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Popular teen killed in Goodwood crash

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A 19-year-old Stouffville man was killed and another critically injured Sunday night after two cars collided just outside Goodwood.

Dan McNeil was pronounced dead at the scene after the vehicle he was a passenger in was struck by an on-coming car at about 11 p.m. The driver, Jeff Cowley, 19, also of Stouffville,

Minister says accord will be benefit to all

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Canadians who think the Charlottetown accord gives too much to minority groups and the provinces are unjustifiably fearful.

That was the message delivered by William Winegard, federal minister of Science and Technology, at a sparsely-attended dinner hosted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Optimist Club Thursday.

Winegard, the guest speaker at the event held at Angie's Eatery Emporium, told the audience neither Quebec nor the aboriginals were being given anything they didn't already have.

"As for the aboriginals, the critical point is that we are not giving them anything," said Winegard. "We are recognizing their inherent right to self-government."

Quebec, he said, has retained its Napoleonic civil code for 200 years, and is simply asking for

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was rushed by ambulance to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and then transferred by air ambulance to Sunnybrook Health Science Centre with critical injuries. Sunnybrook officials said Monday morning that Jeff remains in the intensive care unit in critical condition.

According to OPP officials, the two Stouffville men were heading west on Hwy. 47 about 150 metres west of Durham Rd. 21 when their car began to swerve on the roadway.

The car continued to skid, and eventually swerved out of control into the eastbound lanes. The driver of a second vehicle, who was not seriously injured, braked but could not stop in time to avoid the car, investigations show.

Police say black ice is likely to blame for the crash, and there is no evidence that the Stouffville men were driving at a high rate of speed. Investigations are continuing. No charges have been laid. Uxbridge deputy fire chief Tony Peck said it was a "very tragic" accident and a "curse of any small-town fire department,"

because some of the emergency workers knew the young local men.

Peck, who confirmed the roads were extremely slippery that night, said black ice caused his wheels to spin on the way to the crash.

Both young men played hockey on the Uxbridge Bruins junior C hockey team and were on their way home from an out-of-town game when the accident occurred. Bruins general manager Chuck Phillips told *The Tribune* that Dan was a real team player and was well liked by everyone who knew him.

"Dan was such a classy individual. He never made any problems for the team and he always had a smile on his face," a tearful Phillips said.

Monday morning marked a sad day for students of Stouffville District Secondary School, where both men graduated last year. Vice-principal Jay Hooper said flags were flying at half-mast all day Monday in memory of Dan.

"Both students were very well respected here, and both were

very much involved in their school. Both did not take from their school, but gave a lot to their school in return," Hooper said.

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Working together is solution for GTA: Grier

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"Issues will always divide us," Minister responsible for the Office of the Greater Toronto Area (OGTA) Ruth Grier, told an audience of about 300 York politicians and staff that she's pleased people can "rise above the very serious issues that divide us."

Grier, making a speech about GTA growth and how we must all pull together to handle rapid population increases, also used the opportunity to plug the Yes side for the Oct. 26 referendum.

"The Charlottetown accord is a foundation to continue in that direction. It's not the be all and end all but it's an opportunity to move forward."

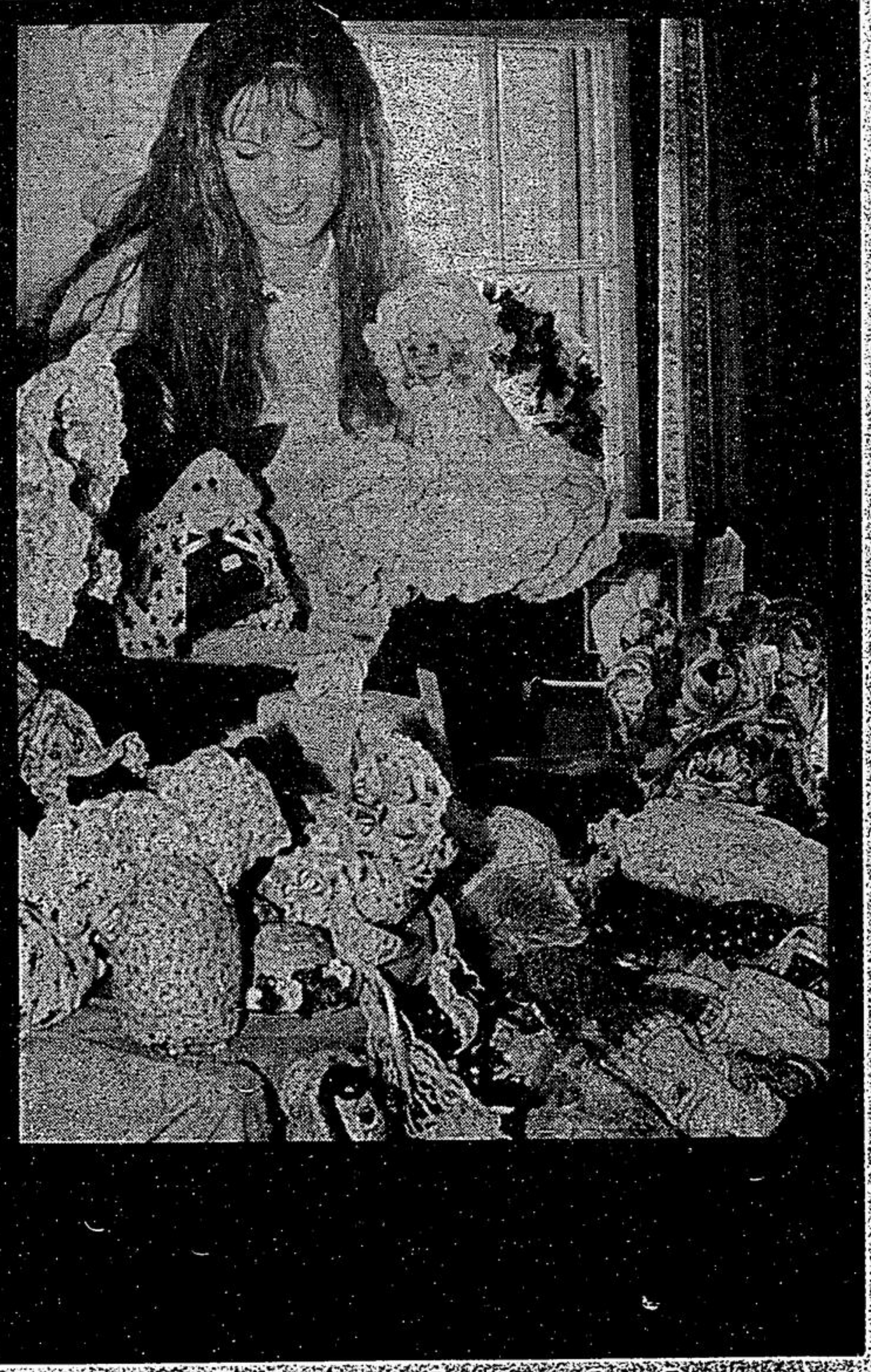
Grier compared the accord to the process of the OGTA, which she called a framework for regional structure and a "unique way to do planning." She said all GTA regions owe it to each other to unify its planning and infrastructure.

"You have no money, I know that. I have no money, you know that. But together" all regions can afford a \$3 billion annual expenditure, she said.

"We need to establish more clearly our priorities and how most wisely and strategically we will spend money," Grier said. York chairman Eldred King asked Grier why the province has the need to interfere "so drastically" with York's planning process.

"Has everything that has been done in the last 20 years so bad?" King asked. "Why does the government have to bring in regulations right in the midst of what we're doing?" he insisted. But Grier said the province is "reflecting on the changing nature of our society. We have to do some crystal-balling a little bit and try to play catch-up when trying to provide planning policies for the GTA," Grier said.

She also said basement apartments legislation won't cause the problems critics say it will.



Council to enforce bylaw; tenants forced to leave

The sympathy has abruptly run out for owners of an illegal home.

Local politicians will not allow property owners of 35 Baker Ave. to keep tenants in a second prohibited dwelling on their property any longer, it was decided last week.

The issue came to light after officials put off making a decision on the matter in August.

Council had decided in August to hold off making a decision on the unlawful housing use until the province came to grips with its Apartments in Houses legislation.

Council stated it would not make a decision either way, despite staff reports labelling the second home a "flagrant violation of the Ontario Building Code."

Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice advocated strongly against council's lack of action, claiming that neighbors had the right to have bylaws enforced. Prentice also said council shouldn't be made to feel "guilty" about kicking out tenants of the second home.

Instead, he said, the guilt should be placed on the shoulders of the property owners.

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How about that...

What kind of an education are your children getting?

Very few believe the educational services offered to area children are excellent.

Overall, just 7.4 per cent rated their schools as excellent in the recent readership survey by Kubas Consultants, commissioned by *The Tribune*.

On the other side of the coin, 50.5 per cent stated the school system was good, 24.3 per cent of adults thought it was fair, and 9.6 per cent stated the service provided was poor. Those not stating an opinion totalled 8.2 per cent.

