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# Stouffville Free Press



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## Free Opinion - Making Your Vote Count

Whitchurch-Stouffville is growing rapidly and the municipal election is an opportunity for newcomers to engage with candidates and vote for those who best represent their interests. We have grown from a small town into a bustling satellite of Toronto with an increasingly diverse population, and it's important for residents to make their needs and concerns known to those running for council.

For this month's issue, we invited all candidates to outline their platforms and reasons for running. Check out Talk of the Town on page 5 for other resources to help you decide how to vote, and take an in-depth look at all aspects of the election on our partner website at [election.stouffville.com](http://election.stouffville.com).

It's up to each of us to make our voices heard as we enter a new term. And if you don't vote, you can't

complain when council makes decisions you disagree with.

Our own wish list includes more pedestrian-friendly streets (even as the west side of Victoria Street mysteriously lost its sidewalk following some much-needed road repairs); a crosswalk at Main and Edward by the GO Station; an indoor soccer facility; a library expansion and more downtown parking. We would also like to see greater enforcement of the truck ban on Main St. between Ninth and 10th Line.

Serving on council and school boards can be very challenging and those willing to take on such roles deserve our support and appreciation. Harry Bowes, who died Aug. 2, was a remarkable example of someone who gave tirelessly to the community through his 22 years

on the York Region School Board and as Ward 5 councillor for two terms.

When two school events happened on the same night, Harry would miraculously appear at both; those of us in the media began to suspect that he must have had several clones, enabling him to be everywhere at once.

He also found time to volunteer at many community organizations including Markham-Stouffville Hospital, Stouffville Minor Hockey and the Stouffville Legion. Few people are named Citizen of the Year or get a school named after them, but if ever anyone deserved those honours it was Harry Bowes.

*In the run-up to the election, The Stouffville Free Press would like to make it clear that we do not publish or give credence to anonymous submissions.*

## Free Laughs - Poll Position

A politician will always be there when he needs you.  
*Anon*

An election is coming. Universal peace is declared, and the foxes have a sincere interest in prolonging the lives of the poultry.  
*George Ehot, Felix Holt*

Every two years the American politics industry fills the airwaves with the most virulent, scurrilous, wall-to-wall character assassination of nearly every political practitioner in the country - and then declares itself puzzled that America has lost trust in its politicians.  
*Charles Krauthammer*

I am working for the time when unqualified blacks, browns and women join the unqualified men in running our government.  
*Cissy Farenthold*

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.  
*Anon*

If a politician murders his mother, the first response of the press or of his opponents will likely be not that it was a terrible thing to do, but rather that in a statement made six years before he had gone on record as being opposed to matricide.  
*Meg Greenfield*

A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation.  
*James Freeman Clarke*

I was relieved when (Tony) Blair's baby was born at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. I had thought he would be born in a manger.  
*Leo Abse*

We should always tell the press, frankly and freely, anything they can easily find out.  
*Yes, Prime Minister*

Nobody believes a rumour here in Washington until it's officially denied.  
*Edward Cheyfitz*

If he can't ignore facts, he's no business to be a politician.  
*Yes, Prime Minister*

-Do you have any skeletons in your closet?  
-Dear boy, I can hardly close the door.  
*Alan Clark*

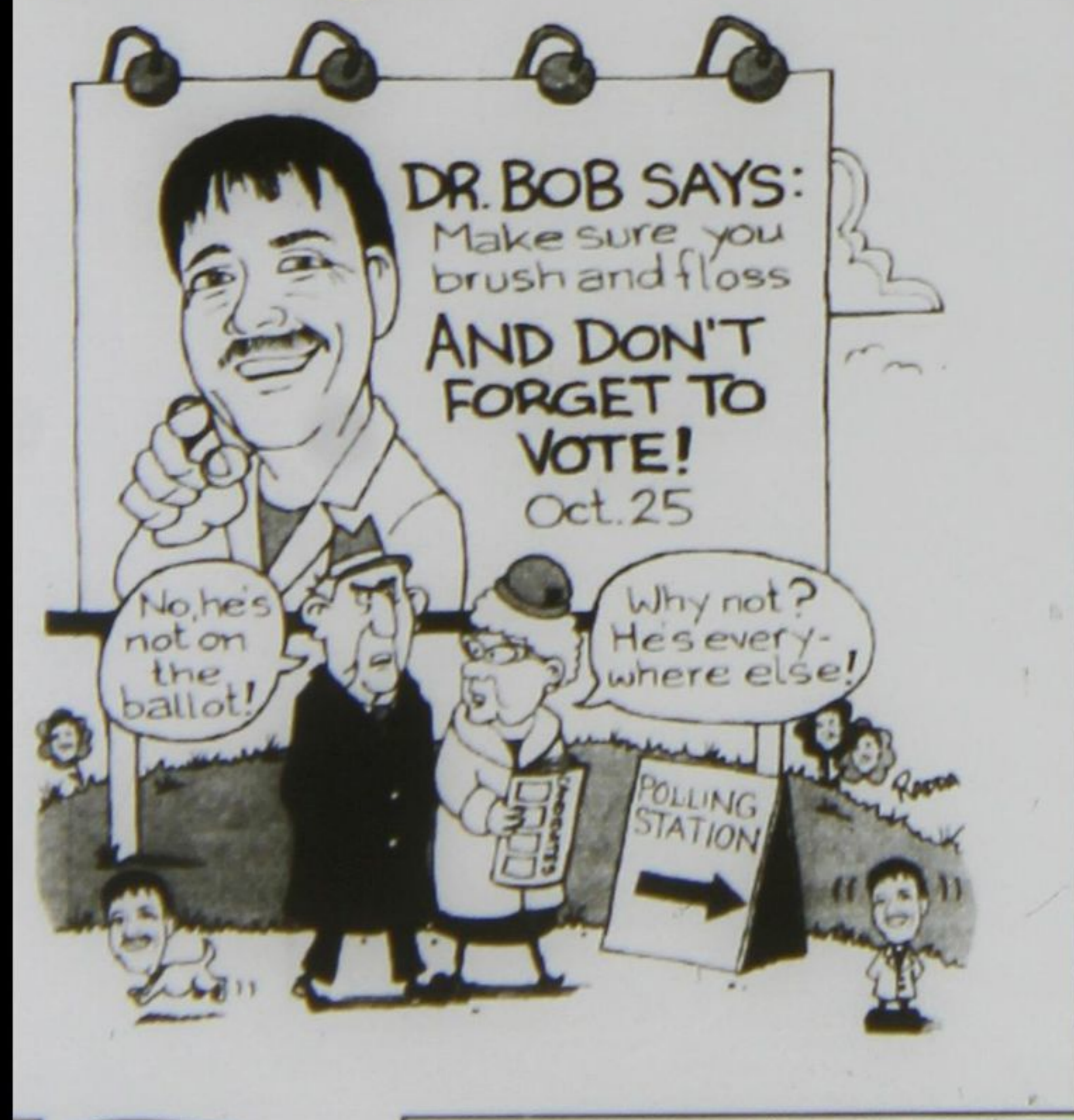
If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal.  
*Slogan on button*

Seeing John Major govern the country is like watching Edward Scissorhands try to make balloon animals.  
*Simon Hoggart*

Tony Blair reckons he can get us by sounding like Hugh Grant delivering a Richard Curtis script, with the electorate looking vulnerable in a furry hood and snow falling softly in the background.  
*Libby Purves*

The House of Lords is good evidence of life after death.  
*Baron Soper*

## Free Thoughts



## Readers Write

### A Vote Of Thanks For Town Column

To the Editor:  
This being election time, I have been reading Ben Embiricos's column with interest. I have found his assessment of the Town's problems and the ramifications of the solutions enlightening. He seems to have researched his subjects well. I have also read and heard some of the candidates' points of view. Ben has offered some points of view to be considered when deciding how my vote will go.  
Thank you for this new column.

Jennet Abbott  
Stouffville

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