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**Elect Pam Mandich  
Councillor for Ward 4**

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## Courtot pledges to be green

Mayoral candidate Pamela Courtot, joined candidates from Durham Region in taking the Green Pledge in Pickering Thursday.

Sponsored by the Sierra Club of Canada, the pledge includes not taking campaign contributions from developers and voting against "the shrinking the greenbelt boundary"

"Whitchurch-Stouffville is similar to our neighbours in Pickering and Uxbridge. Our municipality lies far away from the Yonge Street corridor and is next on the developers list for sprawling development in York Region," she said.

Previous councils have approved the development

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of about 7,000 homes, effectively doubling the population of the municipality by 2026.

"I have yet to meet a resident of Whitchurch-Stouffville who is happy with the development that has been approved," she said.

"My goal is to lead this town with a new vision that embraces the concept of environmental sustainability."

Ms Courtot is running against Wayne Emmerson, incumbent Sue Sherban, Randy Mole and Don Barker.

## Candidate wants waste facility out of Gormley

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
Staff Writer

Sophie Angelis is taking a strong stand on a proposed medical waste recycling facility in her bid for the Ward 3 council seat in the Nov. 13 election.

She ran unsuccessfully six years ago. The Gormley-area resident is running in Whitchurch-Stouffville's largest rural ward, extending from Hwy. 404 to Hwy. 48 and stretching from just north of the Markham border to Vandorf Road. In the southeast part of the ward, the boundary jogs in along Stouffville Road and McCowan Road.

She is competing against incumbent Clyde Smith, Hugo Kroon and M. J. Perry.

She is running again because she is strongly opposed to the Octagon Medical Services plant proposed for Gormley.

"I will make sure that something like this doesn't come into this community and any other community that has concerns about water," she stated.

Politicians shouldn't be acclaimed, rather they should earn the privilege and not forget who put them there, she said.

"I will give anything I do 100 per cent," she said.

Ms Angelis will work to make sure the ward, which she feels has often been overlooked, receives its fair share of town's funding.

For example, a number of roads in the area have to be resurfaced or repaved. A small stretch of Bethesda Road between Woodbine Avenue and Warden Avenue has not been paved in the more than 20 years she's been a resident in the area.

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In talking to people in the area, she found many of them don't know who their councillor is and wants to change that.

"People need to feel they are important and feel included," she said.

That includes restoring pride of ownership, so residents, particularly in the Gormley area, don't feel they are becoming part of a huge industrial development.

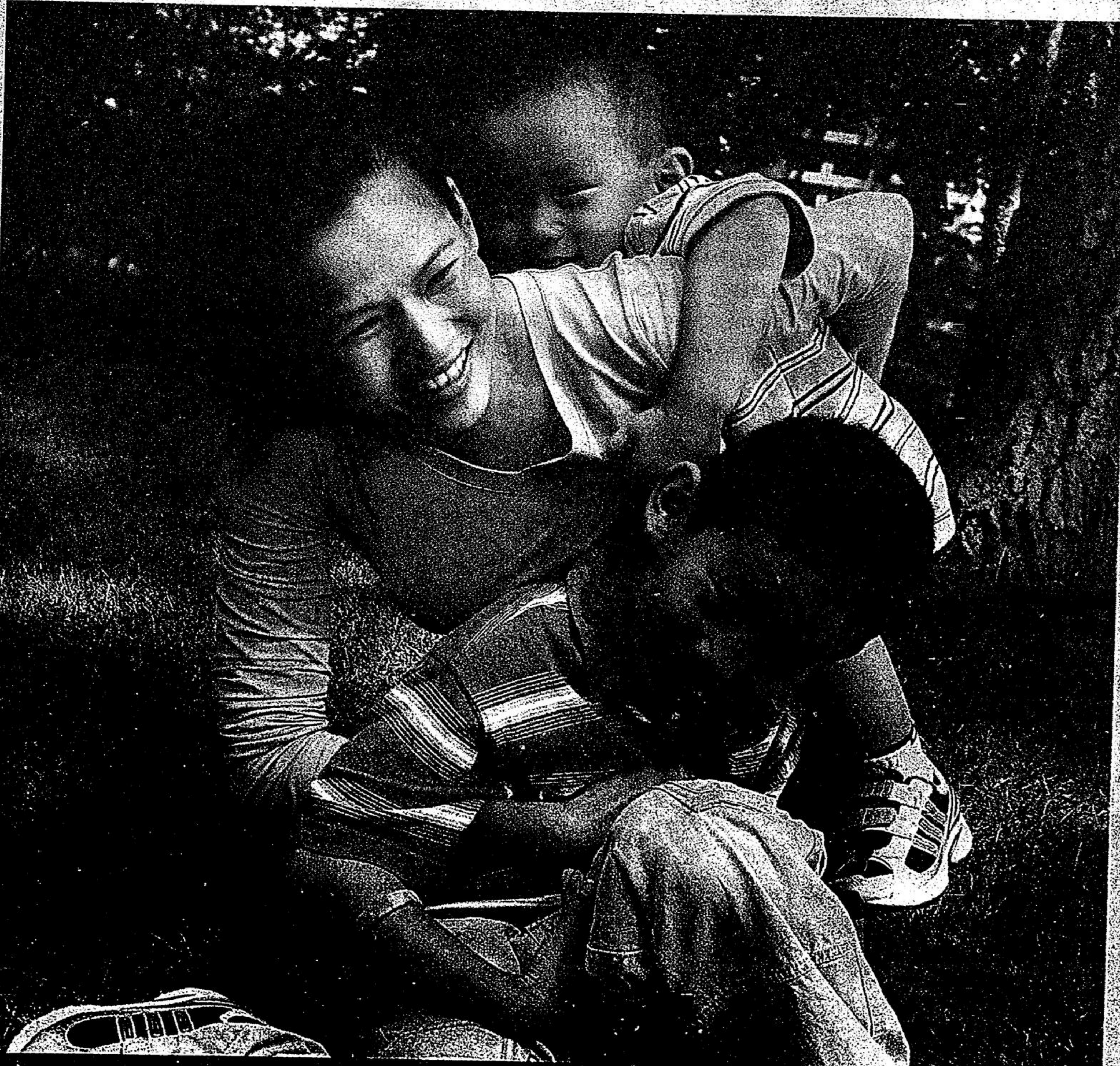
Ms Angelis believes communication with residents is vital and wants to bring all the issues to the people. She believes the town needs to be more accountable when it comes to spending.

"Money has to be spent in the right places," Ms Angelis stated.

When it comes to assessing finances, she'll draw on the experience she developed over 20 years of running her own business. Currently, she is in a management position, accountable for spending and increasing sales.

She has been a stay-at-home mom and was a parent volunteer and school council member at Whitchurch Highlands Public School for 10 years. She has been married to John for 32 years and they have two children, Irene, 25 and 20-year-old Anthony. Her proudest accomplishment is her family, she says.

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