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Council ready to Tweet?

Social media plans part
of mayor's 'final' term

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A priority for Whitchurch-Stouffville council this term is going to be communication.

"To be honest with you, I'm not into the communication like some of you are, but we will get it out to you to make sure everybody is informed in how we operate," Mayor Wayne Emmerson told a packed council chamber Tuesday night during his inauguration speech.

"Whether we use Facebook, Twitter, websites or have staff put out corporate newsletters, we will provide residents with the information they need to keep them involved."

The former councillor said his fifth term as mayor would 'probably' be his last one.

"This is one of the best jobs in the world. To be able to sit up here and to actually be a part of the community and to be able to represent the community (wherever) we go," he said. "It will be close to 23 years when I'm done."

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THE WAVE



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Stouffville Toyota's float rides along Main Street during the Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade Saturday. For more photographs, see pages 3 and 18.

Politicians can't escape parking ticket blitz

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Almost 300 drivers woke up to a ticket on their windshield last week because their vehicles were parked on the road overnight.

Beginning Dec. 1 and running through March 31, vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the road between 2 and 6 a.m. The fine for leaving your car on the street all night is \$50.

On the first night winter parking regulations took effect, town bylaw staff ticketed 188 vehicles, including one that belonged to Councillor Rob Hargrave.

"I'm guilty as charged," the south Stouffville resident said. "It was 5 a.m. and I was rather impressed."

Instead of writing a cheque to the town, Mr. Hargrave purchased \$50 worth of toys for the fifth annual Toys for Tickets program.

"You're going to pay the ticket anyway, so I think it's a great idea," Mr. Hargrave said.

The Ward 6 councillor is not the only public official to have been ticketed by bylaw enforcement officers over the years.

"I think I've nailed every staff member here," said Linda Mainprize, bylaw enforcement officer for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. "I even nailed the mayor once -

when Sue Sherban was (mayor)."

On Dec. 2, the second night winter parking regulations were in effect, 92 vehicles, in a different part of town, were ticketed.

The purpose of the blitz is to ensure when the snow does fall, as it did on Sunday, the ploughs and emergency services vehicles can get through.

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