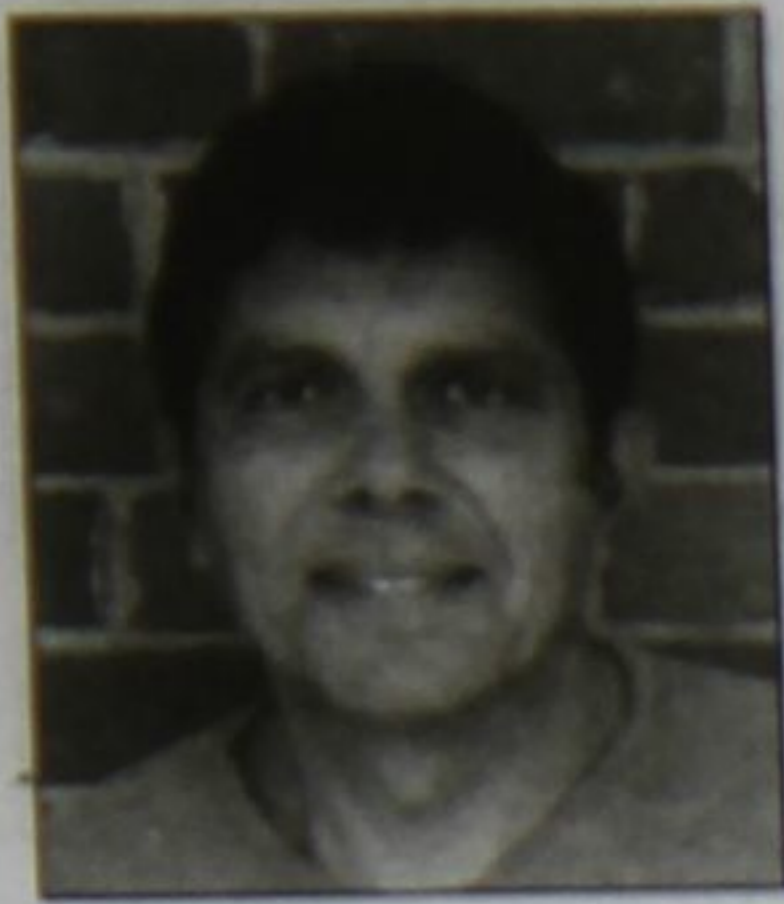


Free Press Ward Candidates Platform



Ken Ferdinands • Ward 1 - Incumbent

As the urban area increases in size and density there will be growing demands to provide new and additional services into the areas where population concentrations are the greatest. Rural areas must receive a proportional share of municipal investment; this includes a share of development charges.

Effective leadership is required to have this unique municipality function as a cohesive unit; we as representatives of government need to actively foster the relationship between the citizens in order to develop the confidence needed for municipal government to achieve our collec-

tive goals.

Key issues facing Council include the scope and nature of the western approach development including the reconstruction of Main Street; the physical and social integration of new developments into existing communities; the infrastructure gap, and keeping taxes within inflationary limits.

In the past the municipality has both suffered and benefited from being able to insulate itself from changes brought about by significant development. We are now faced with a new era. My primary goal is to plan effectively and strategically to ensure that we don't simply become a centre for retail and residential development.

Garry Rhineland • Ward 1

As a resident for eight years, I want to ensure the future interests of Ward 1 and the township are represented effectively.

One major challenge is the adoption of a viable economic growth plan to accommodate the overall township. York Region will experience enormous growth over the next decade. Our community needs a better vision and leadership to deal with this or it will be left behind.

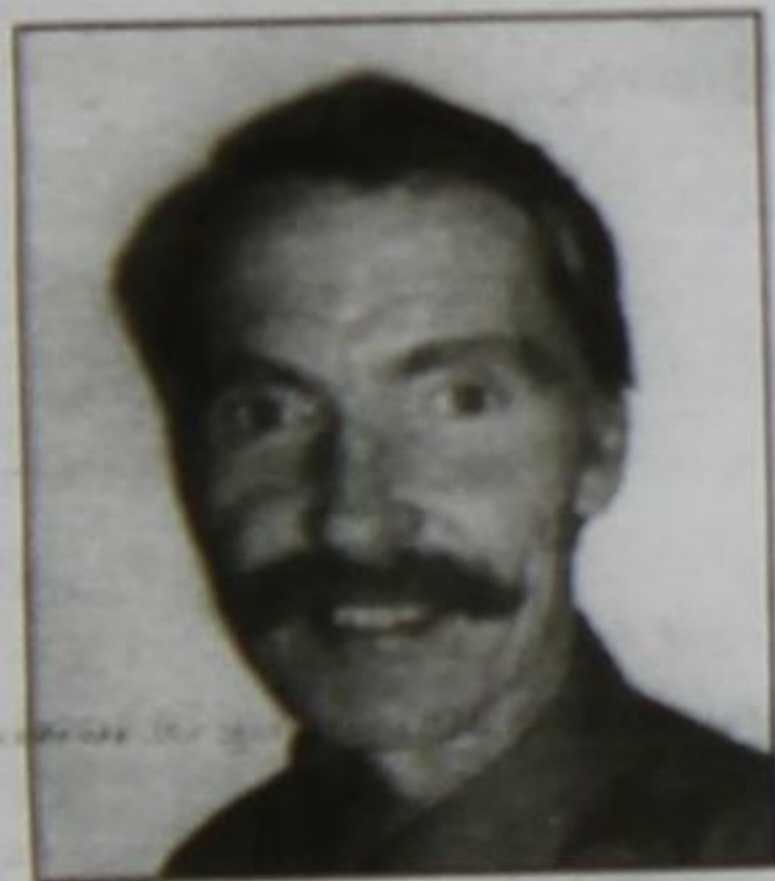
If elected, I will work towards improving:

Ward 1 roads. Many are sub-standard as they do not have shoulders, which is dangerous for users and has contributed to the cessation of mail delivery for many residents.

Voter Participation. In the last election only 25 per cent of those eligible voted. I believe residents should be able to vote by mail. Vote by mail was used by over 100 Ontario municipalities in 2003 resulting in higher turnouts and levels of satisfaction according to an Association of Municipalities of Ontario survey.

Property Tax Assessments. The Ontario Government is reviewing the MPAC method of assessing properties. It is important for municipalities to participate in this process to ensure residents' concerns are heard.

I have worked as senior manager and director in the financial sector for 17 years and the past six years with one of the world's largest software companies. My business experience will assist Council in formulating a realistic vision for our future.



Fred Robbins • Ward 1

I believe in Whitchurch-Stouffville. That is why Robbins family have been residents for most of our lives.

My reason for running is to see service and information to residents become a clear process. Many people feel their voices are being ignored and they are not getting complete answers to their concerns. We need to bring back accountability and common sense practices. Most residents have given up trying, because it is a "done deal" or they are not aware of how to initiate change.

One of the main issues is pressure from development. Memorial Park

and the park trust funds are being wasted. With the return we get from the Region for our tax dollars, do services improve?

Traffic: The safety of intersections and signalization should improve traffic flow, not slow it down. Trees: The environment should be better protected, the quality of life enhanced, eco-tourism promoted. The use of forest tracts, hiking trails, conservation lands should be promoted with plans that reflect our needs.

My goals for the next four years are: To ensure people are heard and better informed about town issues, especially concerning property and small hamlets; To improve road safety with better design and lighting; To ensure the rural community has better representation; To continue to be fully informed as I represent residents at council.



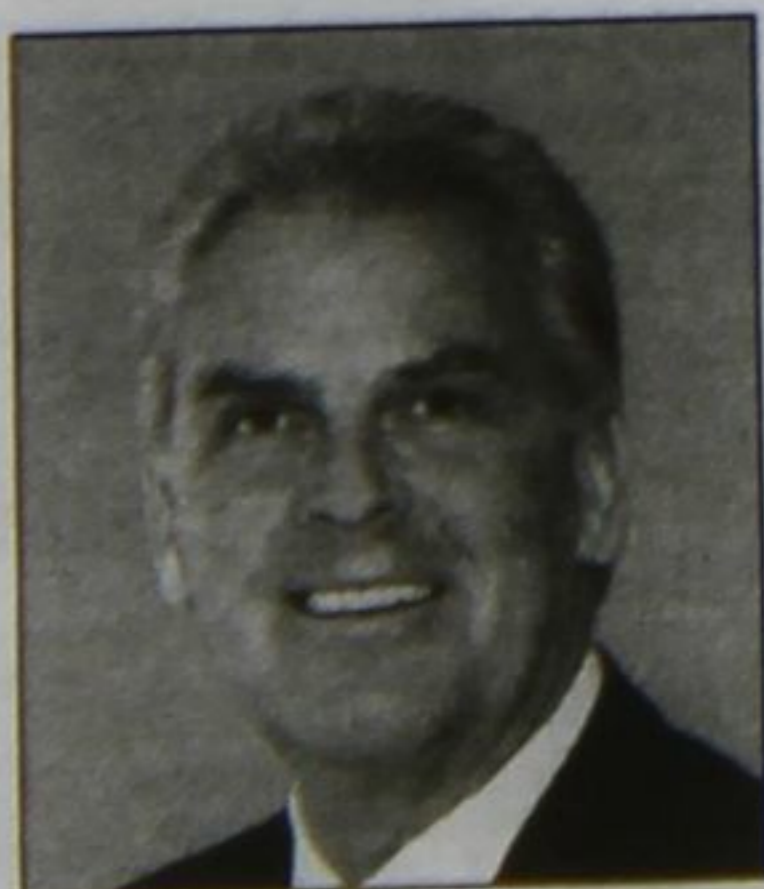
Justin Altmann • Ward 2

I have resided in Whitchurch-Stouffville for 17 years with three generations of my family preceding me. This has instilled in me a real sense of pride for our community.

I have seen the rapid growth in our community and it concerns me. I want to ensure that Whitchurch-Stouffville remains "Country close to the city". I fear that we are losing our local association as a rural municipality. I want to take back the reigns of control through planned growth and control over design. Small scale is in line with our community's identity.

The need for community services/recreation is central to providing local hubs of activity. That is why I want to make sure that key facilities which we all use remain in our downtown and are not needlessly removed. I want to ensure we are not closing community day cares as in the case of Ballantrae, but rather creating community centres with greater versatility.

It is also important to take an active role in the conservation of our green spaces and country feel of our community's natural environment. I know we are losing valuable farmland and with it, a part of our identity. I want to build a stronger community consensus and support a stewardship initiative.



Phil Bannon • Ward 2 - Incumbent

I have had the pleasure to meet and work with many of the residents in Ward 2. I have provided a strong voice of reason on council. I have concentrated my efforts on listening to residents' issues and concerns and working together to resolve them. I have dealt with each and every one of these issues aggressively, efficiently and effectively: issues such as community safety, the environment, property standards, taxes and road improvements, trucks and speed control, charity and fund raising events. There is still work to be done. New challenges, new commitments. I look forward to working with the residents of Ward 2 to resolve their ongoing concerns.

The main issues facing council are to provide positive direction and support for the re-vitalization, development and sustainability of our downtown area and to protect our heritage, environment and quality of life.

My goal is to work effectively with the mayor and council to effect positive changes throughout the town, improving the lives of all residents who live, work and play in Whitchurch-Stouffville. I will continue to lead the charge for responsible tax relief, equality of service for both urban and rural Stouffville, improved youth programs and facilities, seniors' services, accessibility issues, long term lake management plan and park services in Musselman's Lake, property standard enforcement and community safety initiatives.

Hugo T. Kroon • Ward 3

I am running for councillor in Ward 3 because I believe I understand what good governance is about, and I am prepared to provide that. I understand that squabbling about issues doesn't make for good governance, but that good governance will solve issues.

I believe that the most important asset of elected representatives is the desire to truly represent the people and the ability to be held accountable for the actions of government.

In the course of the campaign, I will make only one promise concerning one issue. And that is that if I am elected, I promise

that I will take full ownership and responsibility for all the actions of government, I will make no excuses for failures, and leave the successes to those whom it is due, the people I will represent.

I believe that if that attitude were shared by everyone in government, then all those "problematic issues" facing our town would not be such a problem after all because they would be dealt with before they became as such.

In the next four years I hope that we will start to see some positive changes in attitudes of governance here in this town, then I believe everything else will be simple... or hopefully just a little easier.

Angelis • Ward 3

Ward 3 candidate Sophie Angelis did not respond to requests for information on her election platform.