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## Expansion of flea market one step closer

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The expansion of Stouffville Country Flea Market came a step closer to reality Tuesday evening when manager Rob Shannon presented plans to the town's Planning Advisory Committee.

"In the summer, we have five to six hundred vendors in total," Shannon told *The Tribune*.

"All we're going to be doing is putting a lot of them under cover so they can operate in bad weather. We're not looking to extend a lot of spaces, but to extend the ability to have all these people here all year long. Vendors in the building right now would fill a third of the new building."

The proposed 44,000 square foot building represents the initial phase of an expansion which would eventually comprise three interconnected buildings of the same size.

On the main floor of the first building visitors will find fresh produce, butchers, bakeries, delicatessens and a food court, with crafters and artisans on the upper level. "This one is the St. Lawrence Market-type building," explained Shannon.

The second would be a general building and we would intend to have an auditorium in the third, where we would have space to run the Home Show, Oktoberfest and country concerts."

Architect Paul Sturino's design has a strong country feel, he noted. The board and batten construction, incorporating a silo and skylights, enhances the atmosphere of a genuine farmers' market.

Instead of the usual hot dogs and hamburgers, visitors to the

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## Province may increase York cops' workload

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York Regional Police could be knocking at the regional council door in June for \$2 million.

Although the police budget jumped by \$3.6 million and makes up 4.2 per cent of York Region's 4.9 per cent tax hike, Chief Bryan Cousineau may be asking for money to hire and train 30 new officers and buy five cruisers later this year.

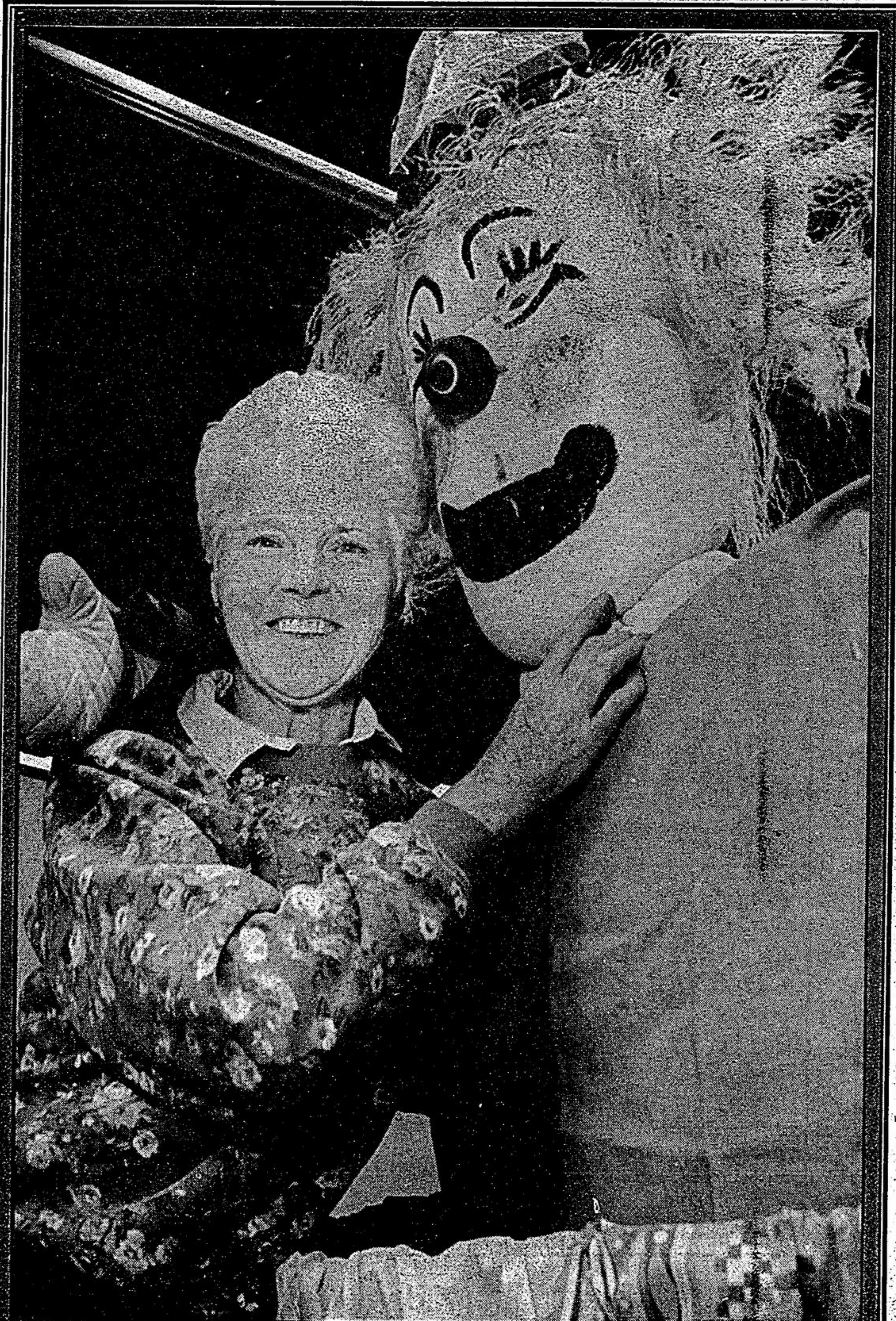
Next January, York police could be taking over some regional roads now patrolled by Ontario Provincial Police. A provincial attempt to eliminate duplication of services, provincial highways running through municipalities, such as Hwy 7 and Hwy 11, will fall within the

control of local police forces.

Cousineau said he expects to hear before the summer whether additional officers will be needed next year, and can draw from a pool of applicants who have been interviewed and tested.

If the plan is not approved until later in the year, the OPP has agreed to assist in patrolling the highways until officers can be properly trained, he said.

In early March, the police union asked residents to support the hiring of more officers to prepare for the additional work as well as keep up with the growing population.



### Clowning around

Whitchurch-Stouffville Elbray's Stella McLeod puts the finishing touches on one of the Space Club donated 31,000 to help support the Space Carnival clowns in preparation for March Break Carnival program.

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