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Speed drop for Ninth goes to region

JORDAN H. GREEN
Staff Reporter

Students going to the new school on Glad Park Ave. will be able to cross the street a little easier if the region okays the town's plans.

At last Tuesday's municipal council meeting, council passed a motion asking the region to mark off the Elm Road to Millard Street area with school zone speed limit signs. Council is also requesting traffic lights and a sidewalk for the area be considered for York Region's 1998 budget.

The signs have the familiar school crossing logo, plus flashing lights on each side, warning motorists to slow down. Speed is limited to 40 km within school zones.

"I think what we're trying to do is ask for the warrants — try and get it for the budget of 1998," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson. "We aren't pushing it off, we want them, they know we want them. We have to get something done for the school year."

Of the 300 students anticipated at the new Glad Park School, due to open this

Oct., 92 may have to cross busy Ninth Line to get to class. Currently the speed limit is 50 km for this stretch of road, however it increases to 70 km just a few blocks north.

Students were bussed for years on the dead-end stretch of Glad Park Ave., but earlier this month both the York Region Separate School Board and the York Region Public School Board decided to cut costs by cutting buses. The boards could save \$245,000 through these changes. Due to the speed, traffic and

reductions in busing — parents of Glad Park and the neighboring St Mark school have been lobbying for their children's safety.

Earlier this month, a petition of 500 residents was submitted to both the separate and public boards, asking that they reverse their cost-cutting decisions.

"I think the region should re-investigate traffic lights," said Ward 5 Councillor Judy Scala.

What happens next depends on the region, as Ninth Line is a regional road.

Tennis court construction set to begin

JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

The reconstruction of the Vandorf Park tennis courts is about to begin.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council gave the final nod for \$38,000 to be spent on the hamlet's tennis courts.

The work will get under way in "a couple of weeks," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

The construction contract has been awarded to Court Contractors.

The project will be funded from the town's municipal surpluses, if that money is available.

Playground equipment is also being installed at Stouffville Memorial Park and at Greenwood Parkette, located in northeastern Stouffville.

The new equipment for Memorial will replace 11-year-old wooden playground equipment in the downtown park.

Playground equipment must meet the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) regulations.

In the case of the equipment in the Stouffville Memorial Park, staff reported 11 CSA contraventions.



BUBBLE, BUBBLE: Enjoying a warm summer's day, Jennifer Smith blows bubbles, much to her son Matthew's amusement, at Stouffville Memorial Park this past week. Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

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