Two all-candidates meetings for Whitchurch-Stouffville voters

Candidates running in four of York Region's federal ridings will square off in all-candidate debates beginning next week.

An all-candidate meeting for the riding of Oak Ridges-Markham will be held at the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club's recreation centre Jan. 5 at 7 p.m.

Hosted by the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club social committee, moderator for the event will be Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor Phil Bannon.

The debate will feature Liberal Lui Temelkovski, Conservative Bob Callow, New Democrat Pamela Courtot and Green Party candidate Steve Armes.

The Ballantrae Golf and Country Club's recreation centre is located on Final Round Street off Hwy. 48 north of Aurora Road.

A second all-candidates meeting for Oak Ridges-Markham will be held at Brother Andre High School at 6160 16th Ave. Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.

Also, on the same night, Markham-Unionville candidates will debate at the Markham's Seneca College at 10 Allstate Pkwy., near highways 7 and 404. Markham-Unionville candidates include Liberal John McCallum, Conservative Joe Li, New Democrat Janice Hagan and Green party candidate Wesley Weis.

Again, on Jan. 12, an all-candidate debate will be held for the riding of Vaughan at a location to be announced later.

The Jan. 12 meetings are sponsored by the Markham Board of Trade, Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce, Vaughan Chamber of Commerce and York Region Newspaper Group.

Voters in the riding of Richmond Hill can attend an all-candidates debate Jan. 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Langstaff Community Centre at 155 Red Maple Rd. Richmond Hill.

This meeting, sponsored by the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce, the Richmond Hill-Markham Business Association and the York Region Newspaper Group, will feature Liberal Bryon Wilfert, Conservative Joe Di Paola, New Democratic James Dowsett and Green Party candidate Tim Rudkins.

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