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## 'Mayor Pliakes' will work with residents if elected

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"Whitchurch-Stouffville deserves a mayor with council experience, with business experience and the people deserve to be led by someone who knows the community," he said.

"I served on council for six years. I'm a business owner. For years, I've built and leased industrial units. Also, between 1974 and 1984, my wife and I ran a garage and a variety store in Pine Orchard. Our customers were our neighbours. I know what it takes to keep the ship afloat. I've always worked and worked hard. And, I've lived in Whitchurch-Stouffville with my family for 30 years," he said.

On council, the 62-year-old represents Ward 1, the northwest corner of the municipality, including Vardorf. "Our town is in a developing area," Mr. Pliakes said. Recent studies have shown the population of Whitchurch-Stouffville will increase steadily over the next 15 to 20 years. "Growth is not the issue. The issue is how do we manage the growth," he said.

Whitchurch-Stouffville council still has a "tremendous influence" over the

management of the growth over the next 20 years, he said. "It's been predicted that the population of Whitchurch-Stouffville will climb to 40,000 people by 2020, up by nearly 15,000."

"If local council does its job and governs properly in a democratic way, the public will be part of the governing," Mr. Pliakes said.

*"The public shouldn't be left in the dark."*

"The mayor's job is to make sure the people are a working partner. The public shouldn't be left in the dark. As mayor, I will work to make the public work alongside council in managing the growth. We have to improve how we communicate with people and improve how we get input from people."

"My goal is to lead a town that takes pride in its most precious resource: its people. Let's work together and be proud of our well-managed growing community."

Mr. Pliakes came to Canada from Macedonia in 1952. Married to Lilly for 38 years, they have two daughters and four grandchildren.

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