

Open minds needed regarding Magick Serpent: Teen

Dear Editor,
I am a 15-year-old female who attends Stouffville District Secondary School in Grade 10. I have a B to C average, hope to be a writer, don't do drugs, don't drink, and have never been in trouble with the law.

The reason I'm telling you all this is that I would like to establish my character before I make the following statement. I like the Magick Serpent and I think it's wonderful that it is in Stouffville. I am not a Satanist, in fact the only thing that sets me apart from "Good Christian Girls" is that I'm not a Christian. A dangerous thing to say

in this town, I know, but, that doesn't make me a Satanist. I'm not, but I have been persecuted for my un-belief on more than one occasion. The same way Heather Southgate is being persecuted.

I believe in different aspects of many religions. A little here, a little there, a smorgasbord of faith.

One thing I do believe in is freedom of speech and freedom to believe what you want without persecution, as long as it doesn't hurt anybody. The Magick Serpent does not hurt anybody. It sells bath herbs, candles, jewelry, (no Satanic sym-

bols) and books of different subjects (none of them Satanic.) Let's face it, there's more material on so-called "new age" religion in John Lord's Bookstore and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library than there is in the Magick Serpent. Mind you, if the people attacking the Magick Serpent had been in the store, they would know that.

I don't mean to be disrespectful of the Christian pastors and affiliates in Stouffville. I have been to the Barn Teen centre on numerous occasions - it is a great place.

So is the Magick Serpent. Not in the same way, of course, but

special all the while. I think the citizens of Stouffville could use some change and "new blood" to expand their way of thinking. I sincerely hope that people can open their

minds and horizons by visiting the Magick Serpent. Not to welcome Satan, but to see what else is out there.

Joni Brunton,
Stouffville

Bellerby urges action on dump site issue

Dear Editor,
This is an open letter to all residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville. After talking with some residents surrounding the possible landfill sites in Whitchurch-Stouffville, I felt compelled to pen a call to everyone affected. Please get to the information centre (across from the town offices in the fitness centre) and get informed.

It's hard to imagine the impact these sites could have on the sleepy rural residential neighborhoods

in which they are proposed. Not just a mile square of landfill, but the associated truck or train traffic, and all the other joys of an intense and immense long-term industrial site.


Our best defense is an informed and organized public. Please take 20 minutes to visit the Interim Waste Authority office, across from the town hall. Look, read and listen. And make your reactions known. Please do it soon.

Stephen Bellerby, Councillor, Ward 2

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Tuesday, June 23, 1992
at 7:30 p.m.
in the auditorium of
Markham Stouffville Hospital
381 Church Street
Markham, Ontario
Amendments to By-Laws for ratification will be presented.
J. Lachlan-Cattanach
Secretary

environmental assessment

Class Document Review & Revision



Notice of Completion of Draft GO Transit, the interregional public transit service owned and operated by the Province of Ontario, has been carrying out an assessment and review of its current Environmental Assessment Class Document (Class EA). With comments and input received to date, GO has now completed a draft revised document.

The Class EA outlines the process for assessing the environmental impact of activities undertaken by GO Transit and ensuring that impacts are addressed and minimized, in compliance with Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.

Review agencies, municipalities, and members of the public have provided valuable input in the course of the review.

The draft revised GO Transit Class EA document is now available for public review at the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Assessment Branch, 250 Davisville Avenue, 5th Floor, Toronto, (416) 440-3450. Anyone wishing to comment on the draft is encouraged to write GO Transit by July 6, 1992. The final version of the document is scheduled to be submitted in August to the Ministry of the Environment for approval.

For more information, please contact Mark Wright, Senior Project Development Officer, GO Transit, 1120 Finch Avenue West, Toronto (Downsview), Ontario M3J 3J8; (416) 665-9211 ext. 427.

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