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Business leaders asked for GTA input

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

More than 130 local business owners have been asked if they want to be part of the Greater Toronto Area Service Board (GTASB).

The Whitchurch-Stouffville business community was included in a York Region-wide survey designed to find out how people feel about amalgamation. The GTASB, if adopted, could take over such regional responsibilities as water, sewer, transportation, garbage and economic development. Some suggest that it will eventually replace regional government.

Here in Stouffville, they've been asked if the GTASB should coordinate specific services and make policy decisions or coordinate, manage and deliver the services. Comments were also invited.

Helene Johnson, local cham-

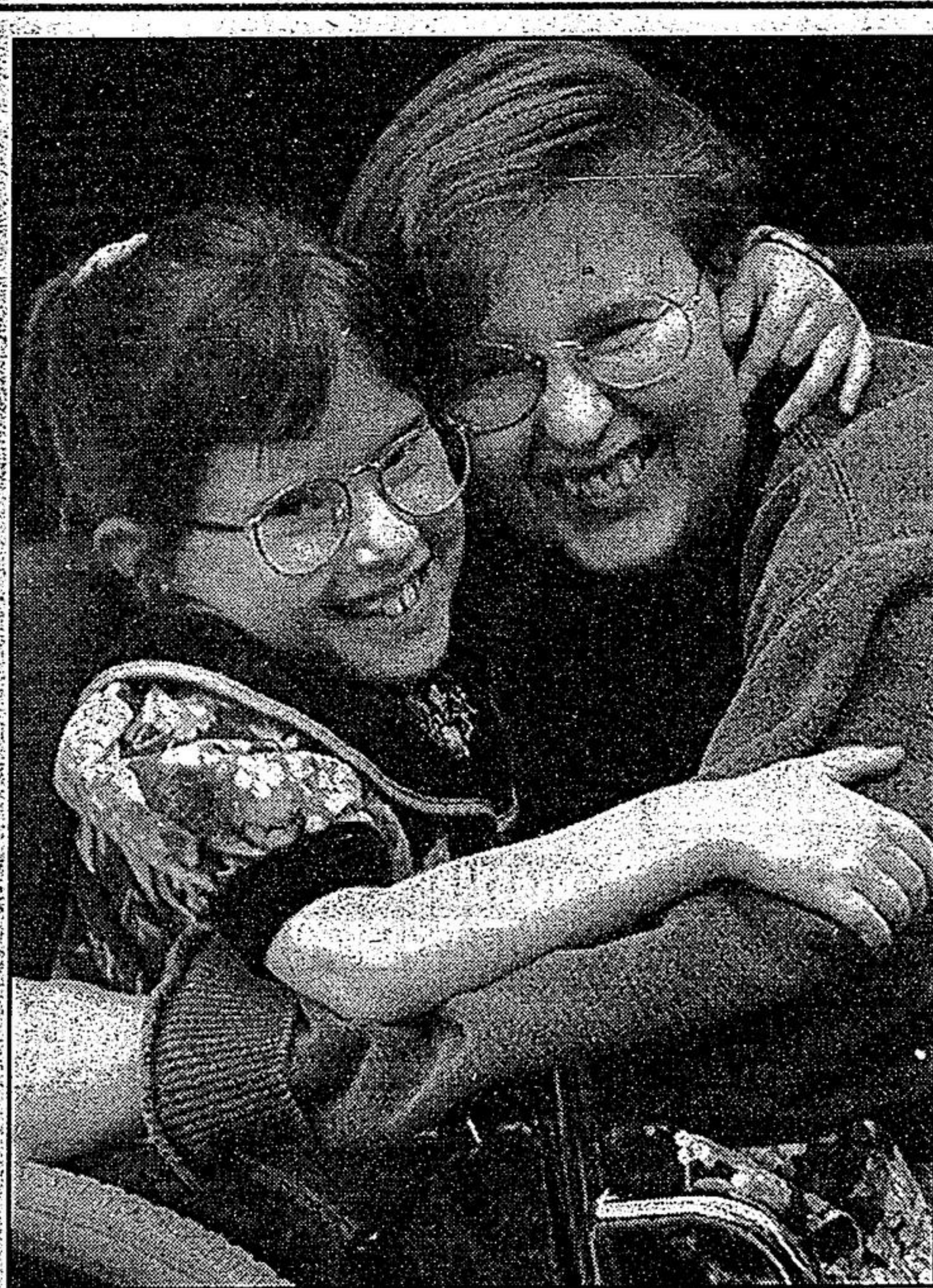
ber president, said the town's business sector should think hard and long about the effect of the GTASB. "Maybe with the

GTASB, we can do more with less money," said Johnson.

Meanwhile, residents of Metropolitan Toronto voted in a ref-

erendum Monday, which the area's business owners have already indicated they are strongly in favor of. The

province plans to amalgamate Metro Toronto's six local governments and one regional government into a single city.



Yes I Can!

Elizabeth Carr and her mother Theresa were thrilled to learn of Elizabeth being one of just three Canadians to win a Yes I Can! award. Teachers at Orchard Park nominated her.

Photo/ STEVE SOMERVILLE

Young Stouffville girl wins Yes I Can! award

By KATE GILDERDALE
Correspondent

Determination, courage and an unshakeable will to succeed are attributes Elizabeth Carr has in abundance.

The nine-year-old was born with spina bifida and doctors told her parents she would never walk. Last month, Elizabeth learned that she was one of just three Canadians, among hundreds nominated, to win the Yes I Can! award, which recognizes outstanding achievements of children and young people with disabilities.

Not only did this feisty young girl defy her doctors' predictions and learn to walk, she went on to tackle indoor snow-shoeing, ice skating and roller skating. Her parents, Theresa and Brian Carr, are very proud of Elizabeth and delighted, if somewhat overwhelmed, at the news of the award.

Their elation is shared by everyone at Orchard Park Public School, where Elizabeth is a student.

Two of the teaching staff at the school, Ruth Geddes and Regan Crawley, told Theresa about the award and asked her permission to nominate Elizabeth.

"Mrs. Geddes and Ms. Crawley asked me months ago if they could submit her name. The fact that she has won an award is just sinking in," said Theresa, noting that Elizabeth has never been known to resist a challenge.

"She is not afraid to try anything. She is very active in all of her hobbies - she also does horseback riding and swimming lessons."

Elizabeth's determination has been matched by the dedication of her parents, teachers and therapists, with Geddes and special education assistant Cathy May providing constant physical and emotional support in encouraging their young charge to walk and later, to skate.

"She has been in therapy since day one," said Theresa. "Once (Please see page 2)

New school has name

The new Stouffville school expected to open this fall will be called Glad Park Public School.

York Region's public school board approved the name last week for the building, which faces west on Glad Park Ave. across from St. Mark Catholic Elementary School.

Construction work on the second floor recently began, and the school should be completed in late October, said plant services superintendent David Snelgrove.

Golf course a go

A nine-hole golf course, complete with a clubhouse, will be built in Stouffville.

Last Tuesday, local council

gave the nod to John Bosworth Ltd. to build the course as part of Family Golf Centre of Cedar Valley on Vivian Road.

Seven year fight over gravel lands ends

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville came out the winner after a seven-year battle over gravel lands.

Last week, the Ontario Municipal Board ruled in Whitchurch-Stouffville's

favor stipulating that gravel lands should remain under rural zoning instead of under industrial designation.

~ Joan Ransberry

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