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More than 350 people line up for a taste of 42 entries during the eighth annual Stouffville Chili Cookoff at the EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church Saturday. The event raised \$1,777 for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Emergency Care Fund, which helps residents in dire need. For more information, see story on page 17. To view more photographs, go to yorkregion.com and click on 'Photo Galleries'.

Developer donations scrutinized

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With land-use planning arguably the most important role of municipal councils and with developers making millions of dollars when subdivisions on their lands are approved, municipal election campaign donations from developers should be banned.

That is the recommendation of York Uni-

versity political science professor Robert MacDermid, who contributed to a report released this week from Campaign Fairness calling on the province to prohibit corporate and union donations to municipal campaigns.

The report, called If It's Broke, Fix It, looked at campaign finances during the 2014 municipal election campaign in 13 municipalities straddling the Lake Simcoe watershed, includ-

ing Aurora, Bradford West Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Of the 70 per cent of candidates who responded to a poll sent by Campaign Fairness and the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, 79 per cent pledged not to accept corporate and

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