

HELENA JACZEK

2011 PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Oak Ridges-Markham



Helena Jaczek, LIB 28,722
Farid Wassef, PC 23,569
Joe Whitfeld, NDP 8,444
Trifon Haitas, GRN 1,731
Karl Boelling, LIBT 1,115
Ruida Lu, IND 630

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Name 'tarnished' but druggist to run again

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Sherban, who greeted Ms Jaczek with a hug as she walked through the door of her victory party at a Markham restaurant. "Everyone we met at the door, people knew her well and knew her work."

Mrs. Sherban, the former mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, failed to earn the PC bid in the last provincial election.

Despite losing, having his name "tarnished" and his Stouffville campaign office egged, Mr. Wassef, 47, plans on running again for MPP of Oak Ridges-Markham in four years.

"I experienced some things I didn't think would happen," the first-time PC candidate said in an interview.

The Stouffville pharmacist would not go into detail, but said e-mails circulated tarnishing his name and spreading "innuendos". His signs were also vandalized.

Mr. Wassef told supporters at The Lion of Stouffville he was surprised by the reception he received when he went to congratulate Ms Jazcek at her party Thursday.

"Let's go over there and do the right thing," he said.

According to Mr. Wassef, his team tried calling her campaign manager, but to no avail.

Mr. Wassef said a couple of his team members went ahead to the Markham restaurant and notified Ms Jazcek's people he would like to congratulate her. He said they were turned away at the door.

"We were rudely greeted at the door. We weren't even allowed in," Mr. Wassef said. Ms Jazcek then came outside, he said, with four "bodyguards" and he was able to quickly congratulate her.

"I was shocked by that," he said.

Calls for comment to Ms Jaczek's campaign office yesterday were not returned.

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the NDP.'

NDP candidate Joe Whitfeld, 31, announced he'd run again even before the votes were counted Thursday night.

He finished a distant third in the six-candidate race.

"I'm up for the next time," he said at Nonna's restaurant in Markham. "I'm only here to help grow the NDP."

It was the e-health scandal that triggered Mr. Whitfeld's passion for politics.

The campaign was about social

services such as education and care for the aging, Mr. Whitfeld said.

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As a father of three and with parents nearing retirement, those issues hit home with the teacher.

"The number of seniors will almost double in the next 15 years," Mr. Whitfeld said. "We have to move these issues forward for the next generation. These will be the next major issues."

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Progressive Conservative candidate Farid Wassef tells supporters at The Lion of Stouffville on election night he was not allowed into the Liberal victory party to congratulate re-elected MPP Helena Jaczek.