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## Annexation on table: Crombie

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
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Whitchurch-Stouffville is, indeed, under the provincial microscope

### Local hydro savings result in 11% rate cut

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
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The report card is in — Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Electric Commission gets an A-plus.

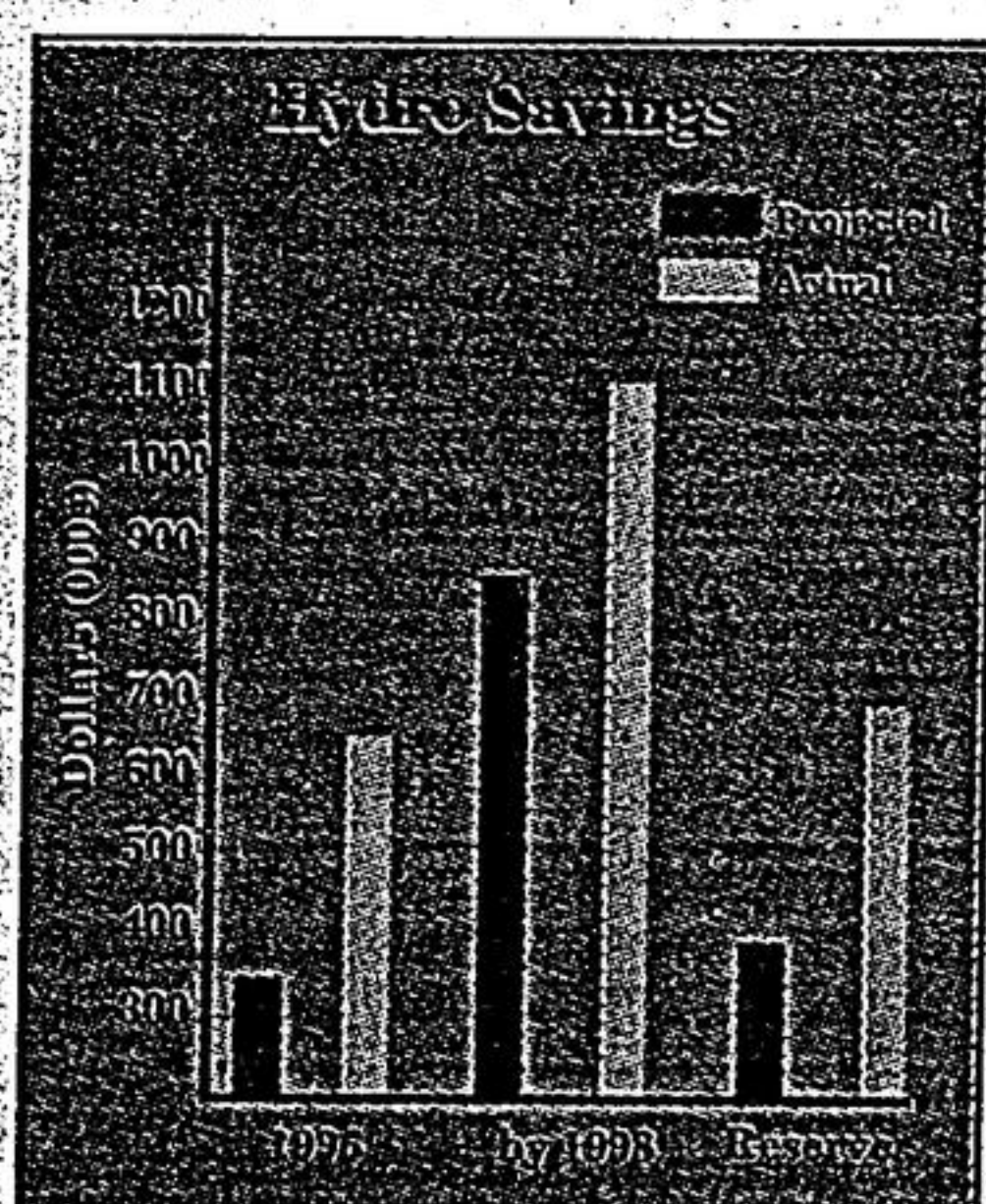
After nine months of radical change, including a restructuring program, the local utility is the most cost effective in the province

"Cost-wise, Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Electric is the best in Ontario," said Hydro manager Nick Tatone.

And there's even more good news. Effective Jan. 1, Hydro customers can expect an 11 per

cent rate reduction. "The commission has voted. The

David Crombie, chairman of the Who Does What province-wide panel, told *The Tribune* that in about a week, Whitchurch-Stouffville, along with the other municipi-



palities in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), will be told what's being recommended in the name of change.

The question most often asked on the homefront is: Will Whitchurch-Stouffville be swallowed up by Markham?

"All options are on the table," said Crombie, a former mayor of Toronto and former federal cabinet minister. "We're not (as yet) down to exact boundaries and borders. But, it's all within the context of what we're doing."

The Who Does What panel was appointed by the

province in May to begin a complete overhaul in the delivery and funding of government services.

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Al Leach said Crombie's job is to ensure the very best service delivery.

In a press release issued earlier, Leach said the Crombie-led panel is advising the government on ways to "eliminate duplication, over-regulation and blurred responsibility for the delivery of local and provincial services, and help the government implement the changes."

The panel is examining the "whole" of the province, stressed Crombie. "We're looking at your area (Whitchurch-Stouffville) within the context of the region (York). Yes, you're included," he said.

The panel is action-oriented. "There will be no final report to sit on a shelf," said Leach. Over the past 20 years, more than 100 pounds of reports have been generated on the provincial-local relationship and there's been "no change to speak of," Leach added.

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### Lest we forget

Royal Canadian Legion Sgt.-at-arms Rena Benson salutes with veterans in the background at the Remembrance Day ceremonies on Monday morning.

Photo/CELIA BRONKHORST

### Robbery forces closure



By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
 Staff Reporter

The theft of more than \$20,000 in merchandise has forced the permanent closure of Graylane Boutique, a Stouffville clothing store.

"I have nothing left," said owner Irene Kubica. "They cleaned me out. This is the end of Graylane."

Over the weekend, Kubica posted a sign in the window telling her customers of the situation and thanking them for their patronage over the past 10 years.

"I had no choice. I couldn't

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