

I would like to thank the residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville Ward 2 for your confidence and support. Your concerns and commitment to our community were reflected in the record voting turnout.



I am looking forward to your continued input. I am committed to

✓ **Listening to you ... Working for you ...**

Thanks from the top

York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge congratulates Elizabeth MacMillan, volunteer of the year at the Stouffville Community Policing Centre, at the centre's annual meeting Monday.



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Chief acknowledges problems

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the chief said.

Next week, Chief La Barge is scheduled to present a five-year staffing plan to the police services board.

It will include the chief's proposals for hiring and human resources management to address demands on a force servicing one of the country's fastest-growing areas.

While the chief did not reveal what was in his report, he acknowledged Whitchurch-Stouffville is in need of more police officers.

"There are issues in this community," the chief said. "We have to

respond to them."

During his presentation, the chief said police are faced with such serious matters as marijuana grow houses, outlaw motorcycle gangs, child pornography and illegal firearms, including gun-running.

DRUGS A THREAT IN REGION

Drugs continue to threaten the community, the chief said. Last year, police exercised 170 search warrants, seized \$52 million worth of marijuana and arrested 220 people.

Seventeen children, ranging in age from three months to 17 years, were found during marijuana raids, Chief La Barge said.



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