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## Survey of Ballantrae, Musselman lets residents plan their future

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Staff Reporter

Ballantrae-Musselman Lake residents will have a say on how best to plan for the future of their community, said Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

The town, together with consultants, is conducting a study to determine an appropriate planning strategy for the community, says the mayor in a letter addressed to residents.

"There are many important issues currently facing this community, all of which must be examined in order to identify a suitable planning strategy," reads the letter, which was sent to residents along with a nine-page questionnaire.

The questionnaire was mailed out early in December by Macaulay-Shiomi Howson Ltd., a town-hired consultant. Residents are asked to complete the survey and return it within two weeks.

Residents are asked to reply to questions concerning water quality, sewage disposal, the environment, taxes and development.

The questionnaire also asks for personal information, including age, income and type of accommodation.

"Your response is very important to us. The information you provide will assist in the development of a secondary plan for the community," the mayor writes.

"Please be assured that all of your answers and comments will be kept completely confidential. The completed questionnaire will be reviewed only by the consultants to determine your views on how best to plan for the future of the Ballantrae-Musselman Lake community," she says in the letter.

A report analyzing the survey results will be prepared and made available to the town and the public. Residents requiring more information are asked to contact the town planning department at 640-1900.



## Serious injury in Stouffville accident

Police believe icy conditions were the cause of an early morning accident on Highway 47 last Monday which left three people injured, one of them in serious condition.

The highway was closed for more

than four hours while police investigated the accident, which occurred about a kilometre south of Bloomington Rd.

A man involved in the accident was transported by ambulance to a Toron-

to hospital, while two others, a man and a woman, were treated at Markham-Stouffville Hospital and released.

The accident occurred around 7:30 a.m. when the driver of a southbound vehicle lost control on the ice and crossed into the opposite lane striking a northbound vehicle, according to a spokesperson for the Aurora OPP.

The southbound vehicle, a Honda, struck a Dodge pickup truck on its left side sending it into the northbound ditch, said Const. Barb Trapp. The Honda spun out of control before coming to a rest in the northbound lane.

Police believe Jacqueline Burgess, 23, an Uxbridge resident was driving the Honda when the accident occurred. She sustained minor injuries in the accident. William Kilroy of Scarborough, the passenger of the vehicle sustained serious injuries and was transferred from Markham to Toronto. The driver of the pickup truck, 65-year-old Walter Pugh of Uxbridge, was also treated for minor injuries and released.

Police said the occupants of the Honda were not wearing seatbelts when the collision occurred. "They're very lucky," said Trapp.




Photo/SAL BOMMARITO

The passenger of a Honda was seriously injured in a crash on Hwy 47 south of Bloomington Rd. According to Ontario Provincial Police, the Honda lost control on ice and struck a northbound truck before landing in the ditch.



Amanda Bell, 11, Rachel Davis, 11, and Rebecca Davis, 11, use all their might to mount the snowman's middle section onto its base. The girls took advantage of the snow that's fallen recently to have some winter fun. They were photographed in Roper Park.  
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