Bartley wants 2nd term

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Richard Bartley is seeking reelection as councillor of Ward 5 because he wants to keep a careful watch on some projects.

Those projects include the development of Bloomington Road and Ninth Line, the opening of Bethesda Park and the plaza going in at Tenth Line and Main Street.

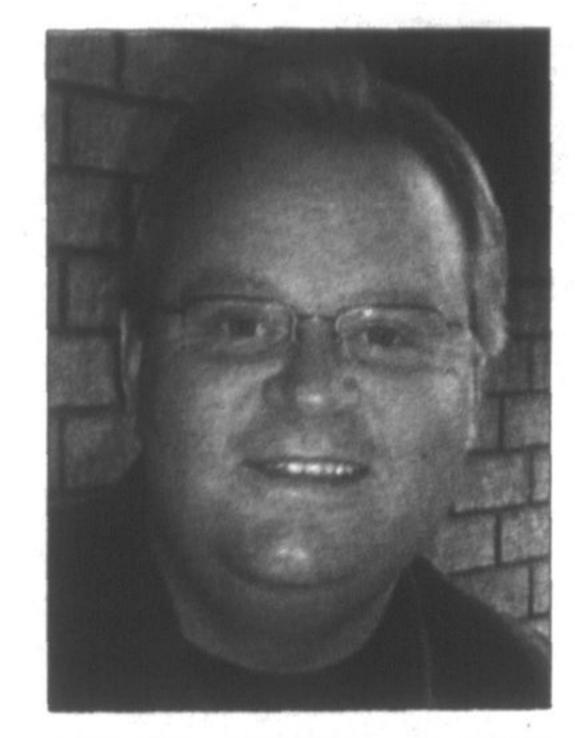
Perhaps one of the biggest issues for residents in his ward is the new-home construction behind Geoffrey Crescent, across the Tenth from the Stouffville Country Market.

"I have no hidden agendas, no personal agenda. Whatever I can do to make Stouffville the best place for people to work, live and play in," Mr. Bartley said.

His first term as councillor was about what Mr. Bartley expected, although he did admit it "was a huge learning curve".

Added Mr. Bartley: "It's a lot of work. There's a lot of behind the scenes things (and) I wish things moved quicker internally."

For the past 30 years, Mr. Bart-



wants to monitor construction projects in east Stouffville ward.

ley has been a salesperson at Williamson Motors in Uxbridge and for 27 consecutive years, he has been a gold-level member.

"It's the highest level you can achieve on the sales guild," he said.

Mr. Bartley coached girls soccer for nine years and he sits on the Mayor's Youth Golf Committee, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library board and the Downtown Stouffville Farmers' Market committee. He was also a member of the BIA and hopes to become a part of its replacement, the Downtown Stouffville Working Group.

Mr. Bartley has been married to his wife Marty for 25 years. They have three daughters – Bianca, 25, who is in her third year at the University of Western Ontario, Brittney, 18, who is at Georgian College and Kori, 13, who is in Grade 7 at Harry Bowes Public School.

Other candidates officially declared to run in the Oct. 25 municipal election include Mayor Wayne Emmerson, who is seeking re-election and Joanne Iannuzzi, who is running for the first time as councillor of Ward 6.

As of Jan. 4 anyone over the age of 18 who is a Canadian citizen and resides within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville can file for nomination. The deadline is Sept. 10 at 2 p.m.

A free election seminar will be held April 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the York Region administrative centre in Newmarket.

'Always some blind spots'

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the arena to determine if there were one or two out of place.

"We're just not seeing what she's seeing," Mr. Richardson said.

Where sightlines are compromised, according to Mr. Richardson, are in the corners as well as the near boards — if the player is shorter than 42 inches, which is the height of the boards.

"They are as standard as they get," he said.

Added Mr. Emmerson: "The sightlines are no different than other arenas, I go to a lot of arenas and there's always some blind spots in the corners."

The Weldon Road arena is exactly the same as Barrie's Holly Recreation Centre arena and Unionville's Angus Glen arena, according to Mr. Emmerson.

Not only was Ms Parker disappointed with the sightlines, but also the washroom facilities, in particular those on the main floor.

"Why so small? Most spectators use the facilities on their way in and on their way out," Ms Parker wrote. "Men have one urinal. How embarrassing is that to stand in line

and wait (and) the ladies have two stalls."

The arena not only has washrooms on the main floor, but also on the concourse. Family facilities are on the east end and public washrooms are on the west end of the seating level.

But no one would know that as there are currently no signs directing people to the various amenities within the arena.

They are expected to arrive any

"Without the signage there, I can see where she is confused," Mr. Richardson conceeded.

Ms Parker wasn't finished.

"I am glad that I am only a hockey aunt in your town and not a taxpayer," she concluded. "When my town decides it is time to build another ice rink, I will be sure and have them tour your facility before they proceed."

Mr. Emmerson has responded to Ms Parker and asked to speak to her nephew to get his input on the arena. As of press time, she has not responded to Mr. Emmerson.

"We absolutely welcome her here to try and do something about this, if her desire is to try to make this better," Mr. Richardson said.

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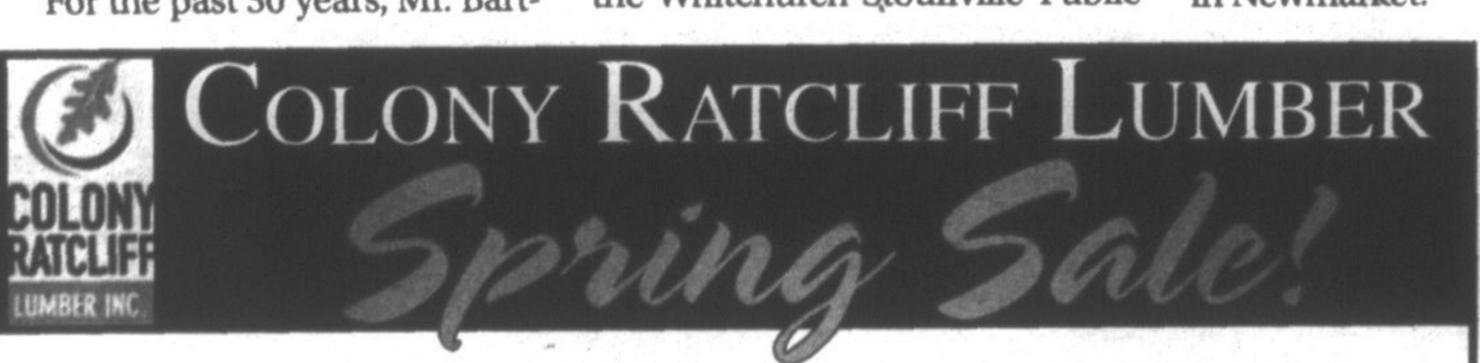
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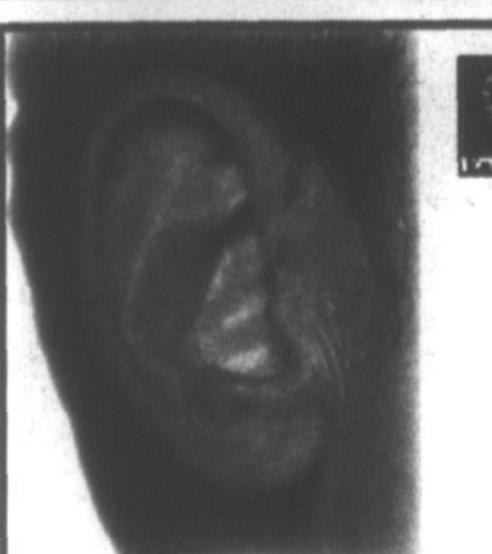
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