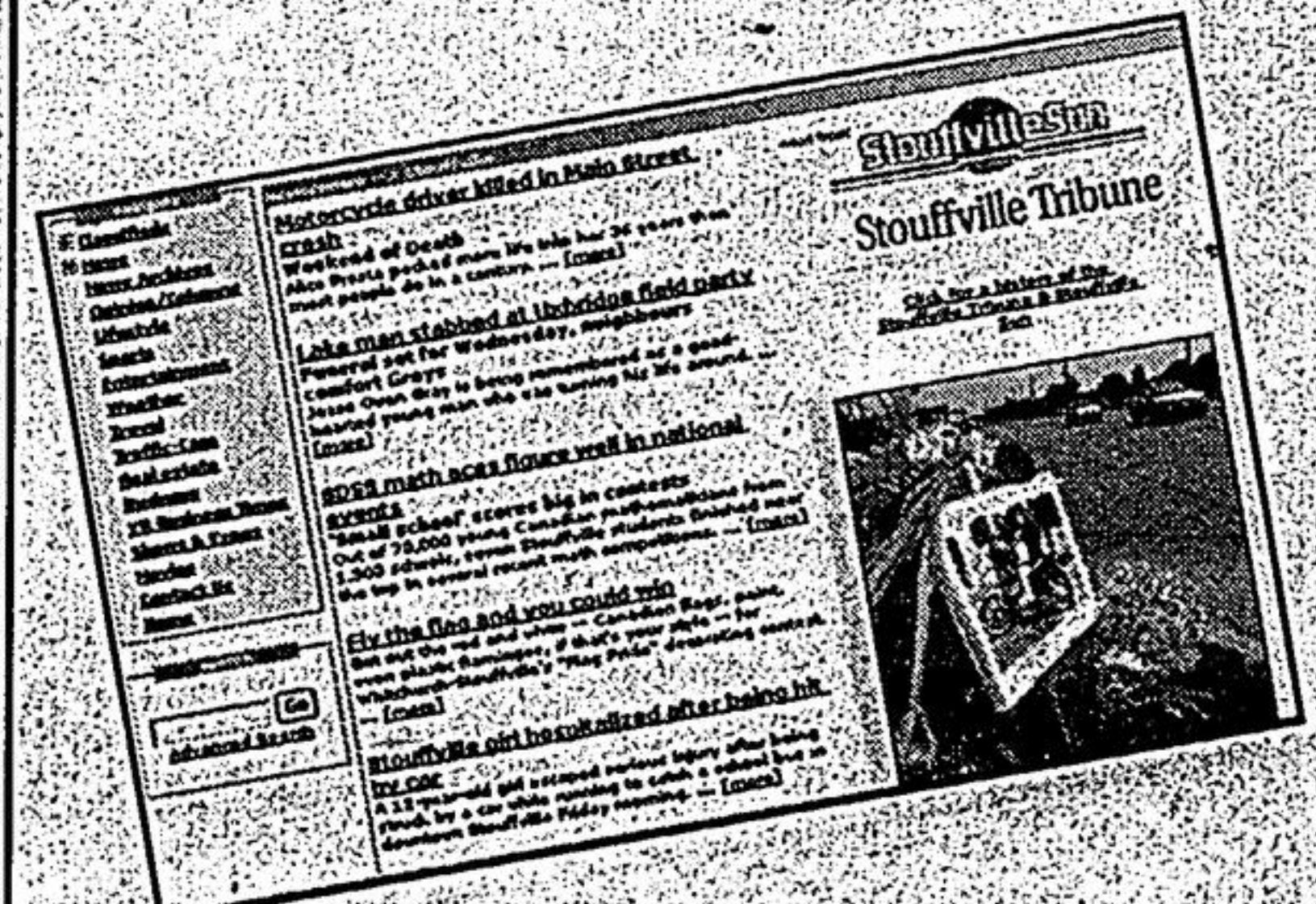
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CROWD GETS ANGRY AS MAN SOLD OUT
Chesterfield Goes for \$4 Sale to Satisfy Taxes
Oshawa, Oct. 21.—A threatened demonstration at a tax sale conducted at the home of Robert Cowan, Kingsdale Ave., failed to materialize yesterday afternoon. The sale was

PLOW KID: Stouffville's Jim Rae was 11 years old when his photo appeared in the Oct. 21, 1932 Toronto Star. He was the youngest competitor in the North York plowing competition held in Stouffville. Mr. Rae was later a town councillor in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

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