

Stouffville Says

By Joan Ransberry

What do you think of the new Whitchurch-Stouffville council?

— Asked in Whitchurch-Stouffville

Tom WINTERS



They've got their work cut out for them. Let's hope they do right for the town and not dwell on what's wrong with it.

Garth BELL



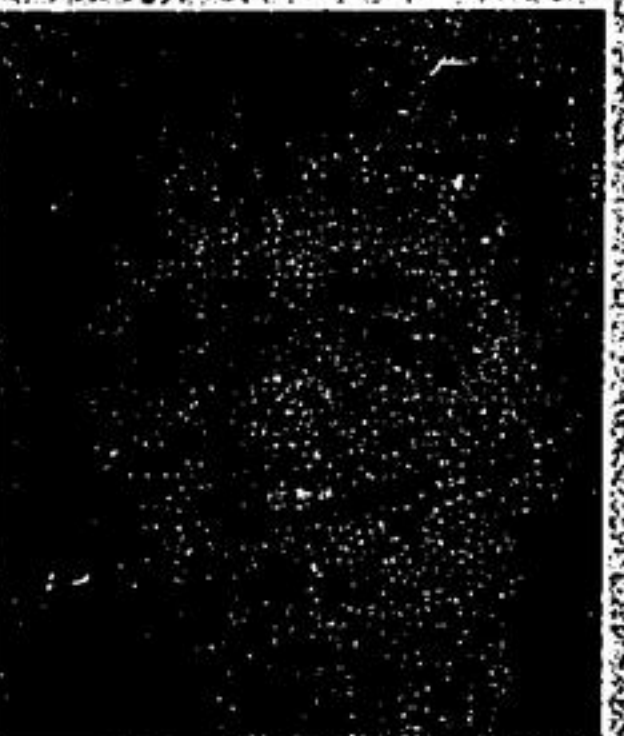
After a negative campaign, let's hope the new council can work together in a positive way.

Wanda KNIGHTS



The council is all new except for (Ward 5) Harry (Bowes) and (mayor-elect) Sue (Sherban). At least those two have some experience.

Laurie RIEHLE



I expect members of this new council will be able to put their differences aside and work together for the good of the town.



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Saluting veterans

Mayor Wayne Emmerson and RCMP Const. Steve Mason pay tribute to war veterans at a Remembrance Day service Tuesday at the Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion. Mr. Emmerson leaves office after nine years Dec. 1. For more photos from the service, see pages 22 and 23.

Briefly

Newmarket teenager dies in Ballantrae crash

A 17-year-old Newmarket girl died yesterday when her car crossed the centre line on Aurora Road and collided head-on with a loaded dump truck, York Regional Police said.

The collision occurred at 8:30 a.m. between Hwy. 48 and McCowan Road in Ballantrae.

The victim was travelling east when for unknown reasons, her Toyota Corolla crossed into the west-bound lanes. The teenager was pronounced dead at the scene.

The name of the victim was being withheld yesterday, pending notification of next of kin.

Police ask witnesses or anyone with information about the crash to contact the traffic unit at 905-881-1221, ext. 7703, or 1-866-876-5423.

Sainsbury mayor again, but in Clearview

Former Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Fran Sainsbury has returned to the political arena.

Mrs. Sainsbury, 64, was elected mayor of Clearview Township in Monday's municipal election, defeating John Thompson by about 1,000 votes. Mrs. Sainsbury attracted 3,333 votes in the small community in the Collingwood-Stayner area.

Mrs. Sainsbury was mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville for nine years before being defeated by Wayne Emmerson in 1994.

Chief speaks to residents

York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge will be talking with residents at the Stouffville Community Policing Centre's annual meeting Monday.

All residents are invited to the meeting which starts at 7 p.m. in the Whitchurch-Stouffville council chambers at 37 Sandford Dr.

Quoteworthy

'Knock, knock, knock on doors.'

Harry Bowes, the only Whitchurch-Stouffville councillor re-elected Monday. See story on page 1.

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Emmerson moves from office, home but quiet on next career

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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Old Blue Eyes said it best: "Regrets he has a few. Too few to mention."

Mayor Wayne Emmerson had carried out the last of his personal belongings from the mayor's office in readiness for the new occupant. Residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville elected Sue Sherban Monday, giving Mr. Emmerson and his wife Debbie the go-ahead to start the next phase of a new life. A very private life, stresses Mr. Emmerson.

The new mayor and council will be sworn into office Dec. 2.

"I wanted to leave the office empty by Monday just in case the new mayor wants to have the office painted," Mr. Emmerson said. "I will come in to the municipal office on Tuesdays (up until Dec. 2) to sign cheques. But I

won't be needing the office. It's there for the new mayor."

There could be a chance, however, the retiring mayor will have to preside over an emergency council meeting before Dec. 2.

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In the event of a recount request linked to Monday's municipal election, the mayor would be required to recall the old council to decide if a recount will be held. If a candidate seeking the mayor's position or one of the ward council positions asks for a recount, council can grant or decline the request.

The next few weeks will be busy for Mr. Emmerson and

his wife. Their home on Lloyd Street in downtown Stouffville has sold. They've purchased a new home in the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club. Moving day is Saturday.

"We lived on Lloyd Street for 24 years," Mr. Emmerson said. "It's quite a thing to leave this house. I planted the trees when our last baby was born. The trees are grown now."

Mr. Emmerson, 50, has a couple of irons in the fire, career-wise. While not at liberty to make an announcement at this time, he says he is not pursuing another political career.

"I really enjoyed politics," he said. "But enough is enough. I'm proud of what I've done. Over the past week or so, people have come up to me and thanked me for my contribution. I did my best. After nine years as mayor, it's hard carrying the last box out of here."

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