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## Enviro group still alive

**Angry public lashes out at council's decision to can the town's environment committee**

JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Reporter

A move to dump a town committee was suspended following a protest Monday. Members of the new Whitechurch-Stouff-

ville Council faced an angry public at its first meeting, after town administrator Merlin Dewing recommended that the seven-member Environmental Advisory Committee be abolished.

After opposition was voiced, council agreed to review the issue and come up with a set of references and duties for the committee.

A final decision will be made in late January or February.

Mike Watson, a committee member, former councillor, and defeated mayoralty candidate pleaded with council not to disband the committee.

The recommendation to disband the committee was linked to certain committee members, said Watson.

"I doubt that I would get re-appointed. If

you have a beef with me, it's no reason to get rid of the committee," said Watson.

Dewing was invited to a committee meeting to discuss things, but didn't come, said Watson.

Chuck Cundari, another committee member, challenged the mayor's position that planning matters have nothing to do with the environment.

"Planning and the environment are as close as they can get," said Cundari. "It's the '90s. We're no longer in the '70s."

Such a recommendation to disband the group is small minded and insulting, said Cundari.

"We live here. It's our place of life. This (recommendation) should never have gotten

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## Council backs seniors

Whitechurch-Stouffville Council is backing a move to stop the renaming of the Ninth Line to Eldred King Road.

On Monday, council unanimously agreed to notify York Region that it does not support renaming the Ninth Line in honour of the retiring regional chairman.

Last week, the town received a petition signed by more than 200 residents of Parkview Village. The seniors asked that they not be forced to change their addresses. While the residents agreed King is deserving of recognition for 31 years of public service, they didn't want to change their addresses. Some stressed they have gone through five changes already. Regional council will review the matter in mid-January.

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Save those bottles this Christmas season and help local kids earn cash.

The 1st Ballantrae Scouts are collecting pop bottles, beer bottles and Becker's jugs next month to fund their troop activities.

The Scouts will be in your area on Sat., Jan. 3 to pick up any bottles you can donate. If you have plans for the day they are asking that you leave them outside to be picked up. For more information or special pick-up arrangements, call Debra Owen at 642-7482.

The Tribune wants to publish your letters to Santa Claus so we can share them with our readers. We remind parents, grandmas, grandpas, uncles and aunts that the letters are for school-age children and must be handwritten by the children themselves. Please send your child's Santa letters to The Tribune, no later than Mon., Dec. 22 at one of the addresses given on Page 4.

**JAZZIN' IT UP FOR CHRISTMAS:**  
 Jaymee MacKenzie plays the Alto Sax in the Stouffville District Secondary School Jazz Ensemble during the school's Winter Concert held Tuesday, Dec. 16.

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