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## Scarpitti holds off on declaring intentions

### Jones rules out run at mayor's office

BY JOE FANTAUZZI  
Staff Writer

Now that Mayor Don Cousens has decided to retire, you may be wondering if deputy mayor Frank Scarpitti will announce he wants the town's top job.

It seems you'll have to wait a little longer for the answer.

Mr. Scarpitti told the Economist & Sun/Sun-Tribune Thursday he'll announce his intentions in the coming days, after he gives Mr. Cousens time to "enjoy the limelight" of his retirement announcement.

#### 'LET HIM ENJOY IT'

"Right now, I'm taking the view there is a time and place for everything," Mr. Scarpitti said. "I think most people probably are wondering, but I want to respect the fact that the mayor has just announced his retirement and let him enjoy it."

Mr. Cousens announced Wednesday during his annual charity golf tournament he would not seek re-election, citing health concerns related to a kidney disorder and a desire to pursue other interests.

Mr. Cousens' political career spans 32 years, but Mr. Scarpitti is also a mainstay in Markham politics.

He was appointed mayor in

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91-CENT DOLLAR FORCES DIFFICULT DECISIONS FOR INDUSTRY

# Exporters feel loonie pinch

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You may be pining for a return to the value of a 65-cent loonie if you work for a company whose business relies on exports.

Many Canadians see the 91-cent dollar as a testament to our thriving economy, a source of national pride

or simply an opportunity to head south on vacation.

But it has struck a significant blow to an industry that has sustained more than 100,000 job losses Canada-wide during the past 12 months, according to the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters.

Few companies that rely heavily on customers in the United

States have come away unscathed.

And those who have endured and even succeeded in these challenging times have been forced to make some difficult decisions.

Such is the case with Richmond Hill's Aecometric Corp.

The company, one of only a handful that make emission-reduc-

ing industrial burners was forced to slash about two-thirds of its staff less than five years ago, chief executive officer Jill Anderson said.

Despite that, the company has seen annual sales grow from \$1.7 million three years ago to an anticipated \$10 million this year.

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## TACKLING THE TITLE

Stouffville District Secondary School junior Spartans James Beare (left) and Nathan MacMurchy tackle a Newmarket Huron Heights ball carrier and jar the ball loose during the York Region rugby championships at Fletcher's Fields in Markham Thursday. Stouffville won 22-0.

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