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Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak (left) speaks with town councillor Phil Bannon during a "...meet the next premier of Ontario" event at Station Creek Golf Club Thursday. Mr. Hudak thanked Mr. Bannon for running for the Tories in the 2007 election.

## Hudak promises lower taxes

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election to Liberal Helena Jaczek.

"I really want to thank Phil Bannon ... setting aside work and family and municipal concerns to carry the PC flag," Mr. Hudak said.

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Mr. Bannon plans on running again, but for councillor of Ward 2 this October.

"I'm focused on winning in Ward 2," he told The Sun-Tribune. "I've got a lot of work I want to do in Ward 2."

Although Mr. Bannon prefers to remain in local politics, there appears to be no shortage

of people wanting to represent the province.

"We have the possibility of launching the next candidate very successfully. We have tons of candidates, potential candidates, who have shown interest and I think we are going to turn this riding blue in the next election," Gayani Weerasinghe, riding president for Oak Ridges-Markham told supporters.

Mr. Hudak also took the opportunity to take jabs at the premier.

"Dalton McGuinty is turning backtracking into a gold medal sport, my friend. Back with the MMA he was against it and then six days later, he was all for it and I think Ultimate Fighting Championships should give Dalton McGuinty the heavyweight title in flip-flopping," he said.

"An eco tax on 9,000 different items people use each and every day... He even put that tax on fire extinguishers and smoke alarms.

"You know, I never thought I'd see a day when Dalton McGuinty put a tax on fire extinguishers and smoke alarms considering how often he puts his pants on fire."

Officials from Mr. Hudak's camp would not allow The Sun-Tribune to videotape the event or interview.

## Town wants to hear from teenagers

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that fizzled.

"It would be nice to get some fresh, new programs out there," Ms McEachen said.

Only one program will be selected for the spring/summer session.

"It doesn't mean we won't use (other proposals) another year, another session. I'd actually like to see five to 10 proposals," Ms McEachen said.

The Mayor's Youth Council is providing \$300 in start-up money that will be used to buy equipment.

The town hasn't totally given up on providing new programs to local teens.

Come this fall, it has scheduled a new teen fitness program. The class is focused on

cardio, strength and flexibility for boys and girls 11 to 14 years of age.

"You are encouraged to work at your own level gradually building in a non-competitive, fun atmosphere," is how the program is described in the 2010-2011 Fall Leisure Guide.

Also new is an intermediate recreational skipping program for kids ages six and up who have mastered the beginning level.

Youth programming proposals must include the author's name, age and contact information, as well as a detailed program description and a list of required equipment.

Proposals must be submitted by Nov. 1 to Jen McEachen via e-mail at leisure.services@townofws.ca or drop them off at the Lebovic Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder St.

### Not enough traffic, accidents: study

Traffic is too light and there haven't been enough accidents to warrant an all-way stop at Hoover Park Drive and Mostar Street.

Those were the conclusions made by HDR/iTRANS traffic engineering consultants, who were hired by the town to investigate the viability of a four-way stop at the intersection.

In order for a four-way stop to be created, standards have to be met according to the Ontario Traffic Manual. They haven't.

There have been three collisions since the intersections were opened in 2007, wrote Tom Parry, director of engineering and capital projects for the Town of Whitchurch-

Stouffville in his report to council Tuesday.

"I can accept that. They have a set of objective standards they work on," said Councillor Susanne Hilton who requested the traffic study be conducted. "But I still have grave concerns."

Ms Hilton is worried about residents south of Hoover Park Drive walking through the neighbourhood to the Shoppers Drug Mart plaza on Main Street.

Traffic signals are planned for the Hoover Park and Sandiford drives intersection when the northern portion of Sandiford opens up.

"We're trying to get Sandiford opened sooner rather than later because that is going to be a major north-south push," Mayor Wayne Emmerson said.

-Sandra Bolan

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