

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

Which issues should the new mayor and council tackle first?

Asked in downtown Stouffville

Jim MCMILLAN



Invest in the visual appearance of the downtown area to attract more people and raise the visibility of the arts in the community.

Angie THOMPSON



Do a bang-up job for Memorial Park. Think big so there is something there for everybody.

Mario PETRAMALA



Doing something about the traffic on Main Street is most important. A lot of older people find it almost impossible to drive during morning and evening rush hours, or make turns.

Melinda HODGSON



Parents say we should have a movie theatre like the Roxy in Uxbridge. We have had a beautiful Main Street this year and, hopefully, they will keep improving the downtown.



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WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN

Kenneth Lo, 16, of Silver Star Squad Air Cadets in Markham, plays the last post at Whitchurch-Stouffville Remembrance Day ceremonies Saturday at the Royal Canadian Legion. Legion president Jim Lyon (from left), Blair Emmerson and Bob Lewis salute and look on.



War vet and town Councillor Harry Bowes lowers a flag in front of the large crowd that braved cold and wet weather at the legion cenotaph Saturday.



Joan Marshman (left) of the legion ladies auxiliary and Judy Bond of the Legion prepare to lay a wreath.

Briefly

Sainsbury loses bid to stay in politics

Former Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Fran Sainsbury is out of politics.

Mrs. Sainsbury, mayor of Clearview Township for the past three years, finished second in a three-candidate race for a council seat in the Collingwood-area municipality Monday.

The Creemore resident was mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville from 1985 to 1994. The 70-year-old decided not to run for mayor this year due to the death of her husband, Denis, last year.

1,393 not on voters list

More than 1,300 Whitchurch-Stouffville residents could have shown up to vote Monday, only to discover they're not on the voters list, even if they were previously.

Why? They were not listed as Canadian citizens.

Stouffville resident Doug Benedict phoned the town office Monday morning to find out where to vote only to be informed he wasn't on the list. He has lived in Stouffville since 1984 and hasn't had a problem in previous elections.

He then went to his polling station at Latcham Hall and was able to vote after filling out an amendment form to confirm that he was, indeed, a Canadian citizen. However, no one at the polling booth could tell him why he wasn't on the list, he said.

Voters' lists are compiled from information obtained from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), which receives its data from sources such as income tax forms, Elections Ontario and Elections Canada.

Residents who weren't confirmed as Canadian citizens were sent a letter from the town asking them to confirm their status as citizens and correct any other information, Andrew Brouwer, the town's deputy clerk, said. The town received responses to more than half the letters.

Out of 18,218 resident-eligible to vote in Whitchurch-Stouffville, 1,393 have their citizenship unconfirmed. That's lower than the unconfirmed voter number of about 9 per cent found on provincial voters' lists.

"The town has an obligation to certify that the people on the voters' list are qualified," Mr. Brouwer said.

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