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# Bowes eyes roadwork Hilton targets growth

## Ward 5 councillor wants third term

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Veteran politician Harry Bowes is taking another crack at the Ward 5 councillor's job.

If elected, it would be his third term of office.

Mr. Bowes is already looking ahead to projects he'll pursue if he wins during next November's municipal election. One of his priorities is getting and keeping the town's roads in good shape.

"We are hoping to get three more streets repaired this year," Mr. Bowes said.

Ward 5 stretches from the train tracks in Stouffville east to the town line and from Main Street north to just north of Bloomington Road.

He's already started pursuing federal government infrastructure grants and wants to continue this after the election.

The grants would cover a significant part of the cost of road and sewer work, he noted.

Also high on his list is finding a suitable location for an arts and cultural perform-



**HARRY BOWES:** Veteran politician gets "great satisfaction" from a job well done.

ancements in Ward 5; Hillmount Properties, which is building homes on Tenth Line north of Geoffrey and Aspen crescents, and the new Northgate seniors bungalow development on lands near the Stouffville Country Market.

Traffic resulting from growth in Ward 5 will become more of a problem in future, Mr. Bowes noted.

Always well-armed with research about an issue he's tackling, Mr. Bowes finds "great satisfaction in seeing a job well done."

A school trustee for 23 years, Mr. Bowes now is on three school councils: Summitview Public School and Orchard Park Public School as well as Stouffville District Secondary School. Before that, he was a pharmacist and business owner in downtown Stouffville.

"This project should take place post haste," Mr. Bowes said.

With the cost of hydro and gas constantly going up, taxes are always a big issue. He is hoping council does as much as possible without too heavy an impact on municipal taxes.

His philosophy for the upcoming term is to see tax funds used for essentials and "that frills take a back seat," he said.

## Ward 4 councillor has work to finish

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Susanne Hilton, Ward 4's incumbent, is running for re-election in the November election to continue what she sees as a "work in progress."

Her ward extends west from the train tracks in Stouffville to Hwy. 48 and from Main Street to just north of Bloomington Road.

Many of the planning initiatives that have been started in this term won't be finished before the next election, Mrs. Hilton explained.

"I want to remain involved in the many planning initiatives preparing the foundations for the future of Whitchurch-Stouffville."

She said she will continue to work with townspeople to develop a framework for the town that will sustain Stouffville's unique small town character and quality of life.

Many of her constituents have told her they want to see more programs for



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support for cultural groups and ensuring a wide variety of cultural venues, activities and opportunities.

"The municipality has to identify what part it should play in developing and delivering arts and cultural services," Mrs. Hilton said.

Her interest in the development of parkland and leisure activities for the town's residents is shown by her attendance at workshops to plan the future of Bethesda and Memorial parks, she said.

Bethesda Park is slated to house facilities for competitive sports such as softball and soccer. Memorial Park will provide opportunities for more passive enjoyment of the town's green space.

With a view to controlling future growth, Mrs. Hilton says she will resist any pressures to expand the municipality's "settlement boundaries" farther on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Mrs. Hilton is a strong advocate for accelerating the construction of east-west corridors, notably the Millard Street extension and Hoover Park Drive to Hwy. 48, to ease traffic volume.

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