

# Council candidate Jim Priebe values town hall gatherings

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he explained. "I am not in favour of a lot of development."

The two meetings Mr. Priebe called at Latcham Hall to discuss issues surrounding the then-proposed indoor pool and library complex drew standing-room-only

crowds. "I really believe in getting people together in town hall meetings. There is a need for people to become more involved in their community with their government and with the process," he said.

During his campaign, Mr. Priebe will be meeting people at various events in town before holding a town hall

style meeting at Latcham Hall and putting up election signs in late summer or early fall.

### LOVE OF NATURE

Years as a camp counselor instilled a love of nature and the outdoors in Mr. Priebe, a passion shared by his wife, Sibylle. Formerly

from Mississauga, the family chose Stouffville for its open spaces and roads where you can actually drive and get places quickly, he said.

As a parent, he has a newfound appreciation for the municipality's parks, which he wants to have preserved for future generations, and

the services available to families in town. The Priebes have three children: Helen, 16; Ben, 10; and 17-month-old Nicholas.

Mr. Priebe has served as the president of Stouffville's recycling group for the past two years.

Recently, the Grade 3 teacher at William Armstrong Public School in Markham organized a schoolwide event that had students from kindergarten to Grade 8 plant 100 trees in the schoolyard.

Before he changed careers five years ago, Mr. Priebe worked in systems

technology in the financial industry.

### KEEP AIRPORT OUT

He would like to see transportation improved within York Region, keep a regional airport out of Pickering and see pesticide use stopped. "Let's look at alternatives for lawn care that are more environmentally friendly," he said.

He coaches in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club's under 10 division and, as a councillor, would work towards having more town soccer fields to accommodate the growing sport.

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