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## Violators targeted

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Whitchurch-Stouffville and York Regional Police will join forces to prohibit parking on several streets in town that have been posing a problem for residents residing on the streets, it was decided last week.

Local officials agreed to have 'no parking' signs posted on Rose Avenue from O'Brien to Russell Street; from Russell Street east to the end of the road and from the east side of Russell Street from Rose Avenue to Burkholder Street and the north side of Burkholder from Market Street, west for 60 feet.

Council will notify York Regional Police of the parking ban so violators can be ticketed outside office hours, and will also notify minor ball officials of the parking ban.

According to residents of the streets, parents park on the streets while watching baseball games in nearby parks.

The problem was brought to light last month when petitions were signed to stop cars from parking on both sides of the road, which residents say poses a serious fire safety and pedestrian problem.

"We're lucky no one has been seriously hurt on these streets. Cars park on both sides of Burkholder. We're lucky so far (no one has been hurt)," said Ward 4 Councillor Wayne Emmerson.

The no parking signs will be erected later this month and the Town will have cars ticketed if parked on the above-mentioned streets.



WAYNE EMMERSON  
lucky so far

## Stouffville Rd. to get facelift in road swap

Stouffville Road is due for a facelift, compliments of the Transportation Ministry, as part of a road swap with the province, it was decided Tuesday.

Whitchurch-Stouffville will assume Main Street maintenance and other responsibilities from the ministry to the Hwy. 48 link easterly to the west limits of the Stouffville connecting link, and from the north limits to Bloomington Road.

But before the Town will agree to

the swap, the ministry will reconstruct and improve Stouffville Road including fixing shoulders and asphaltting certain sections to ministry standards.

Town CAO Bob Panizza says the prime advantage to taking on Hwy. 47 responsibilities is to eliminate needing ministry approval for signage and other structural changes along the roadway.

The exchange will take place next year after all the reconstruction is complete, Mr. Panizza says.

## Local man acquitted

A 55-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville grandfather was acquitted on sexual assault charges against a five-year-old girl, says the attorney for the accused.

Tony Rein says the man was acquitted in a trial June 13 on charges of sexual abuse and sexual interference, allegedly to have taken place in May. Honorable Judge Shearer acquitted the man due to a "credibility problem" of the Crown's witnesses, says Mr. Rein.

The man, who cannot be identified in order to protect the young girl, was charged after the girl visited his house May 24.

The five-year-old told her parents about an incident and they called the Children's Aid Society, who called York Regional Police to investigate, reports show. The man allegedly touched the girl under her panties once.

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