

RESOLUTIONS

# Jobs, school, wins on '13 wish lists

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A higher profile for the town's over-55 crowd and finding a site for a future Catholic high school are just some of the resolutions made by a few of Whitchurch-Stouffville's leaders.

Oak Ridges-Markham MP Paul Calandra wants to continue focusing on jobs and the economy within the entire riding.

"We have made great progress, but so much still needs to be done," he told The Sun-Tribune.

When it comes to his hometown, Mr. Calandra wants to work with fellow residents "to better understand our history and pay tribute to those who have built our community and our country."

In that vein, the MP wants to build upon the success of last year's Freedom of the Town celebration and his annual Hockey Night in Stouffville event.

Whitchurch-Stouffville's 2012 Citizen of the Year, Carol Morin, said she isn't one for making New Year's resolutions, but if she were, hers would be to raise the profile

of the town's seniors. To that end, the 55-Plus Club programmer said she is committed to working with the club to offer more activities that address its members' social, educational, recreational and fitness needs.

"Our seniors deserve to be treated well. They are the real backbone and foundation of our community," she said.

For Elizabeth Crowe, local trustee and chairperson of the York Catholic District School Board, she resolves to do two things over the next 12 months.

The first is to "try to convince" her fellow trustees that elementary school dress codes should be determined at the school level. Secondly, Ms Crowe said she will continue to work with school board staff to find a location for a high school site in Stouffville.

"Once we get a site, we can actively petition the Ministry of Education for a school," she told The Sun-Tribune.

Motus O dance theatre members want "to inspire the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville to embrace their civic responsibility in helping shape the cultural landscape in our collective community."

Edward Nelles, executive director of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce decided Goran Persson, the former prime minister of Sweden said it best: "Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

On the sporting side of the communities, wins were a common theme. But three-time Olympic medalist Karen Cockburn said: "Since the 2012 Summer Olympics I've been off my regular diet and exercise routine. My resolution for 2013 is to get back into a routine of exercising and becoming more healthy again."

Stouffville Spirit general manager Kenny Burrows hopes "to build a hockey team that nobody wants to play in the (Ontario Junior Hockey League) playoffs."

Graham Wise, who coaches Ryerson University's men's hockey team said: "Our objective is to make the playoffs. What sacrifices do we have to make to become successful?"

Others, including Mayor Wayne Emmerson, Oak Ridges-Markham MP Helena Jaczek and York Region District School Board Trustee Lorelea Carruthers, were also contacted by The Sun-Tribune for their New Year's resolutions, but they did not respond by our deadline.



**KAREN COCKBURN:** Olympian vows to be healthier since getting off track after London Games.



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