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Councillor An Ambassador For Youth

Harry Bowes is bowing out of public life after more than 30 years of service to the community. He was set to run for a third term on council, but a recent illness forced him to reconsider.

The Ward 5 councillor served many terms as a school board trustee and was chairman of the board for six years. On numerous occasions, such as graduation nights and school open houses, he appeared to have a magical ability to be in several places at once; he seldom missed a meeting, often attending three or four in a single evening.

He also loved to have fun; he was a regular visitor to local school fun fairs, both as a board representative and a volunteer. He spearheaded the restoration of the magnificent totem pole outside Summitview Public School. His commitment to community youth was an inspiration; he is still a member of three school councils.

Mr. Bowes' energy and dedication are legendary; he has been involved with many organizations and committees including minor hockey, Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, Road Watch, Stouffville Legion, the Silver Jubilee Club, Latham Gallery and Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Although he deserves a break, he will doubtless find it hard to give up doing what he loves. The community owes him a big vote of thanks for his dedication, and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

In pursuit of the silver Fox

This year, the Terry Fox Run celebrates its 25th anniversary in the community.

In 2005, Whitchurch-Stouffville raised more than \$100,000 for the cause, an incredible achievement, and one that organizers hope to surpass in 2006. With an army of long time volunteers and many new faces in town, we believe we can make this year's run the biggest and best ever.

In the 26 years since the national event began, the Terry Fox Foundation has stayed true to Terry's dream, raising funds for research that will benefit all those touched by cancer. Eighty-seven cents out of every dollar raised goes directly to research and anyone can participate in Terry's Run, from individuals and schools to local company teams.

So on Sept. 17, let's walk, run, bike, wheel and skateboard to a new record as we celebrate a quarter of a century working to make the dream of one of Canada's greatest heroes come true.

Readers Write

An open letter to the Communities in Bloom committee and others

The committee Sue (Sherban) put together was dynamic. I loved getting to know you and each brought wonderful gifts.

On Thursday (July 27) we started at the town offices and it was marvellous to see such staff support. Then we were off to the Community Safety Village. Pangman Springs, the Richmond Hill Live Steamers Railway and Gary and Melissa Bouwmeister's garden were next on the tour.

Friday started at the Museum. Dorie (Billich) and Stephanie (Foley) greeted us with a tour and rhubarb cordial and lavender cookies. Next the forest beckoned and we learned a lot there about the management and educational facilities. Mark Carroll and Lucas guided us around the wildflower areas in Ballantrae and told us what they do with strong neighbourhood help.

A boat ride with Rick Wigmore and chocolates from Charinda came just before we went to Ballantrae Golf Club to tour the most interesting sewage facilities. Lunch was at the club house and then it was on to Lefarge.

A guide drove around with us explaining their operations and again it was so interesting. We wandered down Main Street after driving into town and having Helene Johnson greet us with dessert at the train station; thank you to the Chamber of Commerce.

All Main Street looked so beautiful, Stouffville should be proud. We walked to the

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Free Thoughts

In a world where shallow souls and petty triumphs are every day exalted
 one young man touched us most profoundly
 with a dream so cruelly halted



Stouffville's 25th annual
 Terry Fox Run
 September 17th

Word from the Street

September 2006

What do you see as major issues for the new council?



Peter Neufeld

The community is growing fast, but the infrastructure doesn't seem to be in place yet for the expected growth and I think that's an important issue.



Tom O'Rourke

The council should develop a prioritized wish list of public and private facilities that would enhance our town as a place to live, then develop a plan to build or attract those facilities over time in order to keep residents in town when they work and play.



Maggie O'Rourke

I think the council should also concentrate on the old things and places we have in town instead of just all the new things.



Clare Gilderdale

With the massive growth Stouffville is undergoing, town planning and forward thinking will be the most important election issues.