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Sundays okay for sales barn

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Whitchurch-Stouffville politicians gave the okay for Stouffville Auction Barns to open Sundays but its bid to exclude National Sports in the exemption plea was voted down 3-2.

"I support Stouffville Stockyards Sunday opening because most stores are more of a tourist attraction rather than an actual business. National Sports is not a tourist attraction. That's my only problem with it," said Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles.

Ward 2 Councillor Ron Robb said he takes out-of-town friends to the flea market and added his family "would go there before we would go shopping on Main St."

And although Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders votes for a free choice for Sunday openings, he said he resents the province handing the issue to the municipalities to deal with.

"Stores and people should decide whether they want to open or shop but to put this down to the municipalities to deal with means that bit by bit everything will be open."

But Councillor Sanders added it is "unfair" for the flea market be allowed to open when others can't and noted, "Sunday is traditionally a quiet time in Whitchurch-Stouffville."

"It should be made a private decision how people spend their day of rest," Mr. Sanders added.

Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall said in Europe Sunday shopping is a no-no.

"Stores even close Saturdays at 1 p.m. (in Europe)," she offered.

Although a motion to exclude the National Sports — opening seven days a week — was lost, council voted to set a limit of 2,400 sq. ft. for each business in future that may try to fight the Retail Business Holiday Act for the 10th Line location.



George Gray keeps his puppy, Kelsey, warm while he checks out some of the goods for sale at the Stouffville Auction Barns Saturday afternoon. For more on the barns, which were granted Sunday opening status by local politicians, see page 3.

Norm Faulkner, co-owner of the stockyards said he would regulate the store sizes to 2,400 sq. ft. to deter large businesses from trying

to open there in future. The decision still must go the regional council before the exemption becomes final.

Despite problems in Metro

Local recycling effort 'not a flop'

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The blue box recycling program in Whitchurch-Stouffville is a better program and is more successful than Metro's program, said Town Engineering Co-ordinator Paul Whitehouse in an interview Tuesday.

Although there are no dollar figures yet available, Mr. Whitehouse calculates the town is already diverting 15 per cent of its recyclable materials away from the dump.

Reacting to a December comment by Metro Councillor Howard Moscoe, who said the Metro and North York recycling program "is a flop", Mr. Whitehouse said that is not the case here.

"Our program is not a flop. Metro's problem is due to an improper program. They use regular garbage compactors and they don't separate their glass," he said.

Whitchurch-Stouffville separates its glass "right on the curb and the companies who buy the glass give us a better dollar return because of that."

He said all Whitchurch-Stouffville recyclable material is taken and weighed at the Richmond Hill depot, along with Newmarket and East Gwillimbury. The materials are then marketed to Ontario and Quebec Paper and Ink.

"It didn't make sense for every area municipality to have separate depots."

The engineering co-ordinator said although people sometimes get upset when items are not accepted, he maintains the careful and precise separation is the key to the program's success.

"Just one chunk of ceramic in a truck full of glass could reject the whole batch, and that's why Metro's program needs polishing," he said.

"It really helps to do the curbside sorting. Spademan and the residents and doing a really good job and it helps."

Although Mr. Whitehouse said the market "dictates to us now" he predicts time to include schools and apartments and to implement a composting program will put the municipalities on top.

"Recycling has never been a money making scheme. It's more of an environmental service. The revenues come back from some of the materials sold and this offsets the operating costs in Richmond Hill."

Mr. Whitehouse said the glass sorting is the only way to a successful program, like in Whitchurch-Stouffville, and although sometimes frustrating "it really has helped."

Stouffville woman still listed as critical

Forty-year-old Christine Burns of Stouffville remains in critical condition at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre today after her car veered off a local roadway Jan. 11.

Ms. Burns lost control of her vehicle while travelling on the 7th Conc. north of the Stouffville Road at about 10:30 p.m. last Tuesday evening when her 1986 Hyundai slid into an eastern ditch and rolled onto its roof into an icy creek.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Volunteer Fire Department helped remove Mrs. Burns and a passenger, 29-year-old Carol Sagar of Scarborough, from the wreckage.

Ms. Burns was taken by ambulance to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill with chest injuries and was later transported to Sunnybrook in Toronto.

Hospital spokesmen confirmed the woman is still in the surgical intensive care unit and is listed critical.

Her passenger, Mrs. Sagar was released from York Central last Tuesday with minor cuts and bruises.

York Regional Police are still investigating the roadway where the car lost control and no charges have yet been laid, said Sgt. Gord Smyth.

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Student squads do battle on the courts. See page 10.

