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## Resident asks speeders to 'slow down'

JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Reporter

A plea to curb speeding in northern hamlets will be made at Whitchurch-Stouffville Council on Monday.

Local resident Gabriella Ertl will address council and outline her concerns about traffic issues affecting the municipality's small communities, including Lemonville.

Ertl has a message for motorists travelling on McCowan Road: "Slow down," she said.

Speeding has gotten so bad on roads winding through the local hamlets that there's now "a complete disregard for the communities," Ertl said.

The traffic situation is threatening the safety and well-being of local residents, added Ertl.

"Almost all vehicles travelling through Lemonville travel at well over the 60-kilometre posted speed limit and vehicles are regularly passing other slower moving traffic," she said.

Ertl wants radar to be set up to discourage speeding. "I'd like to see a radar sign posted, warning commuters that the area is being monitored," she said.

Ertl is suggesting council consider putting in speed bumps. As well, Ertl suggested lowering the speed limit in the hamlets to 50 kilometers an hour.

A few months ago, Ward 4 Councillor Cliff Dunkeld suggested Road Watch, a new community traffic program geared to help reduce speeding within the town limits, be introduced in town.

Ertl said she's keen on getting information about this new program and hopes it can be adopted and extended to take in the hamlets.

Through Road Watch, if someone spots a motorist speeding or running a red light, he or she can take note of the licence plate number, the make and color of the vehicle and report it either by phone or by fax. "I want to hear more from Councillor Dunkeld on this," said Ertl.



FAST LANE: Gabriella Ertl is lobbying council to enact measures that will curb speeding on local roads, especially in the hamlets. Photo by LORI EMMERSON

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### News you can use

The tennis courts in Vandorf will get a \$37,750 facelift if local council approves a staff recommendation.

Director of recreation John Crawley has recommended that Whitchurch-Stouffville Council waive the tendering process and award the contract to a Newmarket company.

The hamlet's twin tennis courts on Woodbine Ave. did not open this season after an inspection showed damage was such that public safety was at risk.

Preston Lake resident Linda

Cundari said local tennis players are anxious to get back on the courts. She wrote a letter to the town stressing the interest in tennis and the need to have the courts operational.

While Ward 1 Councillor Ivanka Bradley welcomes the chance to fix the courts, allowing Vandorf tennis buffs a chance to enjoy their game, she is questioning waving the tendering process.

"This could have been looked after early spring, giving us time to have it go through the proper (tendering) process," Bradley said.

It is not known when the repair work will begin or if the courts will be up and running this season, as Crawley did not return *The Tribune's* telephone calls.

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## Heritage Railway train station receives provincial recognition

JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Reporter

The York-Durham Heritage Railway tourist train station is attracting attention province-wide.

While construction of the 70-foot by 30-foot building on Main Street draws to a close and train association and town officials alike get ready for the June 28 official opening, the Province of Ontario has chosen the station as one of six projects to receive a special award.

The Stouffville train station has won the Ontario Local Government Innovative Public Service Delivery award.

The awards, given to recognize local governments for new approaches to financing and building infrastructure such as transportation, sewer, water and community recreational facilities, will be awarded in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday.

To be eligible, projects must "demonstrate tangible benefits," stresses Dale Taylor of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Whitchurch-Stouffville got the award because of a private/public partnership in the construction and use of a new railway station facility.

The award winners all demon-

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strate what this government fully endorses—innovation, creativity and costs savings, said Ernie Hardeman, parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Al Leach.

"I congratulate them and encourage other municipalities to continue to seek new ways of doing business to save taxpayers' dollars and deliver better services at less cost," said Hardeman.

The multi-purpose facility cost about \$130,000 to build, but it's

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