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Pool's next: Committee

By JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

It's full steam ahead for the plan to bring an indoor swimming pool to Stouffville, a committee has determined.

Susan Harmsen, chair of a subcommittee linked to the town's parks and recreation

advisory board, said committee members are excited about getting "on with the job."

The committee meets again April 23, while public meetings will be held soon.

A pool could be built at the Stouffville Recreation Complex or on lands at the local high school by 1998, Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson has suggested.

The public will be included in picking the pool location, said Harmsen.

"To get helpful information from the public regarding

swim programs, partnership, location, etc, the committee believes it must keep the public well informed of the committee's on-going concerns and activities," she said.

At Wednesday's meeting, committee members will deal with capital and operating costs and funding as well as discussing what community partners are to be involved.

Besides the chair, members of the pool committee are Bruce Brown, Owen Craig, Dave Muir, Nicole Ongman, Jim Sanders, Barry Squires and Ward 2 Councillor Mike Watson.

Man gets 15 months

A man charged in connection with a four-hour police stand-off involving a toddler in Ballantrae was sentenced to 15 months in jail.

Last week, a Newmarket jury found Steven Andrew Tribbing, 22, guilty on 11 charges. A judge delivered the sentence Wednesday.

After serving the jail

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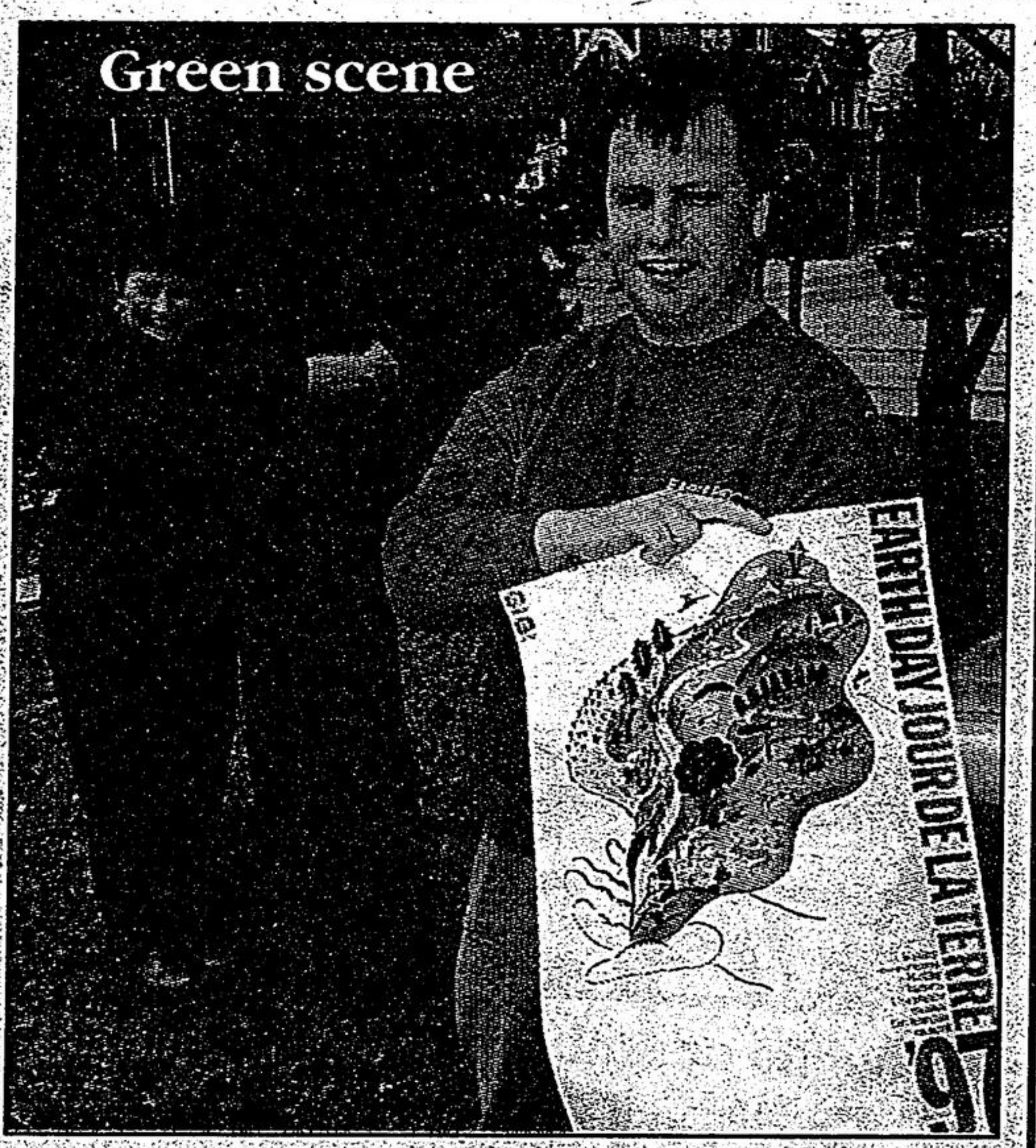
No deposit on books

Elementary school councils tend not to support a cost-cutting suggestion that parents pay for supplies children get free at public schools, says a principals' report.

And the secondary school principals' association for the York Region Board of Education has declared its opposition to textbook deposits for students in high school.

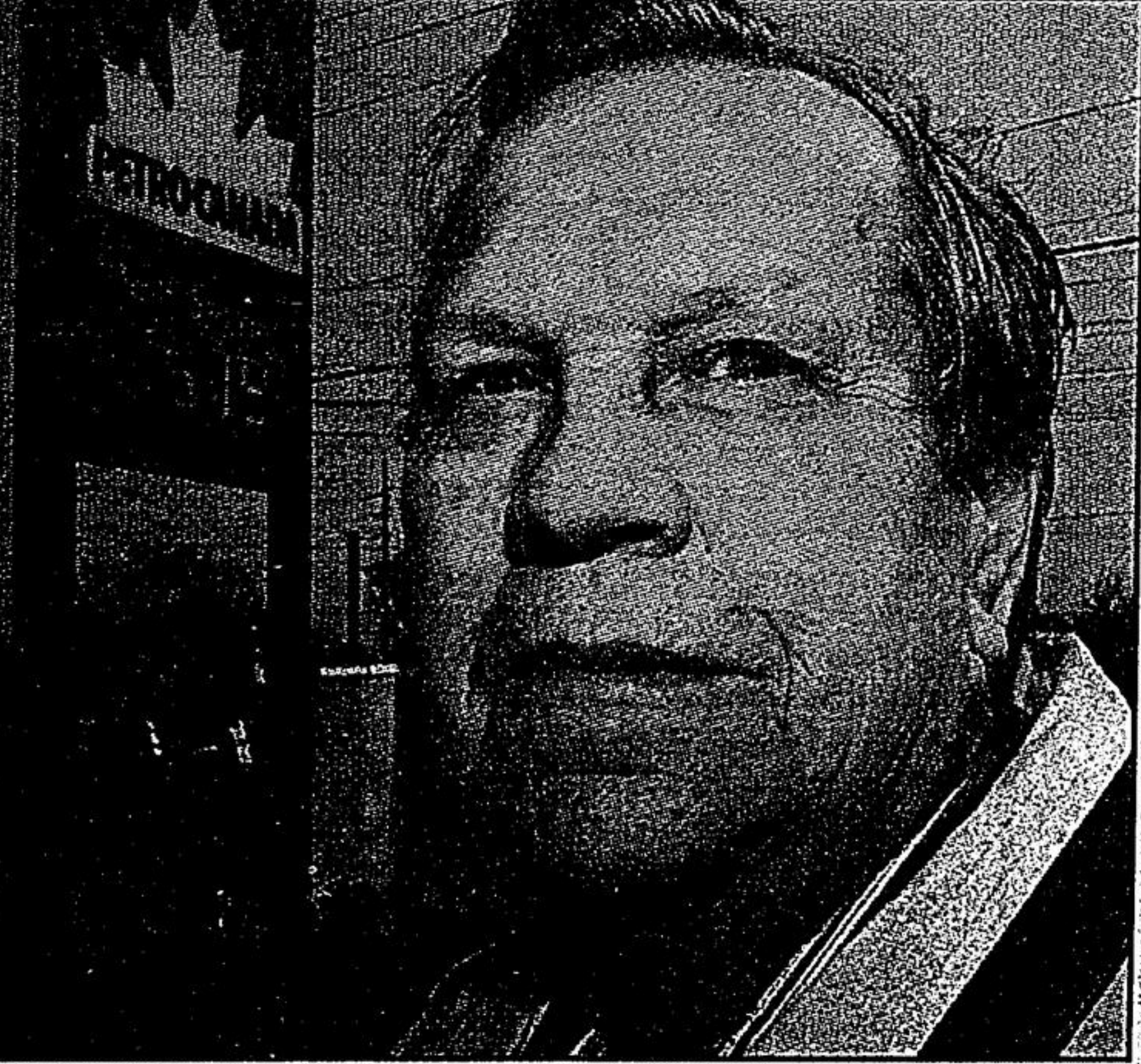
Both changes were under consideration by the board's budget

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As Councillor Mike Watson (also of Eagle Ridge Trees) holds an Earth Day poster, Councillor Ivanka Bradley gets the enviable task of hugging every tree in town in preparation for Earth Day next Tuesday. See page 3.

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN



Gord Lake wants to know why he's paying more for gas than his neighbors to the south.

Photo/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Exclusive

Prices left high to allow repairs

By JOHN LAMBERSKY
 Correspondent

Why does gas cost more in Stouffville than in surrounding communities?, a local resident is asking.

Gord Lake alerted *The Tribune* to gas price irregularities. Lake noticed that the gasoline prices were, on average, four cents per litre more expensive in Stouffville than in Markham this past week.

"I go down to Markham and the gas stations there have gas four cents (per litre) cheaper," said Lake. "It's ridiculous."

"Do they think we're millionaires?" Lake added.

Upon further investigation, *The Tribune* has learned that the gas stations in downtown Stouffville set their prices to match the Petro-Canada station at the corner of Hwy. 48 and Stouffville Rd.

in Ringwood.

However, as one Petro-Canada employee explained, the gasoline prices at Ringwood have remained at 57.9 cents/litre to allow renovations to be completed with fewer interruptions by customers.

"We need to slow the flow of traffic through the station, so that's why the prices are high," said the employee, who wished to have his name withheld.

As a consequence, some other stations in town have explained that they have been forced to keep their prices high to match those at the Ringwood station.

The new managers of the Beaver Gas station on Main Street only started their jobs on Monday, but they already know how gas prices are set.

"We can't lower our prices until the Petro-Canada (in Ringwood) lowers their prices," said the new

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