

Stouffville may share a trustee: board chairman

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asked, or less? — and how it will be divided among boards. Snobelen, he said, couldn't provide such details. "The news today is neither welcome nor unwelcome," Crothers concluded.

York Region boards will escape any merger under Snobelen's plan, but both will lose trustees, and trustees remaining would earn much less. (The public board, which has 19 trustees, would be left with between five and 12; the separate, currently with 18, would have only five to nine. The exact numbers aren't yet known.) "What little authority they've got now is going to become even less," Crothers said.

Trustee salaries, which vary wildly across the province would be capped at \$5,000. In York Region, public trustees earn \$19,000 a year; their Catholic counterparts get \$12,000.

Crothers also said it's likely Stouffville will have to share its next trustee with a larger neighbor.

The separate board's entire French-language section, which now has three

trustees, would be split off as part of a Greater Toronto French-language board.

In addition, new conflict-of-interest rules will keep several trustees — six in the separate board — from running for a new term, because they are board employees or spouses of employees, said a separate board spokesman.

Snobelen promised or restated several other moves the province will make on education, including a standard curriculum for all boards, legal entrenchment and an expanded role for school councils, and annual reports to "de-mystify" education funding. Ontario's new educa-

tion system, he said, would be known for "high standards and accountability."

Crothers said boards may no longer decide the total amount they can spend, but will still make decisions on how to spend it.

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association said it is investigating whether the plan to remove its taxing authority is constitutional.

"Once Queen's Park has absolute control over education funding, it will chop student programs and services as it cuts total provincial spending," said Lynn Peterson, its president.

Munro out of Harris' office

Durham-York MPP Julia Munro has a new job.

Munro is taking over the vice chairmanship of the Standing Committee on General Government and giving up her job as parliamentary assistant to Premier Mike Harris.

The parliamentary assistant's position concluded with the completion of the Volunteer Initiative program which Munro headed up for more than a year.

In the role as leading the volunteer program, Munro recognized volunteers for the efforts to develop the qualities of community life we value in this province as well as identifying barriers which hinder the work of volunteers.

In her new role, Munro will examine legislation coming from such government ministries as Management Board, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Finance, Native Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs as well as the pre-

mier's office and cabinet. Munro said, "In addition to my new duties, I look forward to spending even more time dealing with the the concerns of my Durham-York constituents."

Restaurant denies lawsuit allegations

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on to become an internationally known businessman and horseman with farms in both Canada and the United States. At the time of his death, the ages of Sikura's five children ranged from three to 38 years.

Following a one-year investigation which wrapped up in November, 1995, the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario concluded that Sikura died as a result of an accidental fire in his car and that an inquest would not be needed.

The Sikura family agreed. Glen Sikura told *The Tribune* in an interview last year that he always believed his father's death was accidental.

Soon after the ruling, the Sikura family filed a \$120-million law suit against the giant automaker, claiming manufacturing problems with the Cadillac Seville contributed to the death.

The law suit against GM was filed in Kentucky (where the Sikuras have a large horse farm) by a law firm based in Baltimore, Maryland.

This suit alleges that a fire started in the engine compartment of the car, trapping Sikura. It states that Sikura braced himself against the passenger side and attempted to kick out the driver's window. Having struggled to escape, overcome by the toxic fumes and fire, Sikura collapsed on the front seat and died.

The countersuit, filed by GM however, claims Sikura's blood alcohol level was "highly elevated" and was "well above" the legal driving limit.

This suit alleges that the cause of Sikura's death was the "impairment of his ability to exit the vehicle for which the Octagon Restaurant, its agents, servants or employees are responsible.

The latest claim further alleges that Sikura was "served with sufficient alcohol such that they knew or ought to have known his ability to operate a motor vehicle or take care of his own safety was impaired."

The claim then alleges that the Octagon "allowed Sikura to leave in an intoxicated condition when they knew or ought to have known that there was a risk and that he would harm himself or others."

Stathakis has owned the Octagon for 24 years. The owner said he takes appropriate responsibility when his customers drink alcohol. "I arrange transportation. I've taken them home," he said.

GM filed the suit in accordance with the Ontario Liquor Licence Act.

Clarification

In last Wednesday's *Tribune*, a photograph caption may have led people to the wrong idea.

The Bridon Motors donation to the hospital was their monthly donation. In total, the car dealer has given more than \$2,700 over the course of the year. The cheque passed was for the month of December. We regret any confusion.

Church/Religion Notices

WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH
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SUNDAY, JAN. 19th, 1997
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Service
Speaker: Tim Reimer
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
Prayer and Praise World Issues

Everyone Welcome

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of CHRIST CHURCH
254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville
The Rev. Robert A. Shields 640-1461

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

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10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Church School & Nursery provided

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VIVIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
473-3543
On Hwy. 48, at Vivian Rd.
Pastor Robert Okum
Holding forth the doctrines of grace

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service

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STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
34 Church St. N.
640-1163
Rev. Robert Nightingale

Sunday, Jan. 19th, 1997
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Rev. Robert Nightingale
Sunday School from Baby Fold to the Grade 8 level

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BLOOMINGTON GOSPEL CHURCH
13660 Ninth Line
(South of Bloomington Rd.)

SUNDAY, JAN. 19th, 1997
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Speaker Rev. David Knight
6:30 p.m. - Evening Service
Everyone Welcome

Parkview Village
12184 Ninth Line South,
Stouffville

SUNDAY, JAN. 19th, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Rev. Robert Nightingale,
Stouffville United Church

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
A Fellowship Church
6273 Main Street
Pastor - Rev. Gordon Bickle
Sunday, Jan. 19th, 1997
Bible Class for all ages - 10 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Message: "Do We Love Our Bibles?"
Music: D. & B. Wright

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Sunday, Jan. 19th, 1997
9:45 am - Family Bible School
11:00 am - Morning Service
Pastor Bob Flemming
6:00 pm - Sunday Night Alive
Growth Groups

Wed. Jan. 15th ~ 7:00 pm
Kids' Club Program
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The Ballantrae Lions extend warm wishes to all residents for a healthy and prosperous 1997.

Congratulations to "Paul Lippett" of Hwy. #48 of Ballantrae, for winning our 2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST with an outstanding display! This is the second consecutive year that the Lippett family have received this award. To all other competitors thank you for your enthusiastic response.

Lastly, a special Thank You to Helga of Markham First Choice Limousine and ELVIS for making the Stouffville Santa Claus Parade a prize winner for the Ballantrae Lions.

See you all next year!

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