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ANALYSIS

Who will support York's growth?

BY DAVID FLEISCHER
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Growth may be the single, defining characteristic of York Region.

The region is growing fast and while that growth is bringing great wealth and enterprise, it is also bringing a host of problems, which often seem to fly below the radar.

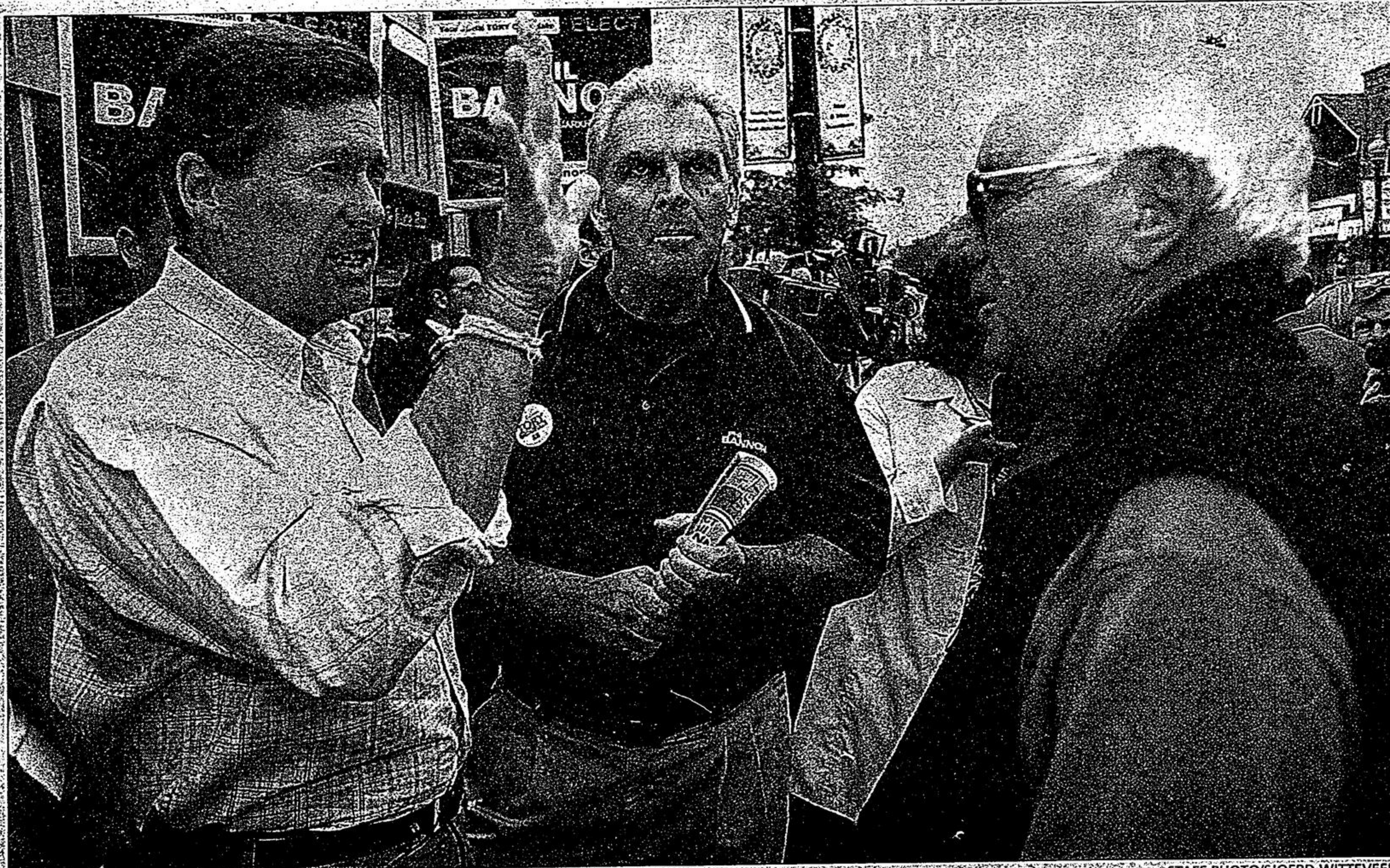
That certainly seems to be the case in the current election campaign where very real issues are being buried or ignored while 905 municipalities wait with their hands out looking for cash from higher levels of government.

The battle against urban sprawl is being waged on many fronts, but what is often lost in the equation is that suburbia is not just endless homes and malls: it is people and families.

To give credit where it is due, the Liberals have implemented legislation aimed at curbing urban sprawl with the Oak Ridges Moraine Act, the Greenbelt Act and Places to Grow.

The latter is the centrepiece of the province's efforts to create a new kind of suburbia. The growth plan, which won a prestigious American planning award, directs municipalities to concentrate 40 per cent of all new growth within their current

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Conservative party leader John Tory (left) stops on Main Street in Stouffville to chat with Jack Webster (right) as Oak Ridges-Markham candidate Phil Bannon looks on on Tuesday.

POLICE SHOOTING, FAITH FUNDING, FOREIGN IMPORTS ON VOTERS' MINDS

Residents challenge Tory during walk

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
 Staff Writer

It may have been the largest slow-moving media scrum in Stouffville history when John Tory came to stroll along Main Street Tuesday afternoon.

The collection of photographers and reporters, Tory assistants and volunteers far outnumbered the few residents greeting him in the downtown core. Media from a number of TV and radio stations were present.

It was a rare visit here by a leader during a campaign. Liberal David Peterson did it during his ill-fated election of 1990, stopping at Parkview Village. The late Larry Grossman was here, too.

The PC leader, accompanied by his wife Barbara and Oak Ridges-Markham PC candidate Phil Bannon, visited Main Street merchants and employees and talked to residents.

After awhile, the scrum, teeming with cameras, recorders and notebooks, began to resemble a moving

parade, as assistants, some in blue Team Bannon T-shirts and holding Phil Bannon election signs up high, travelled alongside the party leader and the media.

At one point, Mr. Tory came face to face with Willie Reodica, whose 17-year-old son, Jeffrey, was shot in the back three times by Toronto police officers in 2004.

The teenager died in hospital three days later. Police had responded to an altercation between two groups of teenagers. Police were cleared of any wrongdoing by the

special investigations unit. Mr. Reodica wants an overhaul of the justice system, he told Mr. Tory. He wants to see police officers who investigated serious offences in the line of duty tried in criminal court and not just by the SIU.

Expressing his condolences, Mr. Tory said, "I can't substitute my judgment for the SIU" and "they tried their best".

Exonerating the police officer involved was "a miscarriage of jus-

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