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Education boss makes contract details public

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The new head of the public board released the terms of his job contract for public scrutiny last week.



Copies of the agreement between the York Region Board of Education and Bill Hogarth have been made public, despite his right to block access through the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

"The fact is I'm in the public eye and the public pays my salary and the public has a right to know," Hogarth said.

"There's always that question hanging out there."

Former director Bob Cressman refused to surrender details of his contract with the board as he was preparing to step down from (Please see page 12)

Crash injures three

A collision at a Whitchurch-Stouffville intersection sent a Markham woman and two children to hospital.

At 5:10 p.m. Saturday, a vehicle travelling north on McCowan Rd. failed to stop at a stop sign at Bloomington Rd.

The vehicle crashed into a car travelling west on Bloomington Rd.

Two children, aged five and eight, and the driver of the

northbound car were taken to Markham Stouffville Hospital. A man in the car was not injured. Kristyna Piechota, 41, and Michael Okulicz, 8, remain in hospital.

The occupants of the second car, a woman and a 10-year-old boy of Richmond Hill, were not seriously hurt and treated at the scene for minor injuries.

The investigation is continuing.



Orchard Park cowgirls

Dead end Ninth Line: petitioners

A band of Ninth Line South residents have spearheaded another petition to have their street "dead-ended" to cease access at Main Street.

Jennie Bangay, representing residents on the arterial road to Markham, said councillors have a responsibility to the homeowners, children and seniors living on the street to ensure their safety.

The recent sidewalk installation isn't enough, Bangay said, and requested these further initiatives be undertaken on the Ninth Line South:

- install a 'No Heavy Truck' sign on the road. There are an increasing number of large dump trucks and 18-wheelers using the Ninth Line, which sometimes wake residents up as early as 6 a.m. on Sundays, Bangay said.

"An elimination of trucks would also reduce the deterioration of the road," Bangay added.

- install a three-way stop at Sunset Blvd. at the entrance of Parkview Village.

"This is a low-cost way to slow down the traffic and protect older drivers who are turning in and out of Parkview," Bangay said.

- install a crosswalk at Sunset Blvd for the safety of at least nine children living on the east side that must cross the road each school day to use the newly-installed sidewalk on the west side.

- install a dead-end sign at Main Street so that cars will no longer have access at the Ninth Line/Main Street intersection. Instead, officials could re-route the traffic along another access road further to the west which would hook up to the Ninth

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Ancheril wants off conservation board

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The town is "wasting its time" sending an elected official to sit on a local conservation board, said one Stouffville politician last week.

Ward 5 councillor Bob Ancheril, who sits on the Lake Simcoe and Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), said he is fed up with the environmental board and wants staff to take over his responsibilities.

Ancheril brought the matter up after a staff report called for the town's involvement in setting up committees to deal with various restructuring matters with several provincial conservation authorities.

Ancheril said the LSRCA changed its meeting times from the evening to 9 a.m. Fridays — a time when he, as a business person, can't possibly attend.

Ancheril admitted he has stopped attending the regular meetings since the

times were changed and told officials the membership costs are "too high" for the amount of influence the community carries with the board.

Officials agreed to ask the LSRCA to change its meetings back to the evenings so that working board members could attend.

But if Ancheril doesn't want to attend the sessions, he may be forced to resign, since the board is comprised of elected officials, not municipal staff members.

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