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Whitchurch-Stouffville added to its medal count at the Toronto Pan Am Games last weekend. TOP: Paul Koert (left) and teammates sing O Canada after winning the gold in men's softball in Ajax Saturday. RIGHT: Karen Cockburn smiles after receiving her bronze medal from the trampoline competition in Toronto Sunday night. For more, see page 3 and Jim Mason's column on page 6.



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Unanimous: no audit for Altmann

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In a unanimous decision, the three-member compliance audit committee voted to reject a forensic audit application of Mayor Justin Altmann's financial statements relating to the 2014 election campaign.

Committee chairperson Ron Colucci, a CPA by trade, who has served on compliance audit committees since 2010, noted his appreciation Monday for the application coming forward, however, throughout the hearing, he also shut down some of the arguments Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Ian Hilton wanted investigated.

"For me, you haven't met the burden of proof ... we need to have this forensically examined," Colucci said specifically of Altmann's barn and Hilton's claim the rental rate was below market rental value.

"For us to reach a conclusion for a compliance audit, we need a little bit more than just speculation," Colucci told Hilton partway through the hearing that lasted just over 90 minutes.

It was held in the council chambers at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville offices, which were filled with Altmann supporters.

"It was hurtful but at the same time, it shows I have my integrity, I'm honest," Altmann told The Sun-Tribune.

Also sitting on the committee was Toronto-based lawyer Robert Freedman and former Town of Whitby clerk and current member of various audit committees Paul Jones.

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