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## New council short on experience, big on ideas

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After the votes were tallied Monday, Whitchurch-Stouffville had a new mayor and a council with little political experience.

Only mayor-elect Sue Sherban and one of the six councillors, Harry Bowes, have been in municipal politics before.

As the Dec. 2 inauguration date approaches, the new councillors are making plans on how best to serve their wards and the municipality.

Phil Bannon, who moved to Ballantrae from Unionville a year ago, unseated Ward 2 incumbent Mark Carroll, who was looking for his third term in office, 770 votes to 528.

He did it, he said, by knocking on every door and talking to people. If they weren't home, he went back a second and third time. His platform voiced the concerns of residents in his ward: development, emergency services, community services and communication.

Mr. Carroll felt his loss was due to low voter turnout and strong support from Mr. Bannon's home community, the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club on Hwy. 48.

"Now there are 300 homes in the country club," Mr. Carroll said. "Eventually, there will be 900. This is where the councillor for this ward will always be from because of the numbers." Mr. Carroll is debating whether and how to stay involved in the community, but said he will still pursue environmental issues.

Mr. Bannon, meanwhile, faces a new job as councillor, after returning as a Toronto Police staff sergeant. His first order of business is setting up an information and education campaign for residents. A lot of development has



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## Meet the new boss

Mayor-elect Sue Sherban poses in the Whitchurch-Stouffville council chambers Tuesday, the day after she was elected. The new town council, including five rookies, will be sworn in Dec. 2.

## LAST POLL CARRIES COUNCILLOR TO TOP JOB

# Mayor-elect Sherban already on job

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
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Less than 24 hours after being elected mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Sue Sherban was on the job.

Mrs. Sherban made a request for funding for the arts from Oak Ridges MP Bryon Wilfert Tuesday morning. "I asked him (Mr. Wilfert) about heritage money that is available," Mrs. Sherban said.

Looking out for the needs of the arts community was part of Mrs. Sherban's campaign platform. She said she has fought long and hard to have the old town hall converted to a theatre. The fate of the century-old building, slated to be a new seniors centre, is up in the air she said.

### YOUTH COUNCIL

Establishing a youth council, striking an enhanced economic development agenda and finding the best uses for three town-owned buildings in downtown Stouffville are on Mrs. Sherban's to-do list. The old town hall, the Silver Jubilee Club and the old library, now the Latham Gallery and Care and Share Shop, are the buildings.

The new mayor said her intent is to bring community groups, including seniors, artists and the Clock Tower Theatre group together. "I want to sit down around a table and discuss the uses for the buildings, including the (old) town hall. Let's see if we can partner up and find the best use for use the building," she said.

Whitchurch-Stouffville can expect change with Mrs. Sherban in charge.

It was a cliffhanger during Monday's election count. When the votes were counted in the last of the municipality's 65 polls, there was an 84-vote

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