

here comes christmas!

Make Christmas bloom this holiday season

You can be a blooming genius this holiday season by giving the gift of flowers.

Flowers make a terrific gift for just about anyone on your list - including yourself, if you're looking for some great ways to decorate your home.

Here are some holiday hints from the experts.

•Use evergreens, mixed with mistletoe, holly, ivy, pinecones or berries to decorate throughout your house. These fragrant greens can be wrapped around

banisters, draped over doorways, made into festive centerpiece or used as decorative touches to your gift wrapping.

•Longer lasting flowers,

such as white snowflake mums or red carnations, make beautiful place card decorations, hostess gifts or bouquets for the guest bedroom.

•Ivy plants come in a variety of shapes, including the ever popular topiary, and make elegant tabletop decorations, especially when lit with tiny white lights or decorated with tiny wooden ornaments, miniature balls or bows.

•Poinsettias in non-traditional colors such as corals and a variety of

shades of pink are increasingly popular.

•Working with a professional florist makes for convenient one-stop shopping and can be a great way to create a personalized holiday gift which can be hand-delivered by you or sent virtually anywhere.

Share with the florist the taste, color schemes and something special about the recipient which you think might be useful. Consider sending gift or gourmet

baskets filled with fresh flowers and other goodies.

•Consider using fresh flowers on your Christmas tree. Your florist can provide small water tubes which can be attached to individual branches.

•Wreaths, miniature evergreen trees and fireside baskets of flowers and foliage are some floral alternatives at holiday time. The beauty of nature can be enjoyed in homes and offices as well as outdoors.

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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK RETAIL BUSINESS HOLIDAYS ACT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Regional Municipality of York will hold a public meeting on **December 19th, 1996, at ten o'clock** in the forenoon in the Council Chambers at the Regional Administrative Building at 17250 Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket to consider a by-law pursuant to the Retail Business Holidays Act to permit all retail business establishments in The Regional Municipality of York to remain open on Boxing Day 1996 and Boxing Day 1997.

Any person who attends the public meeting shall have the opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed by-law.

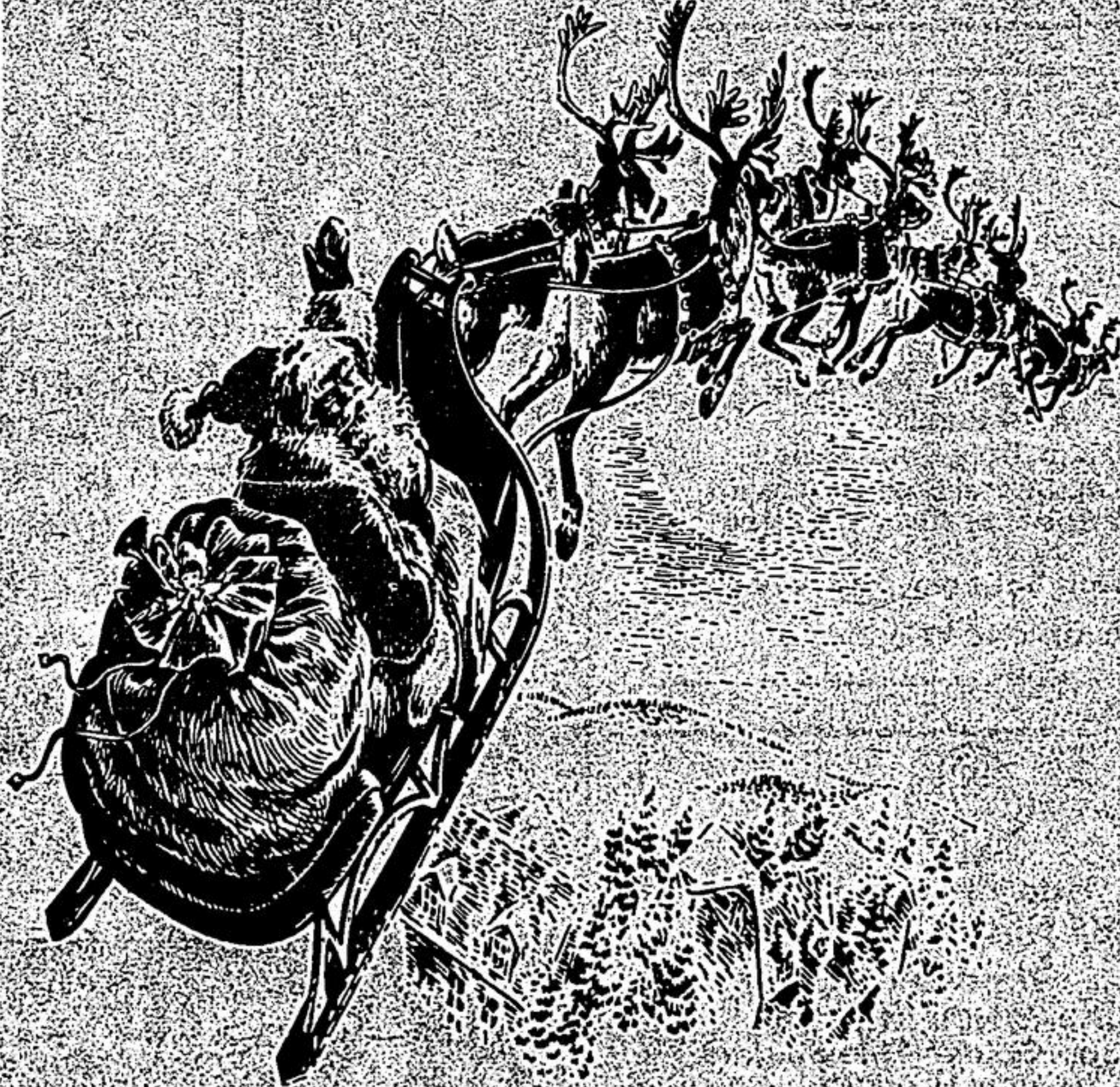
Further information and a draft of the by-law above referred to may be obtained from the office of the Regional Solicitor, Regional Administrative Building, 17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1. Telephone 905-895-1231 or 905-764-6346, ext. 1420.

Anyone wishing to attend the public meeting and make representations is requested to inform the office of the Regional Clerk at 905-895-1231 or 905-731-0201, ext. 1300 prior to the 12th of December, 1996.

DATED at Newmarket this 18th day of November, 1996.

DENNIS HEARSE
Regional Clerk
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 6Z1

Santa is Calling



all participants
to the 1996
Stouffville
Kinsmen

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Theme: "Christmas Around the World"

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 2:00 p.m.

For float registration, contact **Bruce Smith (640-6769)**
or **Steve Davis (640-8948)**

All participants welcome



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