

Cabinet job for new MPP?

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said. "Although, we knocked on a lot of doors and I found more young people are interested and involved. In those terms, it's a good thing civics is taught in school."

Not unlike the new kid in class, Ms Jaczek is anticipating a significant learning curve at Queen's Park.

"There's a whole set of processes that need to be learned," she said. "I've already received an information package from the legislative assembly. They seem very well prepared to orient new members."

He first goal is to establish a constituency presence, more than likely on Main Street, Markham.

As a rookie parliamentarian, Ms Jaczek's mandate will be rep-



HELENA JACZEK: New MPP will likely open office on Main Street, Markham.

resenting the interests of one of Canada's largest ridings and its 167,000 residents.

Could a ministerial post be on the horizon?

"All those decisions are to be

made over the next few weeks by the premier," she said.

Though she won't speculate, she's a prime candidate for a portfolio, considering her education and professional pedigree.

Formerly a family doctor, she has an MBA from York University.

For 18 years, she served as the medical officer of health and commissioner of health services for York.

Responsible for a \$100-million annual budget and 1,000 employees, Ms Jaczek is credited with improving local ambulance service and response times.

She championed children's health, expanded health promotion programs within York Region schools, including regular dental screenings, nutrition and an expanded immunization program.



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