

Most of your property tax goes to region

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provides public transit services, planning is responsible for regional thoroughfares.

Local government looks after non-regional streets such as smaller residential streets and sidewalks.

Taxes are a concern too, Mr. Cousens said.

"I don't think people are questioning value for the tax dollar, most are frustrated by how it's spent, if

it's wasted and how costs could be reduced," he said.

That's another enigma for many. Residential property taxes are collected locally with the majority of the money sent to the region for its \$1 billion annual capital budget.

The region, in turn, handles economic development and funds big-ticket services such as police, which represents about 27 per cent of the budget and emergency medical services.

The same continuity conun-

drum applies to who picks up your garbage and recycling bins.

The region is accountable for solid waste management.

Your local government determines who is contracted to pick up what, when and how often.

Most local garbage collection is bi-monthly and recycling weekly, however, there are varying restrictions on quantities.

East Gwillimbury Mayor Jamie Young believes servicing York's aggressive 30-year growth plan is

key election issue.

"We have to make sure the infrastructure's in the ground," he said. "We have to work harder to build a bridge of understanding of planning and growth."

Your vote matters on many issues and services. Take commuting, for example. Chances are you'll use regional, local and provincial roads on even a short trip. You're taxes pay for all of them.

Parks and recreation programs for you and the kids are local. A trek through our forests puts you on regional turf. Fire services are locally based. Police is regional. Your local government promotes tourism to your neighbouring attractions. The

region tries to draw big businesses. Planning and zoning is a local, not regional, responsibility.

Macro, mirco, big picture and small. It's baffling. The active and retired mayors have good advice.

"You get a chance every four years to elect a slate of people who are responsible to you," Mayor Young said. "Get educated on who your candidates are. Look beyond the glossy paper, the buzzwords and signs. Look for substance and ask what they'll bring to your community."

Calling your local ward councillor is always a good idea, Mr. Cousens said. "Each municipality also has an excellent switchboard, very responsive with a great level of service."

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GET ANSWERS

Here is a list of resources and contacts to help clear up the difference between local and regional governments and their responsibilities

• Whitchurch-Stouffville, 905-640-1900 or townofws.com

• York Region, 905-830-4444, 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca

• Aurora, 905-727-1375 or e-aurora.ca

• East Gwillimbury, 905-478-4282 eastgwill-

imbury.ca

• Georgina, 905 476-4301, 705 437-2210 or town.georgina.on.ca

• King Township, 905-833-5321 or king.ca

• Markham, 905-477-5530 or markham.ca

• Newmarket, 905-895-5193 or newmarket.ca

• Richmond Hill, 905-771-8800 or richmondhill.ca

• Vaughan, 905-832-2281 or vaughan.ca

Questions for the day...

Q1. **Are you planning on voting?** Only **40%** of Ward 5 voted in the last election! If you choose not to vote, are you prepared to live with the same outcomes we have had for the last 4 years?

Q2. Is it okay with you that the town will continue to spend us into debt, the way it has over the last 4 years, based on the **hope** of Development Charges from **homes that are not even sold yet?**

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Total Commitment – I will immediately improve communications with the residents by meeting with them on a regular basis.

Financial Responsibility – I will work to ensure the current Town debt is paid off quickly, monitor sustainable growth, manage budgets and eliminate wasteful spending.

New Initiatives – I will work closely with the downtown merchants in an effort to bring more business with new and innovative ideas.

Community Groups – I will address ongoing issues equally and fairly, in regards to the wants and needs of all local sports and community groups – including those associated with the Library, Latcham Gallery, Leisure Services and the Performing Arts.

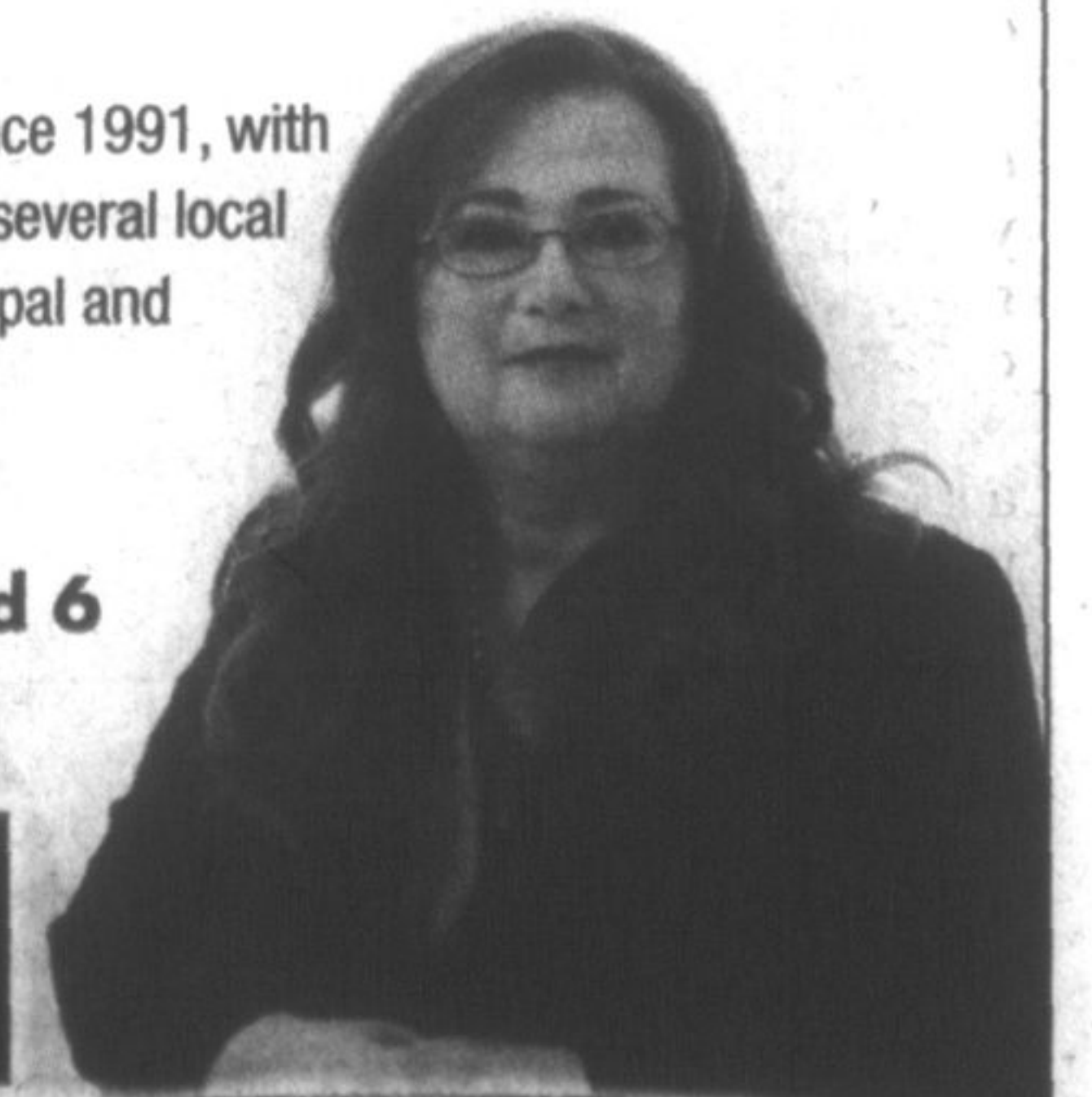
Community Safety – I will work to encourage safety on all our roads in relation to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Fully Qualified – I am a successful business owner since 1991, with over 20 years' volunteer service to our community in several local groups, with strong connections to all levels of Municipal and Regional Governments.

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