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Region could get more ridings

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If federal legislation proposing an additional 13 House of Commons seats to Ontario's existing 106 is approved, the landscape of York Region's electoral districts may change, politicians and political experts said.

With speculation Minister of State for Democratic Reform Tim Uppal will recommend a new seat redistribution formula, including a baker's dozen for Ontario, fast growth suburban areas may be in line for boundary makeovers, University of Toronto political science professor Nelson Wiseman said.

The allotment of federal seats is based on demographics and proportionate representation. Using a formula from 1985, the mean population for an electoral district is 108,000.

Considering all of York Region's seven federal ridings have more than the calculated average and continue to grow, changes to riding boundaries may loom, he said.

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STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Sons and grandsons of the late Eldred King carry his coffin from Stouffville United Church yesterday. The former York Region chairperson and mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville was laid to rest at Stouffville Cemetery. See pages 3, 6 and 8 for more on the life of Mr. King.

Eldred was straight-shooting 'statesman'

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Eldred King told his son, Jan, he wanted a simple funeral this summer.

"He wanted it short and sweet — no fuss," Jan told a packed Stouffville United Church yesterday afternoon. "I'm not a good listener."

Indeed, The sanctuary was dotted with York Region politicians and civil servants, past and present. But neighbours, friends and community volunteers were well represented, too.

The 90-minute service was a full-on tribute.

Mr. King, 84, died Friday. Corn stalks and pumpkins

decorated the front of the church along with flowers.

The Stouffville resident was the former mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville and chairperson of York Region. Combined with his time as a Markham school trustee and Stouffville councillor, his political career spanned 32 years.

"He'd be saying 'What's all the

fuss about?," Jan King told the funeral.

Jan's son, Mitchell, said he'd remember his grandfather from days spent with him caring for cattle at the family farm north of Stouffville, at family dinners and the traditional King euchre games.

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