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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Sharon Norton is retiring after 28 years as the crossing guard at Main and Stouffer streets. See Jim Thomas' column, on page 9, for more.

HOME VALUES UP 47% SINCE 2012

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There's gold in them thar properties, Stouffville.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) delivered a presentation to Whitchurch-Stouffville town council last week outlining the details in the latest 2016 assessment of property values and taxes.

Single-family residential properties in Whitchurch-Stouffville rose in average value 47 per cent since 2012 — making it among the highest in the province.

Today those properties stand at an average value of \$741,000 having risen by an average of \$239,000 since 2012.

Indeed, the growth rate in the last year alone for Whitchurch-Stouffville was 12.2 per cent,

compared to York Region which was 10.5 per cent.

Condominiums have had slower growth in the last year at 3.9 per cent for York Region and one per cent for Whitchurch-Stouffville. Waterfront properties rose 4.9 per cent in York Region and 4.7 per cent in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

MPAC is responsible for assessing all

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