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## York passes stiff anti-smoking bans

York smokers may find it difficult to light up after four tough regulations were approved last week

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Smokers in York Region may be banned from lighting up anywhere in public after officials supported some tough regulations last week.

One of the restrictions geared at preventing teens from becoming hooked on the weed will make it nearly impossible for minors to buy cigarettes in the region.

York's Community Services and Health Committee submitted four strict anti-smoking bans, which officials "surprisingly" adopted. York council is comprised largely of non-smokers - only four of the 20-member council smokes.

York's Medical Officer of Health, Helena Jaczek said after the meeting that she was "astounded," but extremely pleased by council's decision to back the strict regulations.

Jaczek added, however, that council's support doesn't mean the anti-smoking bans will be implemented. York can only approve the recommendations, and press its nine area municipalities to pass the necessary bylaws.



SHARE-STROM

Keswick business woman Maxine Share-Strom began to sob uncontrollably while explaining that second-hand smoke nearly killed her

17 years ago, and is harming her four children.

Share-Strom's two daughters held up large signs, emblazoned with the words "Your Freedom - What about my Asthma?" and "Adults Should Know Better."

### Region slams Ontario Hydro growth plans

Ontario Hydro will have to clean up its act before building more transformer stations in York Region.

Hydro officials told York council last week that the company wants to change the current voltage and bring in transformer lines from Sudbury to the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Barton Sala, hydro's community relations officer, said Ontario Hydro is in the midst of an environmental assessment study that would see two

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### Meeting on referendum

The Optimist Club of Stouffville is offering an opportunity to discuss the upcoming referendum.

The event will take place this Thursday, Oct. 15 at Angie's Eatery Emporium featuring Bill Weingard, Minister of State for Science and Technology. Cocktails begin at 7:30 p.m.; dinner, 8 p.m. The cost is \$25. Phone 640-8858 to reserve one of 100 available spaces.

Share-Strom operates a Keswick clothing business in an enclosed mall. She said her merchandise stinks because of cigarette smoke from a next door real estate office and donut shop, where smoking is permitted.

"Smokers are infringing on non-smokers' rights to breathe clean air," Share-Strom said.

She also attributed her parents' combined three-pack-a-day habit to her three bouts with throat cancer.

"I coughed throughout the

night for 20 years," she said as she choked back tears.

However, Newmarket councillor Bob Scott told officials it would be impractical and costly to ban smoking.

"Are we going to ban alcohol?" (See page 3)



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### An apple a day

Stouffville Scouts, Cubs and Beavers are going to be selling apples this Saturday. Getting ready are back row, from left; Stephen Sartor, Matthew Sartor, Sean Rice, 'Akela' and in front, from left; David Rice, Daniel Stierhof, Justin Stierhof, Kevin Rice and Nick Singh.

### How about that...

According to Kubas Consultants, 36.4 per cent of area residents believe their fire department does an excellent job. Those who rated the fire department as good totalled 48.7 per cent. Just 9.2 per cent of those surveyed felt the fire department was fair, while 1.7 per cent said the service offered was poor. The survey, commissioned by *The Tribune*, saw 3.9 per cent had no opinion or would not state a response.

