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Tragedy prompts overwhelming response.
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Finally, a link to the Big Pipe

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

Following two years of deliberation and \$300,000 in costs, on Thursday York Regional Council gave the nod to a master plan for the area known as Old Stouffville. The adoption of the Secondary

Plan paves the way for the Big Pipe to find its way to town. All that's left in the process is a regionally-hosted public meeting, scheduled for April 15. Town planner Tom Parry explained that in order

to adopt the plan, York Region must amend its Official Plan to take in Whitchurch-Stouffville. With the Secondary Plan in place, Mayor Wayne Emmerson said he expects construction of the

Stouffville link of the Big Pipe to be underway by the turn of the century. With communal sewer services in Stouffville, it'll open up the

A plan to determine much of Stouffville's future is one small step away.

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HAVING A BALL: The Christ Church Anglican Youth Group presented their 5th annual English Pantomime at Latham Hall Saturday. Charles Parker as Buttercup takes a spin with Peter Markle in the role of Daisy. Watching the jig are Amanda Parker and Chris Pettitt as Baroness and Baron Hardup. Photo by LORI EMMERSON

Man dies after icy lake plunge

MIKE RUTA
 Staff Reporter

"The truck was upside down," he said. "We tried to bang on the

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Valiant rescue attempts by neighbours failed to save a Mt. Albert man whose truck had overturned in Island Lake Saturday night. J. Michel Girouard, 33, was pronounced dead at North Durham Health Services, Uxbridge. Police said Girouard was northbound on Durham Rd. 30 in a Chevrolet pick-up truck around 7:45 p.m. He lost control of the vehicle, which went through the west guardrail, hit an embankment, flipped over and cracked through the ice on the lake at Aurora Rd. Police speculated that the icy road may have caused Girouard to lose control. Neighbours rushed to the scene and spent 15 minutes trying to extricate Girouard. John Miller, who lives nearby, said he and his wife Wilma heard a bang. Moments later a neighbour arrived and told him to get a flashlight. Miller said after calling 911 they went outside and discovered the vehicle mostly submerged.

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Silver lining

Seniors will welcome new carpeting at the Silver Jubilee Club if council gives the financial nod tonight. In its 1998 budget, Whitchurch-Stouffville council is expected to earmark carpet repairs along with electrical work, including new light fixtures for the Main Street recreational facility.

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