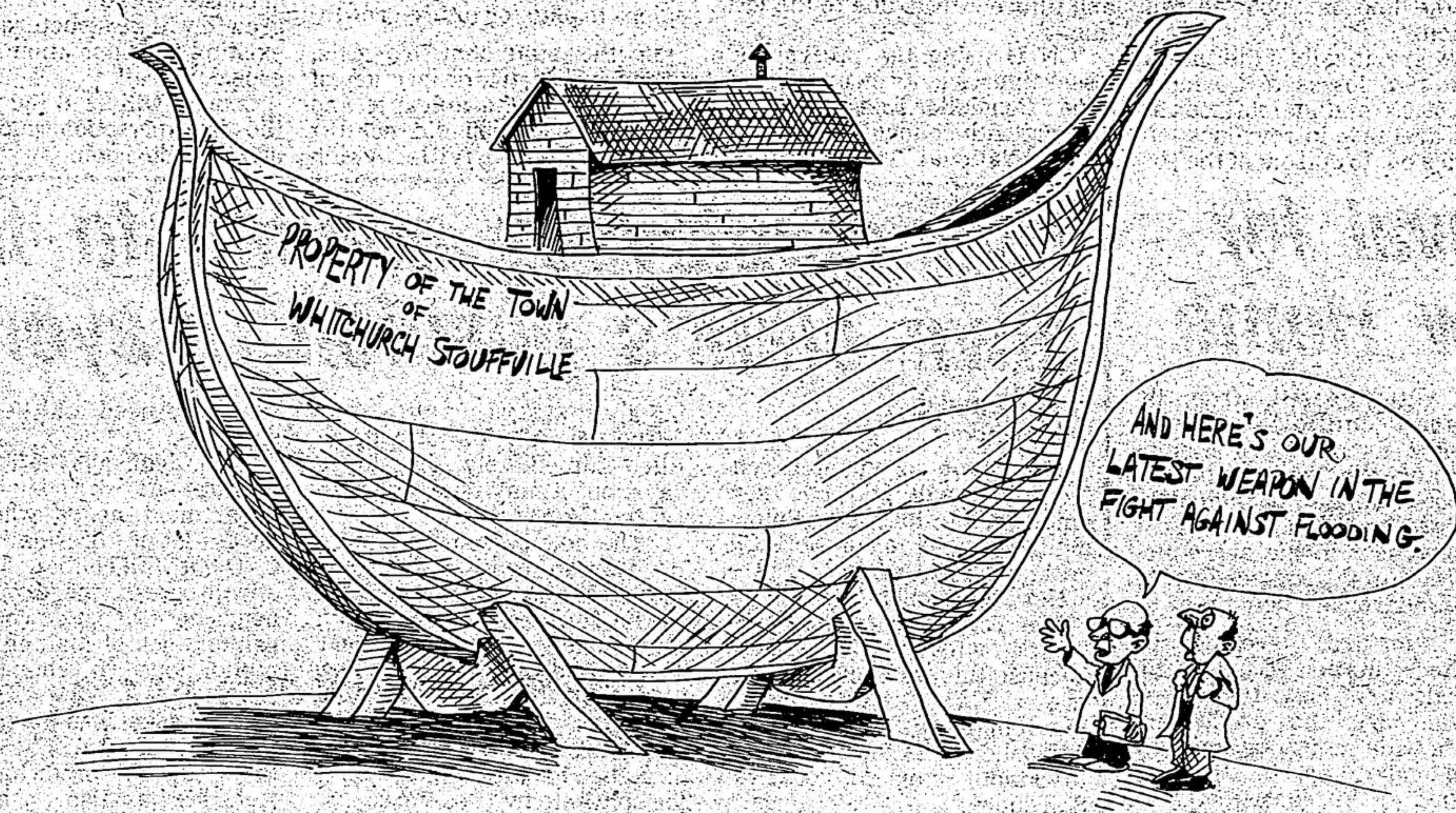


# Comment Page



## Stouffville recycling is effective

Whitchurch-Stouffville is miles ahead of Metro in its blue box recycling program, and the results are starting to show.

That comes from Engineering Co-ordinator Paul Whitehouse, in response to criticisms in Metro that the blue box program is a flop.

In Whitchurch-Stouffville, meanwhile, as much as 15 per cent of recyclable material is being picked up and sorted at the curb before making its way through the recycling circle.

And further steps — to include apartments and other areas as yet unable to join the recycling program — are on the way.

The success of local programs in York Region illustrate the fact that residents care about mounting piles of trash in our landfills, and want to do their part to combat the crisis.

While Metro continues its daily battle to make recycling work, Whitchurch-Stouffville and the rest of York Region is preparing for more environment programs to expand a newfound relationship with the environment.

And none of the new initiatives introduced will be for the short-term.

## Stripped of six-star rating, driving's expensive

I have 2,200 extremely good reasons to obey the speed limits as I trek to and from accident locations, schools, photo assignments and, of course, home.

I am a criminal, a violator, a high risk, a deficit, a driving disaster and a roadway loser in the eyes of my insurance company.

After only 11 years of driving, I'm on the company hit list. They stripped me of my six-star rating and my \$600-a-year premium, threw me financial hand-cuffs, tossed me in the bad risk clinker and threw away my polished, once untainted policy.

Now, here I sit in the bad girl books as I sign a new devil-branded paper that says, "You drive too fast, missy and now you're going to pay dearly."



kibble's bits

tracy kibble

Since 1987, my foot somehow got heavier. I don't know why, it just did. Or maybe the car companies made the gas pedals a little looser so that my foot didn't really make me go 100 km in 80 km zones. Yeah, that must be it.

No, I must snap out of it. I am now paying \$2,200 a year for speeding. Plain and simple. Three tickets in 1987, three more in 1988 and two biggies in 1989. That will do it alright.

So as I waste away in this crowded violators' dungeon, I am

thinking how this happened. Were those trips to college at a racing speed so important just to beat my sneaky snooper colleagues at an opportunity to interview the school mascot?

Were those bounding trips home, wheels off the road, around Dagmar Ski Resort really worth the last piece of mom's delicious cinnamon apple pie?

And when I think about it, were all those rushed trips to work so important just to beat the other waitress to serving all those beer gussling, ignorant sex maniacs?

I think not. There I've said it. No. No. No.

Not only did I lose a highly-enviable premium of a mere \$50 a month for the privilege of driving — which now costs a whopping \$200 a month — but I lost those six glorious stars that said: Man, you're a good, safe driver.

So, that's it. No more speeding. Now I drive 60 in a 60, 80 in a 80, and I even (eyes always checking my speedometer) go 100 on the major freeways.

But I don't understand. Now that I'm obeying the laws and staying within the set limits, I'm being passed by lime green Ladas, tailgated by monster trucks, and fingered and swore at by old men heading to the chiropractor.

My truck has never been so dirty. I've never used so much wind-

shield washer and I've never seen any of them get a speeding ticket.

Am I the only sucker on the roads who pays this much insurance? Am I the only one who passes an ingeniously hidden policeman at an atrocious speed and gets the ole' 'pull over ma'am' look from those threatening flashing headlights?

Well, I don't care. Speed away people. Fines are going up this year to an eye-bulging price.

I'm going to earn back my stars and I'm going to stock up on windshield washer and quarters to wash my mud-swiped, stone-laden truck if it kills me.

Give me the finger, swear your fool heads off. I've learned my lesson.

It all comes down to dollars and sense.

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### Editor's Mail

## Patron wants coat returned

Dear Editor,  
My family has lived in this community for the past 12 years. We have always read your paper which we consider a vital part of the community. We believe that this is the finest community in which to reside.

However, my faith in the community was a little dented back on Nov. 26. On that day we had Sunday brunch at the Maples of Ballantrae Restaurant.

When we were about to leave, we discovered that a person had taken my wife's brand new navy blue trench coat. Left behind was a man's size 46 navy blue trench coat.

We thought at first this was only a mistake, but since the coat has not been returned, we now

have to think that the coat had been stolen.

I am hoping that the person who took the coat reads this letter and now realizes where he left his

coat. Hopefully, it will be returned to the restaurant and my faith in the community can be restored.

David Jones  
Stouffville

## Lions say thanks

Dear Editor,  
On behalf of the Stouffville Lions Club I wish to thank all the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville who contributed to the Christmas fund with food or toys. Special thanks to Dr. Turner's Chiropractic Centre and especially Family Trust for having the food and toy depot centre. Also your article helped us to reach out to someone we might have missed.

It's local community support in projects such as Christmas trees, elimination draw dance, toll day or one of our food booths to name only a few, that makes it possible for us to support some of the needs of the community.

David Barthau  
Health and Social Services  
Chairman  
Stouffville Lions Club