

Whitchurch-Stouffville this Month asked each candidate the following 4 questions:

1. Why are you running for this position?
2. What do you feel you bring to the table?
3. In one sentence, explain why you can make a difference.
4. If you had to pick one issue that defines Whitchurch-Stouffville's future, what would it be?

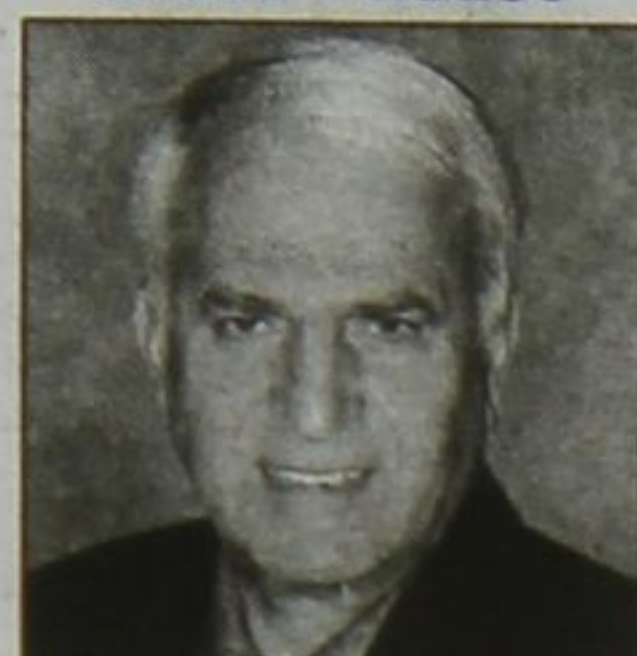
Randy Mole



Candidate - Mayor

1. The people of Whitchurch-Stouffville need someone to champion their rights in the face of all this development. My opponents have not and will not stand up for you.
2. I have not signed onto this deal. Therefore if I receive a mandate from the people of Stouffville I will reexamine the proposed developments in the light of the Oak Ridges Moraine Act and the Visions of Our Secondary Plans.
3. I've had the opportunity to live in and/or spend time in 10 different countries and I am well aware of the balance necessary between commercial and environmental interests to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
4. The most important issue at this time is controlling development in a manner which ensures the comfort and health of our people.

Steve Pliakes



Candidate - Mayor

1. In the past 30 years I've grown to love Whitchurch-Stouffville. As well, I have a strong and realistic desire to help oversee the well being of this very fine community. I want to form a partnership with residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Together we can embrace our community's future.
2. I have the skills, the insight, and both the civic and the business experience to steer this community in a healthy and prosperous direction.
3. I have the passion, the courage, the know-how, the ability to listen and of course, the time for the job at hand.
4. The future of Whitchurch-Stouffville will be defined by how growth, including residential, industrial and commercial, is managed. We must preserve our future as "Country Close to the City."

Sue Sherban



Candidate - Mayor

1. For the past six years as Ward 6 councillor, I have listened to the ideas and vision of residents. As mayor, I can use my knowledge, experience and passion to work for a better community.
2. I will draw upon my long history of community involvement, experience in local government, background in business and knowledge of the issues facing regional council.
3. With my leadership skills and ability to stay focused, I will follow through with the implementation of the careful plans we have made for growth and thus preserve our quality of life.
4. Thinking over many conversations I've had with residents, I know that the one issue that will define our future is our ability to protect our small town identity and rural heritage.

Ken Ferdinands



Councillor - Ward 1

1. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is on the verge of a major transformation. These changes are due in part to the approval of several subdivisions, the redevelopment of the core and the implementation of the Secondary Plan for Vandorf-Preston Lake. The incoming council will need to be imaginative and possess a long range vision whilst embracing the traditional values held by the existing population.
2. I possess an academic background in geography and urban studies; in addition my work in education permitted me to gain experience in dealing with personnel, policies and issues in a community-centred environment.
3. I value the skills, views and perceptions of others.
4. ... smart, imaginative, innovative and sustainable development. The town has an opportunity to achieve that goal.

Phil Bannon



Candidate - Ward 2

1. I feel that residents in Ward #2 deserve a Councillor who will represent ALL of the community. We have very serious issues on the table. I will encourage residents to participate in community meetings, defining their concerns and solutions. I will carry the torch for the environment and other important issues like: taxes, development, youth, traffic and emergency services.
2. Thirty-two years of public service. Eighteen years of experience in leadership/management roles, business/budget administration, personnel/resource management, community liaison, planning/implementing community programs.
3. Experience, knowledge, concern and fulltime commitment to serving our community.
4. Sustainable development, enabling balance of the environment and the demands of population growth, residentially and commercially while working within parameters of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Mark Carroll



Candidate - Ward 2

1. To make a difference in my community. The environmental significance of Ward 2, with its wetlands, kettle lakes, forests and rivers must be protected and enhanced. This cannot be ignored.
2. I bring the experience to deal with difficult issues that will affect our quality of life and I will work to eliminate the effects of those issues on our lives.
3. I have a good working relationship with a number of local agencies on trying to make our communities healthy and this has allowed me to get information to deal with issues quickly that may affect our town.
4. A leader in community planning and spirit. To show other municipalities that small, rural communities can work.

Fred Robbins



Candidate - Ward 4

1. I am running to serve the community and have the residents' concerns heard at council.
2. I bring to the table my involvement in the local community as a resident, parent, coach, historian and volunteer; my interest and enthusiasm for the betterment of the community; my experience for the past six years at council and the various committees I have served on.
3. I can make a difference because I have learned at council the procedure and research issues while going to meetings regularly, speaking often to the mayor and councillors.
4. One issue to define Whitchurch-Stouffville would be the impact of development on the community and the downloading of infrastructure to the taxpayers.

Harry Bowes



Candidate - Ward 5

1. There is a need for continuity on the council and I intend to continue the progress which I have already initiated. I have served the residents of Ward 5 for 36 years and I want to continue to bring improvements to the area.
2. I will bring experience, full-time commitment, dedication, support for the environment and effective decision-making. The past has shown that I am the one who gets things done.
3. Over the years I have demonstrated leadership qualities on many boards and organizations and I have gained the support of their members.
4. The need for town-wide planning and a plan for the infrastructure in order to solve the horrendous traffic problems which we have.

Brenda Lobraico



Candidate - Ward 5

1. As a resident of Stouffville for 13 years and a part time physiotherapist, I am passionate about making Stouffville an even better place for all of us to live and enjoy.
2. My involvement as chair/co-chair on the Pool Fundraising, Environmental, Accessibility, and Big Brothers committees has solidified my leadership skills.
3. I am familiar with all current town issues through attendance at council meetings, public information sessions and discussion with local officials. I am a caring, energetic and community-minded person who is looking to serve Ward 5 on council.
4. Stouffville can remain a unique town by controlling future growth, maintaining our green spaces and revitalizing our downtown core. I know I can make a difference as councillor in Ward 5.

John Relph



Candidate - Ward 5

1. I am concerned with our town's growth, safety, and most importantly, the families that enjoy the town as I do. I will make an effective contribution to the decision-making that affects our future.
2. My experience as a police officer has taught me to listen effectively and take decisive action.
3. While keeping integrity and accountability in the forefront, my leadership and negotiation skills will enable me to bring forth and implement the right decisions.
4. Growth is inevitable and we must move forward. Some tough decisions will have to be made to maintain a proper balance between the growth and our small town distinction "Country Close to the City".

Owen Craig



Candidate - Ward 6

1. I care about our community, and I care about you and your family.
2. We are going through tremendous change in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Ward Six, with its development to the south, is no exception. As our community grows, so too will the need to work together in partnership with our community interests, and developers, to ensure smart growth patterns are enhanced and adhered to.
3. With your help on November 10, 2003, I can play a leadership role on council by communicating your concerns in an effective and efficient manner. The election material your household has received speaks to my proactivity within our community and exhibits the skill sets necessary to accomplish goal-oriented results. You can make the difference.

Rob Hargrave



Candidate - Ward 6

1. Ward 6 will undergo a great deal of change within the next three years. I am running to ensure that the residents of Ward 6 will be informed about all the development that will take place.
2. I have worked with fortune 500 companies for the past 20 years in sales and marketing. I will bring to council a strong business acumen utilizing my marketing and negotiation skills.
3. I am a great listener and a team player who will strive to achieve the best results for residents of Stouffville.
4. Accountability! The future success of Stouffville rests on council's ability to deliver what the residents have asked for with honesty and integrity. I will act in the highest regard with this issue.