

Letter

# Problems solved for visitors to Quebec

**Editor's note:**  
This was one of several letters sent to the Tribune to be forwarded to community newspapers in Quebec through the community newspaper computer network. If you have a message to express to the people of Quebec, send it to the Tribune and we will send it on.

Dear Editor,  
To the Staff of the Comfort Inn at Levis, Quebec. In September, 1993 we travelled through beautiful rural Quebec and stopped at your motel for

the night, and while there we discovered we had major car trouble.

We will never forget how very helpful and sympathetic the lady receptionist was to our dilemma. She phoned various places for their advice and help, and finally directed us to a transmission shop who promptly came and towed our car to their garage.

We wondered all night what kind of a repair bill we would face in the morning. At 10 a.m. the next morning this same lady called us and said our car was ready and she would drive us

to the repair shop, and when we tried to pay her a little for her trouble she steadfastly refused to take anything.

And finally the repair bill for the car was only a fraction of what we feared it might be. The garage operator had shopped around for used parts for our not so new car. We are writing to express our sincere thanks to you and your community, and we surely hope that you will choose to stay in Canada imperfect as it might be and help to make it better.

John and Ann Reesor,  
Stouffville

## Trustee calls for reforms

A Stouffville school trustee wants to give principals more control over money spent on their school.

Responsibility for some expenditures should be transferred from board administration to schools, said Catholic board trustee Sean Pearce, who represents Stouffville.

For example, principals should have control over snowplowing contracts at their school. Pearce explained that principals of schools that are geographically removed from the board's administrative office are in a better position to gauge how often the grounds need to be plowed. This would be the case in the northern end of the region.

Schools, such as St. Mark in Stouffville, would most likely experience the same weather conditions as the board's Aurora office and could rely on the plant department's judgement. Pearce is proposing that the board give principals the option of controlling certain plant, curriculum and human resource items. He is suggesting that the money for these tasks be turned over to the school.

Certain schools want (the control) and certain schools don't, Pearce said. He argues that the administration department is understaffed, and that principals are the front-line representatives of the board and should have the authority to make more decisions. Pearce said handing schools more power is in keeping with the board plan for site-based management.

However, Pearce added, people are afraid to part with money they have control of. His motion was deferred from the Sept. 7 business affairs committee to the October committee meeting.



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