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Mayor won't run for MP, MPP

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because I had to make sure it was advertised and that I didn't want to make it a position for the people running against me so we will start that again. Probably, I don't know whether we'll get time before the end of the year or not because of my work load and where I'm going away. But you see the door wide open. Always will be.

Q: Do a lot of people take you up on that?
A: You go ask my secretary. There were six lined up today waiting to see me this morning.

Q: How did Mayor in the Square go?
A: It went very well. People came and made appointments and wanted to see me down there and they stopped by and had a chat.

Q: What do people want to chat with you about?

A: Everything from development to a water bill to just see where the town's going.

Q: Do you view part of your success on council for so many years is because of your open door policy?

A: No.

Q: Do you have any idea why people like to keep voting you in?

A: You'd have to ask them.

Q: Obviously you are doing something right, do you know what that is?

A: I haven't changed what I said when I first came in here. I would work for the people and I always have.

Q: Your name has been linked to the regional chairperson's job, do you have plans to go for that job or even provincial or federal politics? Or is this your last four years?

A: I don't have an answer yet. But I will not be going federally or provincially.

Q: Why?

A: I've been there once (unsuccessfully federally), done that, won't do it again.

Q: What was it about the experience that turned you off?

A: Just the politics of it.

Ward 3 no stranger to recount requests

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If council turns down Mr. Kroon's request for a recount, he would have the option of making an application to the courts for a recount but his request would have to provide reasonable grounds for believing the election results to be in doubt.

An application to the courts must commence by Nov. 26, which is 30 days from the clerk's declaration of the official results, according to Ms Kennedy's report.

This is not the first time Ward 3 election results have been recounted. It is actually the third time in 13 years.

The first was in 1997 when nine votes separated winner Peter Dobrich and Sophie Angelis. Only one vote changed during the recount process, according to Ms Kennedy.

"The change was due to the fact that an elector had used an eraser to erase their original vote and remarked the ballot. The (deputy returning officer) originally recorded this as an over-vote and rejected the ballot, but during the recount, the voter's intention was considered and the vote was counted," Ms Kennedy wrote in her report.

In 2000, another recount between Mr. Dobrich and Ms Angelis took place. This

time, it was a six-vote differential in favour of Mr. Dobrich.

During this recount, only two votes changed. No notes were made regarding the change, according to Ms Kennedy. In the end, Mr. Dobrich retained his seat with a two-vote margin.

In order to affect the outcome of this recount request, 13 votes need to be changed, according to Ms Kennedy.

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"It's not, I don't think, particular to a ward. It just happens," Ms Kennedy said of the third request for a recount in Ward 3.

The ward, in the southwest corner of the municipality, is bordered by Hwy. 404 and includes the communities of Gormley, Bethesda and Preston Lake.

Whitchurch-Stouffville is not the only York Region municipality to be considering a recount following the Oct. 25 municipal election. Formal requests are being brought before Aurora and Georgina councils.