



## Charges in Bloomington crash

A 53-year-old Scarborough man narrowly escaped serious injury last Thursday morning after being struck by a gravel truck at Bloomington Sideroad and the 9th Line in Stouffville. Emergency crews closed the busy intersection for nearly two hours after the 6:10 a.m. crash on Oct. 29. Local firefighters spent more than an hour

prying a man free from the metal confines of his vehicle with the jaws of life. According to York Regional Police, a van was heading westbound on Bloomington when a gravel truck, turning northbound on the 9th, struck him. The Willowdale gravel truck driver was charged with making an improper left turn.

## Crime Watch

# Young offender faces charges

A teen was charged following a vandalism spree at a Stouffville pizza shop Saturday night.

At 10:30 p.m. a sign at 241 Pizza was damaged along with a car parked in front of the Main St. store. The suspect apparently threw a rock through the store-top sign and kicked dents in the owner's car.

A witness to the damage identified the suspect to police. The suspect was at the Pizza Pizza store down the street and spit at an officer during the arrest.

A young offender is charged with assault police, breach of probation and mischief to property over \$1,000.

**SDSS vandalized**  
Stouffville District High

School was visited by vandals over the weekend.

At least 15 windows at the Edward St. secondary school were smashed with large rocks.

Damage is estimated at \$6,000.

### Jewelry stolen

Thieves made off with silver jewelry from a Main St. jewelry shop in a smash-and-grab heist early last Wednesday morning.

The front window of Crystal Jewellers was smashed and the merchandise in the window stolen.

The thieves did not break into the main part of the shop.



Photo: CELIA BRONKHORST

Boo!

Tammy Britton (devil), Josie Britton (witch), and Cassie Britton (clown) were out for a night of frights and fun at the Claremont Lions Club's Halloween party Saturday.

# Province blamed for York's lagging waste initiatives

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York Region barely has its feet wet when it comes to diverting trash from landfill sites.

Compared to many communities in the U.S., York's recycling, composting and hazardous waste facilities appear inadequate and incomplete.

And the province is partly to blame for the region's slow start, said several dignitaries Thursday at a waste management forum in King Township.

More than 80 regional leaders gathered to hear how waste management companies operate across the border and around the world.

Progressive Conservative environment critic Don Cousens said the provincial government has a knack for snubbing many waste management options which prevents Ontario from increasing its programs.

"Ontario is dealing with ignorance ... where (the government) opposes options without knowing what is done successfully elsewhere," Cousens said.

Stouffville resident Dave Probert said it's "disgusting how (environment Minister) Ruth Grier is turning her back on alternatives."

Probert said Ontario can't possibly be successful in waste diversion if Grier "continues to be so arrogant to the whole process."

York chairman Eldred King said the region still needs the province's approval before it can co-ordinate waste management efforts to a larger scale operation.

"We have no legal authority as of yet (to operate waste facilities,) but we're asking for it," King said.

King said before Grier took over the environment ministry, the region had "reasonably good education" regarding waste management options and had worked hard to develop a solid corporate interest within the region.

York is looking now to incorporate a "total" facility which would handle all waste diversion methods on one large site, King said.

"This would be the better way," he added.

York presently has several facilities scattered throughout the region where only limited materials can be recycled or composted.

The group heard from one New York-based company which annually recycles and diverts about 30,000 tonnes of kitchen and yard waste in one totally enclosed, indoor facility. The fully-automated operation, which stretches across four acres of land, takes in food, leaves, sawdust and corrugated cardboard to the tune of 105 tonnes a day.

Cousens said Ontario needs to learn about as many options as possible.

"We need to investigate ways that would take us further ahead than anyone else - no one option succeeds in getting us there," Cousens said.

York's chief administrative officer Bob Forhan said York's future waste management initiatives depend heavily on the IWA's dump site selection expected this month.

"No matter what happens it's all paid for by the taxpayers," Forhan said.

## Green money cans help fight dumps

The Mayor's Task Force against dumps in Whitchurch-Stouffville is looking for donations as you shop throughout the community.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury said the force has distributed more than 100 money cans across the community to be stationed in local businesses.

The cans are decorated in the same green Whitchurch-Stouffville Protects - No Dumps Here! logo as on the lawn signs. Any donations received will help fund the town's fight against the Interim Waste Authority to prove that

Whitchurch-Stouffville lands are not suitable for a 600-acre dump.

Sainsbury said she is keeping her fingers crossed that the community will not be on the IWA's short list expected to be released this month.

She said, however, that if the town has to initiate a battle, donations will help keep the costs down.

"The more we do by volunteerism, the less we do by taxes," Sainsbury said.

## Tickets up for auction

Blue Jay and Toronto Maple Leaf tickets; music lessons; a helicopter ride; a cottage weekend and a gourmet dinner are only a few of the unusual items to be put on the auction block at the annual silent auction at the Christ Church Anglican located at 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville on Fri., Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

For a \$5 admission fee, auction-goers are entitled to cheese, crackers, dessert and coffee.

Wine will also be available for \$50 cash a glass.

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