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Kinjal's Candidates

## Passion For Community Inspires Candidate

By Kinjal Dagli-Shah

If you didn't know the mayoral election was around the corner, you really just need to walk by Sue Sherban's home. For someone who announced her nomination right before the deadline, there's bound to be a flurry of activity and election-talk.

Ms Sherban's enthusiasm is palpable. And so is her confidence. "If I didn't think I had a hundred percent chance of winning, I wouldn't put my name in," she stated.

While every candidate believes that - after all, who would elect someone that didn't see herself winning? - Ms Sherban has been through the process before. She has served one term as mayor and is keen to get back into the hot seat.

"I'm passionate about the community because I grew up on Musselman's Lake. I will also have future generations living in Stouffville because my daughters have been raised here," said the self-confessed 'laker girl' who now lives in Stouffville with her husband, Peter, and three girls, Lindsay, Lisa and Lesley.

Ms Sherban's election platform focuses on community integration and financial accountability. "People are feeling a lack of connection to the town hall. The current administration is very direction-oriented (do as instructed) whereas I believe in allowing staff to use their own professional skills to do their job well," she pointed out, adding that she would take the same care with taxpayers' money as she does with her own. "I would like to keep taxes low while also providing the services the people need."

She also hopes to give Whitchurch the attention it needs as well as concentrating on "controlled growth" for the town. "I consider Whitchurch as old Stouffville, even though I value the diversity that has taken place in the last few years. Especially looking at the war zone of construction the town has seen, I have new respect for everyone who lives in Whitchurch-Stouffville."

Ms Sherban currently holds a job as project administrator at Cadillac Fairview but said she will resign if elected. "I gave up a job offer that came by because I decided to run for mayor. I have a personal investment and history in Stouffville because of my family," she said.

In the days leading up to the Oct 25 election, she hopes to put on her running shoes and meet as many people as she can. How far those shoes will take her, only the ballots will tell.

*Profiles of mayoral candidates Wayne Emmerson and Justin Altmann appeared in the Stouffville Free Press earlier this year and are online at [www.election.stouffville.com](http://www.election.stouffville.com). We were unable to arrange an interview with Christine Vlachos before our October deadline.*



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