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**ELECTION 2010**

## Recount changes nothing

*Smith back on council, one ballot affected*

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The recount in Whitchurch-Stouffville took almost two hours, but when all the ballots were counted, only one vote changed.

Ward 3 Councillor-elect Clyde Smith was officially declared the victor by a 24-vote margin over Hugo T. Kroon.

The Wednesday morning manual and automated recount in the council chambers found one vote in favour of Mr. Kroon.

"I think what we learned is the tabulators worked well. There was never an issue with them," Mr. Kroon told The Sun-Tribune immediately following the recount. "Some people in town were expecting a change. We did this recount to honour that request."

In a prepared statement, Mr. Smith, in part, wrote: "This was a good test of the election count procedures. They have passed the test. Hopefully, this result

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Stouffville Clipper Teegan Shantz (right) battles Matthew Goodall and Chris Doner of the East Gwillimbury Eagles in the minor peewee AE Clippers' 7-3 win in Sharon Monday. See sports on pages 22 to 28. For minor hockey scores and schedules, go to [wsmha.com](http://wsmha.com)

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## Thomas Williamson's legacy lives on

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Every year a handful of local families gets an early Christmas gift, thanks to a former resident.

When Thomas Williamson died in June 1942, he left about \$60,000 to the Town of Whitchurch-

Stouffville. His will stipulated the municipality invest the money and distribute the earned interest annually to the deserving poor of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Council acts as the fund's trustee.

"Back in time, that was a lot

of money," said Marc Pourvahidi, treasurer and director of finance for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. "I put the money in the very safest type of investment."

Little is known about Mr. Williamson. He was born in 1851 and died June 24, 1942.

He lived on the Ninth Concession. At age 14, with only 10 cents and little education, he went out into the world to earn his keep, as his mother had many children to clothe and feed, according to the

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