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## Illegal dumping may result from landfill ban: Alles

Stouffville will need an alternative method of collection for the banned materials

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Staff Reporter

The demand on companies to recycle is creating a problem for materials that have nowhere to go, one local official said last week.

Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles was commenting on a



DOUG ALLES

York Region staff report that Keele Valley Landfill site in Vaughan is now banning certain materials, such as corrugated cardboard from the site. "They're rejecting materials that can be recycled but if the cardboard is soiled it can't be recycled and it can't be dumped," Alles said.

Allles concerned

Town Public Works Director Paul Whitehouse said he "hates to say it" but spoiled materials will probably end up in the landfill.

And Alles is concerned about strict regulations on the acceptance of spoiled materials will encourage illegal dumping.

"What will happen is these banned materials will end up getting dumped in the countryside," Alles said.

"The governments are missing the boat by not encouraging manufacturers to take all materials," he added.

Whitehouse said there needs to be other alternatives and new technology that will take and recycle all materials.

Council received a letter from York Region's engineering commissioner outlining which materials will be banned from

Keele Valley this year. Whitchurch-Stouffville now have to find a method of collection for the banned mate-

rials, said Whitehouse. All banned

Other wastes being banned from Keele Valley are white goods, including kitchen appliances (banned as of March 1), leaves and organic yard waste (already in effect), tires (March 1), drywall from commercial or industrial sources (already in effect), and scrap metal.

Revision

Miller Waste officials said the ban will mean a revision of the local garbage collection contract to provide a four-day collection Tuesday to Friday for garbage and recyclables, with Monday being reserved for the special collection.

To enable the collection of recyclables over four days would require an additional recycling truck, either town-owned or rented, a report shows.

Whitehouse said he will discuss the matter with the Waste Management Committee before accepting the Miller Waste proposal.

A recommendation will then be submitted to council.

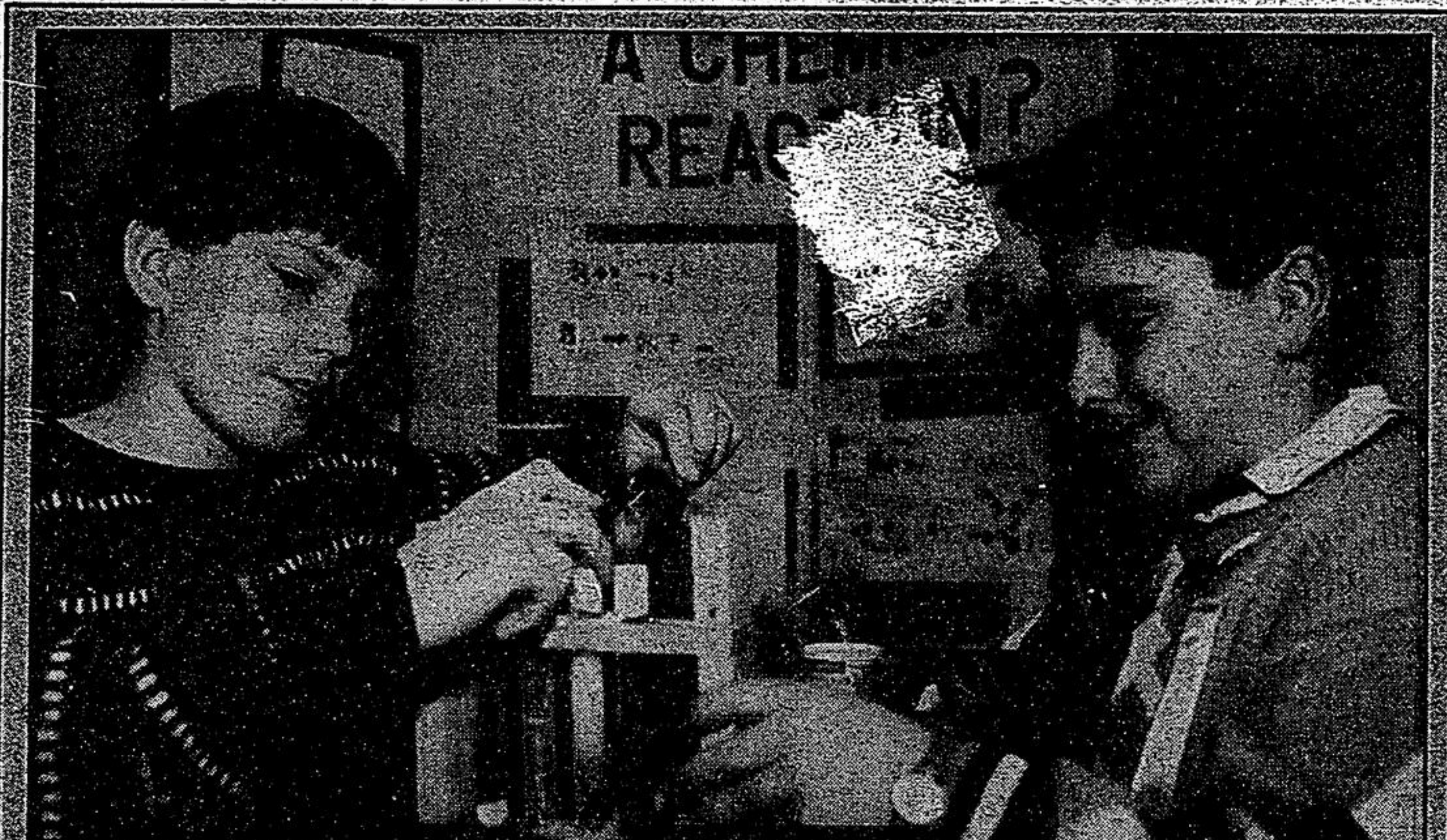


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### Reaction action

Joe Cherkas, 11, and Armen Jamlekian, 11, work on their science project purporting to show the changing of speed of chemical reactions. The two are students at St Mark's Catholic School in Stouffville and attended the Area East Science Fair Thursday in Markham.

## Food network gearing up for Easter drive

York Region Food Network is entering its fourth year and is gearing up for its Spring Food Drive from March 26-April 2, stated Ann Ostler, public relations representative for the region's food network.

In a release this week, Ostler said hunger is becoming a crisis which the food banks are having difficulty meeting. In fact, by December, 1990, 105,000 people every month - 50 per cent of which are children - sought food aid in the Greater Toronto Area.

In York Region more than 13,300 people turned to food banks for assistance.

"A common characteristic of these people is the lack of affordable housing, which forces them to pay 55-85 per cent of their

total income on shelter costs," Ostler announced this week.

York Region's welfare roles increased by 90 per cent in 1990 and about 7,700 people are on welfare throughout the growing region. Of those, 36 per cent use local food banks, she added.

"They are made up of single parents, the disabled, refugees, and the unemployed.

Their problem is that social assistance rates place a ceiling on shelter costs," Ostler said.

A common question asked is why can't those people who are

employable and on welfare go out and get jobs? There are several issues facing these people which need to be addressed to help them become employable in today's job market.

"Since 33 per cent of them never finished public school and 90 per cent never finished high school, they need support for upgrading and retraining to make them competitive and self-sufficient," Ostler said.

York Region has six food banks serving the hungry, including the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food

Bank which recently opened out of the Churchill Baptist Church. They have 24 volunteers and are supported by the Progress Club and local businesses. Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank served 70 people in its first 1 1/2 months of operation.

The York Region Network is seeking donations for its annual Easter Food Drive set for Tuesday, March 26. Donations can be dropped off at bins situated in local grocery stores or at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Volunteer Fire Department.

Tribune exclusive

## Seventh store leaves Stouffville mall

Whitchurch-Stouffville's only record and entertainment store closed its doors at Stouffville Place Mall Wednesday, March 6.

The move marks the seventh closure at the mall and leaves eight stores remaining in business.

Wheels, owned by Uxbridge resident Julie Wood, closed this week due to a number of reasons, one of which was "bad timing," Wood told *The Tribune* in an exclusive interview yesterday.

She said Wheel's closure is "no one's fault" but admitted the mall is "having some difficulties" right now.

Wood said the combination of economic bad times, lack of traffic into the store and difficulties with the mall getting new tenants are all partly to blame for the business closure.

Wood said the mall is having a hard time finding "strong tenants" and added, "the traffic just wasn't there" to carry Wheels through the rough times.

"I know it's hard to find new tenants but I'm just not willing to work seven days a week for nothing. I'll work seven days a week for something, though," Wood said.

She added Wheels had many loyal customers while at Stouffville Place Mall, but said it wasn't enough.

"Generally there was not a lot of loyalty in town. It's just human nature to go to the bigger places. I guess in a small town like Stouffville you can't expect customer loyalty, but who else are our customers?" Wood said.

Although she doubts Stouffville will be the home for her next business venture, Wood said she will be looking for a new location to operate her new entertainment business.

In the meantime, "Stouffville should decide whether it wants to be a small town or a big town. I think it's a little naive right now to open a business in a small town," Wood concluded.

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