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## Lake water testing not fast enough

The experts say it could be two weeks before they reach any conclusions about the quality of water in Musselman's Lake.

Though residents in the area are anxious to find out the latest in a long series of tests, inspections, observations, etc., they must remain patient because ultimately, they will benefit from the solutions.

It's a frustrating process — but one that must run its course before any steps are taken.

But no real answers have been offered yet to ease tension in the Musselman's Lake community.

A recent public meeting, though organized with the best of intentions, dissolved into a mob scene that did little to address the issues.

Residents were subsequently told that, like it or not, they may have to hook up to a piped water system because the provincial government wouldn't help fund the program if the entire lake population didn't join.

Tighten up the red tape, ignore the provincial posturing and move ahead with test results. The taxpayers are waiting.

### NEWS ITEM:

**Study shows that children have higher incidence of tooth**

**decay in schools without fluoride-treated water**

# Chamber of Commerce offers a voice

Some promising things are happening behind the scenes at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

And the people behind the local business group are working hard to elevate the profile of the Chamber, a task that requires limitless energy.

I sat down with Chamber of Commerce President Susan Myers last week for a chat about the trials and tribulations the group has experienced of late.

The most recent disappointment for Chamber officials was cancellation of the annual fall Trade Show after much hard work and planning.

But the turn of events, as un-



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fortunate as they were, didn't diminish the resolve of people like Ms. Myers who are determined to give the group a loud and united voice for business in the Whitchurch-Stouffville area.

And that's what the group is all about. With a stronger membership base, the Chamber of Commerce can provide liaison between business and municipal, provin-

cial or federal agencies. The stronger the numbers, the louder the business voice that can be heard.

And the local Chamber is part of a larger umbrella group which includes, in turn, a provincial and national group of merchants with an interest in the success of local business.

Locally, there are issues which have been taken up by the Chamber that, regardless of

the outcome, illustrates its commitment to bettering Stouffville's business community.

It's opposition (along with the BIA) to a move of Whitchurch-Stouffville's municipal offices comes to mind. So does the 911 emergency system's effect on street name changes.

As Ms. Myers says, "If anybody has a legitimate problem, we'll tackle it."

But local business has to take the first step in making that voice stronger. It's as simple as a phone call to the Chamber's office (complete with boardroom for meetings, etc.) to find out what the group is all about.

Besides, any small business would be remiss if it didn't capitalize on business-boosting opportunities. Business owners can share thoughts on common ground, or voice a beef they may have. The Chamber is a sounding board used to help chart business directions in the community.

There are always issues to be dealt with locally. The Chamber may or may not be able to help with difficulties, but it won't hurt to find out what it can do for you.

For information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at Stouffville Place Mall at 640-5993.

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### Editor's mail

# Seat belt plea from top cop

Dear Editor,  
The month of October has

## Fill our mailbox

The Tribune welcomes letters from readers on current topics. Letters should be 500 words or less and typed or neatly printed. They may be subject to editing for length at the discretion of the Editor. They must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday to appear in the Wednesday Tribune.

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been officially designated as "Seat Belt Month" in the province of Ontario.

The purpose of this program is to remind you that by law, everyone in Ontario is required to wear a seat belt, or be secured in a child safety seat when in a motor vehicle which is being operated on a street or highway.

Statistics in York Region alone this year indicate 10 out of 18 occupants who have been killed in motor vehicle collisions on regional roads were not wearing seat belts.

This figure is shocking, and as your law enforcement agency, we intend to ensure that the numbers are reduced.

As residents, we need your help with this program.

Make it a habit to ensure the wearing of seat belts in your motor vehicle.

Set an example by wearing your seat belt at all times and ensure your passengers wear theirs.

Make it your duty to fasten your children in.

Thank you for taking the time to read my remarks in relation to an area of utmost importance to us.

Please help us in our attempt to save lives and limit serious injuries on the roads and highways of York region.

Yours Truly,  
Donald Hillock  
Chief of Police