

Province's no-fault plan 'promises relief'

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A new no-fault insurance system, called the Ontario Motorists Protection Plan, was recently unveiled by Financial Institutions Minister Murray Elston.

It promise rate relief for drivers in 1990, holding increases in average premiums to only eight per cent in rural areas in the first year following implementation.

The plan will eliminate lawsuits over minor injuries, while still permitting access to the courts in cases of serious injury or death.

Under the new system, accident benefits will be significantly improved. Anyone injured in an auto accident will receive benefits within 10 to 30 days of filing a claim.

Insurance companies will face substantial penalties for not paying on time.

The guaranteed benefits will include up to \$450 per week in tax-free income replacement. This equals the average "take home" pay of someone earning approximately \$30,000 per year.

Accident victims will also be eligible for up to \$1 million in supplementary medical, rehabilitation and long-term care.

Guaranteed weekly benefits will be available for the first time to students, seniors and the unemployed. New child care benefits will be provided and homemakers will receive improved compensation.

As well, motorists will be able to purchase optional insurance for even greater protection.

The new plan balances the need for affordable rates with the requirement for comprehensive protection.

What are the underlying causes of higher rates? First, there are simply more drivers on our roads than ever before. Traffic congestion and "gridlock" have become a fact of life in urban centres.

Second, the number of accidents and injuries continues to escalate. There were 203,000 automobile accidents and 121,000

injuries reported in Ontario in 1987.

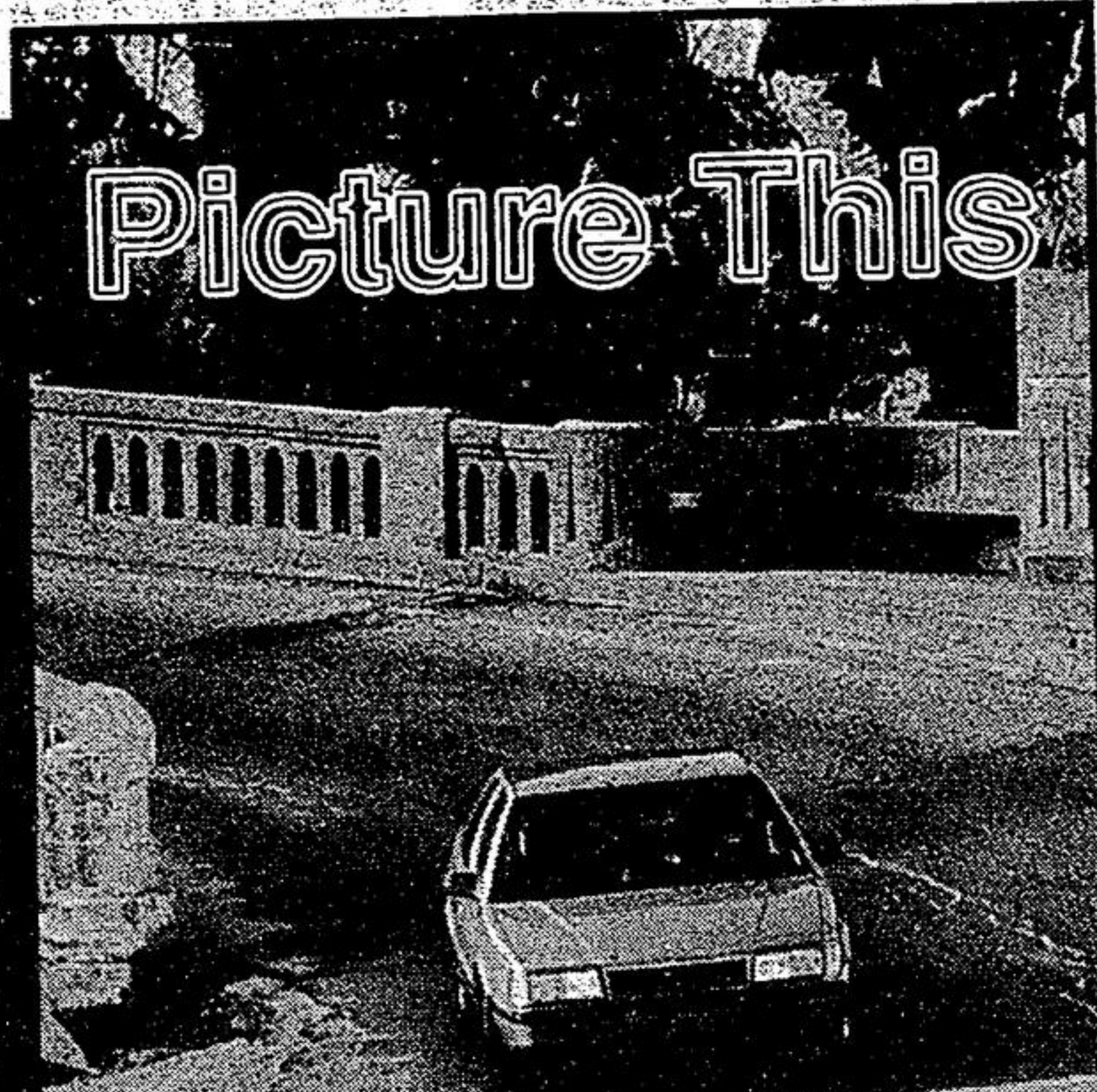
The new system recognizes that the best deterrence to bad driving comes from criminal sanctions, higher insurance premiums for drivers, vigilant enforcement and better education.

In addition, those found

criminally responsible for accidents will not receive income replacement under the plan.

It is estimated that a 10 per

cent increase in the use of seat belts alone could save as many as 80 lives and prevent more than 1,300 injuries a year in Ontario.



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PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT MINIMUM EXTERIOR SIDE YARDS INDUSTRIAL GENERAL (IG) ZONES FILE NO. ZBA90.003

NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will hold a public meeting Tuesday, April 3rd, 1990 at 8:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to be passed pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act.

SUBJECT PROPERTY

The proposed Amendment would apply to all lands which are zoned Industrial General (IG) in General Zoning By-law No. 87-34.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed Amendment would change the Industrial General (IG) Zone regulations by increasing the minimum exterior side yard requirement to 6 metres (19.7 feet).

An exterior side yard is defined as a side yard immediately adjacent to a street. The present requirement is 3 metres (9.85).

REPRESENTATION

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. If you are unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the meeting. Written submissions should include a request for further notification, if so desired.

INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Amendment is available for inspection at this office during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at this office.

DATED at the TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE this 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1990.

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