

Get ready to vote, Stouffville

Whitchurch-Stouffville goes to the polls Monday. Look on your Elections Canada voting card for your polling location in the riding of Oak Ridges-Markham. Voting runs from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. To vote you will need to show one piece

of government issued photo identification. If you have not received a voter's card in the mail, contact the Oak-Ridges Markham riding office at 13085 Yonge St., suite 1B, in Richmond Hill; call 1-866-249-5930. For local results, comment and conversation, go to yorkregion.com on election day and night.

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The five candidates in the riding of Oak Ridges-Markham face the crowd at an election forum organized by the Stouffville Ministerial Association at Parkview Village Thursday.

Prison system slammed by NDP, Liberal candidates

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is partially reflective of the great disparity between the rich and the poor and in order to bridge that gap, more ongoing funding is needed.

Ms Hagan and Liberal candidate, Lui Temelkovski agreed prisons don't solve problems.

"It makes them bigger criminals," Mr. Temelkovski said.

Ms Hagan said prisoners learn racial hatred, how to make weapons out of toothbrushes and how to "hoop your stash".

She said what they really need to learn is self-respect.

Green candidate Trifon Haitas and John Siciliano of the Progressive Canadian party said education is key to keeping people out of prison. Which is why Mr. Haitas advocated for more after-school programs, while Mr. Siciliano wanted lower tuition rates for post-secondary students.

Mr. Calandra provided a list of crime pre-

vention programs his Conservative government has instituted and also said the crime rate is dropping because they are "rebalancing the system".

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When asked how candidates planned on motivating their constituents into becoming a part of policies, Ms Hagan said she would present all sides of an issue as well as conduct smaller roundtable meetings versus large town hall gatherings.

Mr. Calandra said he sends out information to all constituents every two weeks, communicates via Twitter and Facebook and holds community events such as last year's Christmas concert and his upcoming charity hockey game.

"They engage in politics in a different way," he said.

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MELANIE de Jesus-Aniceto



OPTOMETRIST

Fr. Michael McGivney CA graduate Melanie de Jesus-Aniceto is a partner at the Stouffville Optometric Centre. She currently serves with the Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes program, working to improve the quality of life for individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities by optimizing their eye health. As a member of Fr. Michael McGivney's first graduating class, she recalls the great sense of community students and teachers strive to create and their sense of pride in their small school.

PINA D'Agostino



LAW PROFESSOR

Professor Giuseppina D'Agostino, a Father Brennan CHS graduate, joined the Osgoode Hall Law School faculty in 2004 and is founder and Director of IP Osgoode, Osgoode's intellectual property law and business law clinic.

ANDREW Cooper



CHIROPRACTOR

St. Elizabeth CHS graduate Dr. Andrew Cooper is the owner of Cooper Chiropractic Health Centre, a multidisciplinary healing health centre in Concord. Dr. Cooper opened his health centre in 2002 with a focus on working with people to help them improve their health in mind, body and soul. He believes in the roots of the philosophy of chiropractic, emphasizing and respecting

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