

Free Press Ward Candidates Platform

MJ Perry • Councillor Ward 3



It is the municipal/regional government which is responsible for providing most of the essential services to a community such as fire, police, garbage, etc., as well as the services which improve the health and quality of life in a community, including athletic, social and cultural opportunities for all residents. All these services must be effective, efficient and equitable.

Whitchurch-Stouffville has unique challenges fulfilling its responsibilities. The mix of rural/urban, hamlet/suburban, residential/business requires a town council which ensures equity in distribution of services

and resources; which is accountable to those affected by decisions; which is prudent in its service and its leadership; which knows when to negotiate or collaborate, and when it is better to hold firm.

On council, I will work to provide effective, efficient, equal provision of all services to all people. I will work to provide regional emergency service and dispatch, to control new building, to promote a healthy working environment between council and staff, to increase and enhance the quality of life services for all residents. I promise to be accessible, transparent and accountable.

I promise to respect the diversity of Ward 3, and to work for the best interests of all within the Ward.

Clyde Smith • Ward 3 - Incumbent



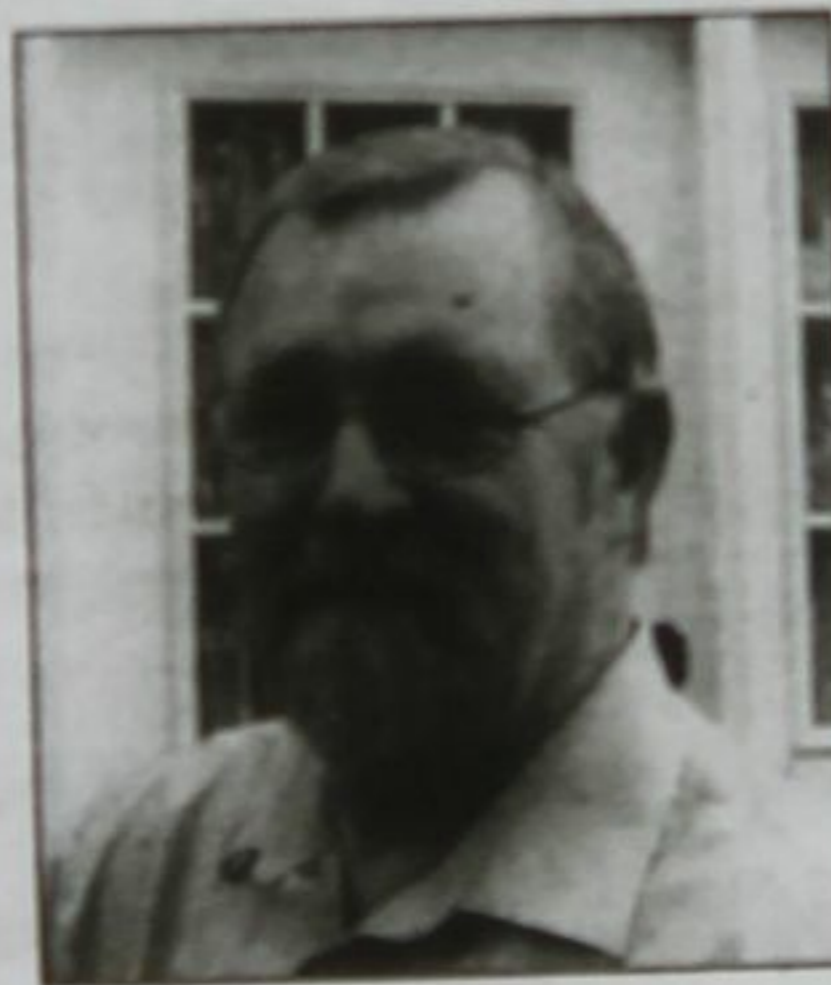
I am running for re-election because I care about protecting the quality of life we rural residents currently enjoy. I have three years experience as councillor. Experience is important. I devote full-time to my duties - being councillor is my occupation, not my part-time job. I have proactively lobbied for rural services, including improved emergency fire service, and a renovated Lemonville Community Centre.

The major issue for Ward 3 is ensuring rural residents get their

share of town resources in the face of exploding growth in the urban area. More investment is needed in rural roads. More staff are needed to address the issues rural residents face in a timely manner. The Ward needs to be protected from inappropriate development.

My primary goal is to be a strong voice for rural issues; to connect residents with issues to staff who can help; to protect well water supplies; to support the success of our agricultural community. I am committed to teamwork - working with residents, staff and council to find positive solutions. And, I am committed to continuing to serve on several boards and committees for the benefit of my constituents.

Garth Bell Ward 4



As a member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Revitalization group, I know that nothing is more important to Whitchurch-Stouffville than encouraging current business to stay and attracting new business.

Council and the town offices must develop and implement a plan

to create a strong business tax base. This community must move quickly to meet the challenges of future growth. We must plan now to provide the services and infrastructure to support population and commercial growth. We must plan better and act faster.

Council must set aside personal agendas and differences and act in the best interests of all our residents, old and new, private and corporate.

Susanne Hilton Ward 4 - Incumbent



The reason I am standing for re-election is that I want to continue my work in establishing a framework that will ensure a long-term, effective and responsive management of our growing town.

The main issues council needs to address are:

- 1) Serving the needs of current urban and rural residents in the face of the intense demands of development.
- 2) Improving safety and quality of life in our existing neighbourhoods.
- 3) Applying the best modern plan-

ning principles for sustainable communities in the next phase of development.

4) Resisting any pressures to expand our "current settlement boundaries" further on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

My goals for the next four years are:

- 1) To keep my constituents informed and to deal with and resolve their issues.
- 2) To create a vibrant business community that includes the revitalization of the downtown core.
- 3) To implement our new cultural policy to advance arts and culture.
- 4) To successfully monitor and manage growth.
- 5) To ensure responsible environmental stewardship.

Pam Mandich Ward 4



Whitchurch-Stouffville is a wonderful place to live. We are still a small town community with a unique identity. But we are also a community faced with immense growth and all of the challenges that growth brings.

I want everyone to know that I believe in controlled, balanced growth that respects our community's heritage, character and environment. I want you to know that as we face new challenges, I will actively seek community input into town policy and planning. Residents have a right to input into decisions that affect their lives.

I believe in providing a wide variety of facilities that will allow all residents to take part in community life. Participation is what brings us together as a community. I will continue to work with local companies to help build their businesses and also work to attract new businesses. More business reduces the tax burden on local residents.

I spend much time volunteering and I want you to know that I will continue to volunteer and to encourage and reward the volunteer spirit that is so strong in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Finally, I want you to know that I will work hard to find creative, fiscally responsible solutions to all challenges faced by our growing community.

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