

Election process 'passed test'

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will help inform future policies concerning recounts.

"For me personally, I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Ward 3."

It will be Mr. Smith's third term on council representing the Gormley-based ward.

Mr. Kroon was also runner-up in 2006.

'This was a good test of the election count procedures. They have passed the test.'

Assisting with the recount were representatives from the towns of Markham, King, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury and the City of Vaughan.

"I think it was a good education," said Michele Kennedy, clerk for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The final vote was 446 to 422 for Mr. Smith.

Town council approved the recount Nov. 5, estimated to cost \$1,000 plus staff time.

The new council will be sworn in Dec. 7 in council chambers.

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WARD 3 HOTBED OF RECOUNT ACTION

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

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 Michele Kennedy, clerk for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"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.



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