

'Community needs champion', mayoral candidate says

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Champion program.

Mrs. Sherban volunteers for the Stouffville Spirit Jr. A hockey team, the Strawberry Festival and WhiStle Radio. She is also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459. Mrs. Sherban has also sat on the boards of the Markham Stouffville Hospital and Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

Mrs. Sherban, who works downtown as a project administrator for Cadillac Fairview, said if elected as mayor, she will quit her job to serve Whitchurch-Stouffville full-time.

"The community needs somebody out there to be their cham-

pion," she said. "Jobs can always happen and I'm very passionate about my community."

Mrs. Sherban, who was born and raised in Whitchurch-Stouffville, has been married to Peter for 37 years and together they have three daughters, Lindsay, 27, Lisa, 25 and Lesley, 24. They also have a dog named Khoda.

CHALLENGES EMMERSON

Mrs. Sherban is the first person to publicly declare her intention to take on Mr. Emmerson, who is seeking his fifth term as mayor.

"I always knew somebody would be running against me and that's fine," he said. "Everyone has a right to run and I'll stand by what

we've accomplished.

"We're looking forward to (the election). ... Oct. 25 will be here before we know it."

To tackle its debt, council has also approved collecting approximately \$8 million from developers via its Volunteer Contribution Agreement.

Councillor Rob Hargrave questioned how the town can guarantee a volunteer contribution.

"If income tax was voluntary, how many people would actually pay it?" he said.

For developers that do not want to contribute the \$2,500-per-household fee, the town can attribute it to the allocation of water and sewer service, according to

Andrew McNeely, the municipality's director of building and planning services,

Whitchurch-Stouffville has an annual debt-load repayment of approximately \$1.8 million, 78 per cent of which is paid for by developers. Residential taxes make up the remaining 22 per cent.

The annual debt repayment amount is about 10 per cent of its annual revenue, according to Marc Pourvahidi, the town's treasurer and director of finance. The municipality can carry an annual debt repayment load of 25 per cent of its annual revenue, he said.

"Based on the unconfirmed information I have, this is below average," he said in an interview.



SUE SHERBAN: Former mayor and councillor questions town finances while announcing her candidacy.

What's On in Whitchurch-Stouffville

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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Email: leisure.services@townofws.com
Customer Service Phone: 905-642-PLAY (7529)

SPRING REGISTRATION NOW UNDERWAY

Sign up NOW for summer camp, specialty fitness, swim lessons, and other spring programs.

Registration can be done online at townofws.com > WSPLAY... or in person at the Lebovic Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder St.

All courses may be viewed on the Town website in the electronic guide located on the Leisure tab, or on the WSPLAY...Online link under the "activities" tab.

For more information, please call 905-642-PLAY (7529)

March Break Activities

Swimming at the Lebovic Leisure Centre and Skating at the Stouffville Arena, offered daily throughout the March Break.

Space is available to register for March Break programs that run Monday through Friday. Programs include:

Full day camp at Willoughby Outdoor education centre where children will experience a variety of outdoor and indoor activities.

Hockey camp, with both on-ice and off-ice activities, available for full or half day participation.

Power Skating Clinic, a daily, 50 minute program that focuses on skating skills and drills.

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LEISURE SURVEY ENDS TOMORROW, FRIDAY MARCH 5

Please take a few minutes to complete our online Leisure Survey. This is your opportunity to comment on Recreation, Culture and Leisure programs: what is available, program times, locations, and anything else with regard to local Leisure opportunities. Go to www.townofws.com

Museum



14732 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley
Phone: 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337

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You'll receive periodic newsletters notifying you of upcoming museum events, details on behind-the-scenes museum work, and historical topics of local interest. As a bonus, Museum members enjoy discounts on program fees and gift shop purchases, free admission to the annual Antique & Classic Car Show, and invitations to "members only" events.

For more information: 905-727-8954 or toll free at 1-888-290-0337
www.townofws.com/museum - click on Membership Programs

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW VISITOR / COMMUNITY CENTRE THE MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 22 TO MAY 19, 2010.
Research appointments may still be possible - please call to confirm availability.



"FROM TREE TO TREAT" PANCAKE BRUNCH Sunday, March 28 11:00am - 2:00pm

Celebrate the end of winter at this delicious event hosted by the Founding Friends of the Museum. Enjoy a pancake & ham brunch, topped off with locally-produced maple syrup.

Due to construction of the new Visitor / Community Centre, the brunch will take place at the Vandorf Community Centre.

Cost: \$6.00 / Adult • \$2.00 / Child

WS PUBLIC LIBRARY Library

30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville
Phone: 905-642-READ (7323) or 1-888-603-4292

THE JOYS OF GENERATING AND FUN OF FIRST DRAFTS

Sunday, March 7
Noon-5:00 pm
with Charlene Jones

Cost \$75 plus GST.
Pre-registration is required!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, March 17 • 10:00-11:30
Treats and a special musician, Boris Meichenko, to perform and lead a sing-along.
Admission is free!

NETWORKING DROP-IN FOR BUSINESS PEOPLE

Tuesdays, February 16-June 22
10:00-11:00 am
Work Alone? Run a Small Business? Would you like to network with others with a similar work life? Bring along your business cards and meet at the Library.

TESTING SESSION FOR THERAPY DOGS

Therapeutic Paws of Canada is recruiting on Sunday, March 21
9:00-1:30 pm
Do you think that your dog could be a therapy dog? A therapy dog is a well-mannered dog with a good disposition. These dogs are in great demand to visit nursing homes and to work with children in the Library. For more information or to register, contact Ruth Love, Team Leader, Therapeutic Paws of Canada, at 905-640-4128.



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SUNDAY
March 28
2:00 p.m.
ALDEBURGH CONNECTION
(Classical Music)
One of Canada's most respected vocal recital series comes to Stouffville!
\$25 regular
\$13 student

April 8 & 9
8:00 p.m.
SHARRON'S BIG BROADWAY SHOW
(Musical Theatre)
"BEST Cabaret Performer" *Now Magazine* (2009)
"The hottest ticket in town."
National Post
\$35 regular
\$18 student

FRIDAY
April 23
8:00 p.m.
PATRICIA O'CALLAGHAN
(Pop & Jazz)
"The most promising cabaret performer of her generation."
Billboard
\$35 regular
\$18 student

UPCOMING FILM SCREENINGS
Sat., March 6 • 2:00 p.m.
THE HURT LOCKER (R)
Nominated for 9 Oscars including Best Picture
MONTHLY STARLIGHT CINEMA SCREENING
Wed., March 10 • 7:00 p.m.
CAIRO TIME (PG)
Best Canadian Film
2009 Toronto International Film Festival
\$7.50 regular
\$5.00 for Starlight Cinema Members

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