

# Make crooks take HEAT

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The proceeds of crime should be used to pay for a special York Region police unit established in January, acting Chief Peter Scott says.

Scott is asking Solicitor General Bob Runciman to consider funding the force's nine-member support unit under a program called HEAT - high enforcement action teams.

HEAT units are used to target

specific crimes, such as luxury auto thefts and break-and-enters.

Scott created the force's District Support Unit as a back-up for specific situations as they arise.

For example, they can be used as a search team during a homicide investigation or as a crowd control squad during a demonstration.

"It's considered to be a shock force for unforeseen events," Scott told the police services board. "So far, it's been very successful and they're well thought of."

Eight constables and one sergeant volunteer to join the support unit, which works from 4:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Scott said the force has reduced the number of front-line officers in each of the region's five districts to accommodate the unit.

## POLICE

He hopes the solicitor general's office will provide funding, drawn from the proceeds of crime, to continue the pilot project.

York Region's police budget went to the finance committee last Thursday for consideration.

The budget, passed by the police service's board last Wednesday, must still receive final approval from the finance committee and regional council.

Although the police budget won't be made public until it goes to council, the board is expected to ask for increased funding to deal with the region's growing population.

## TOWN

# Council to hear food store plan

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Staff Reporter

Plans are in the works for Stouffville to get another major food store in the west end of town.

Ken Aida of the town's planning department confirmed that his office has received a "formal" application to rezone 5786 Main Street, the site of the former Bob Myers car dealership.

The applicant, Neil Patrick Holding Ltd., has requested that the commercial highway-zoned property be re-zoned shopping centre commercial.

While the application doesn't specify that the zoning change is to accommodate a Loblaws or Loblaws-owned No Frills, Aida said he understands that is the plan.

A public meeting dealing with the application has been set for April 6th, beginning at 7 p.m. at Latcham Hall. Property owner Ken Patrick declined comment on the application.

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### Caffé Demetre raises \$1,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation



Caffé Demetre presents a cheque for \$1,000.

Staff at Caffé Demetre hosted their first Fashion Show in March raising \$1,000 for the York Region Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Over 90 tickets were sold to guests who enjoyed the fashions while sipping cappuccino and eating decadent apple or strawberry homemade ice cream waffles.

"This is the start of a new annual activity that Caffé Demetre will offer in each of its five locations across the Greater Toronto Area," said Vivian Theodore, co-owner of Caffé Demetre Enterprises. "We have approached local schools and churches inviting them to include us in their fundraising activities. We offer the ice cream and the staff to community activities free of charge."

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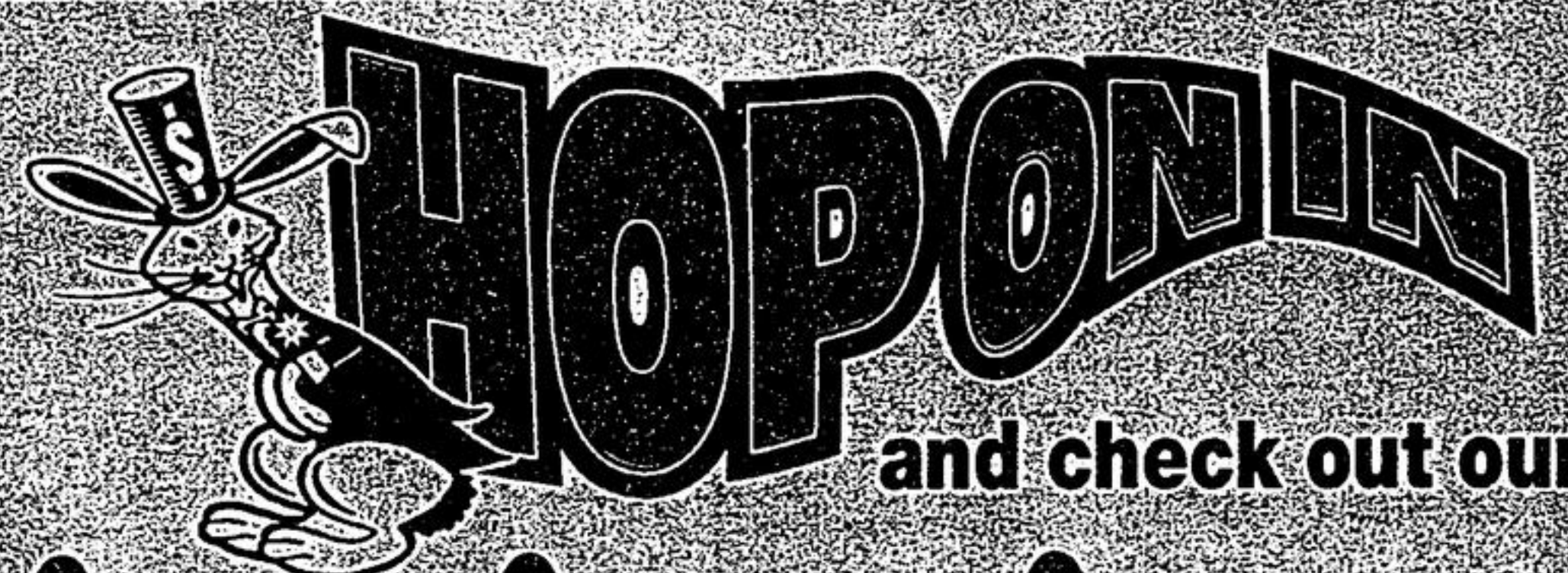
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