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Area business honours best

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

Wednesday was awards night in Stouffville.

More than 100 local business representatives joined municipal and federal officials to attend the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and awards night held at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

It was largest annual meeting ever for the local chamber.

Retiring president Helene Johnson, David Turner and Eric Lismanis took turns emceeing the event.

The gala offered a number of highlights. A new executive, including president Ruth Boynton, was sworn in; the Chamber was presented with a national award for its Stouffville Vision Fund and the names of the Cham-

ber's three award winners were announced. The 1998 Business of the Year award went to Novopharm. Michael Wade won the Business Entrepreneur of the Year award, while Peter Burdon was chosen 1998 Corporate Citizen of the Year.

Helene Johnson was recognized for her dedication to the chamber. Johnson will remain on the executive as secretary-treasurer.

Joining Boynton on the executive are first vice president Peter Burdon and second vice president Willi Petri.

Chamber directors are Donna Cuthbertson of the Stouffville Sun, Claudio Giardino of Stouffville CIBC, Bill Houston of Houston Ford, Nita Burdon of Stouffville Chrysler, David Beauchamp of Beaumarq and Court Armstrong of Armstrong Sign Group.



OPEN WIDE: Victor Chabot, 2, obediently opens up, while keeping a leery eye on Dr. William Zeck, as he and his classmates from Chick-A-Dee Day Nursery visited the dentist. The nursery school students paid "Dr. Bill" a visit in his Stouffville offices on Wednesday.

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School meeting

On Thursday April 16, at 7 p.m. there will be a school council general meeting for all Glad Park parents. There is a meeting for all parents of Glad Park Public School students. The school is looking for interested parents to become council members for 1998/99 school year, or to just come out and

find what is going on in the school. Call 642-0224 for more information.

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Police may get \$6M

York Regional Police will get more officers on the street, new computers, a new police station in Keswick and vastly improved training, if regional council approves an additional \$6 million in spending this year.

But even if it gets more money, the force will still have the fewest police officers per capita in the GTA.

"If you approve this budget, you'll still have an economical and frugal force," acting Chief Peter Scott

told the region's finance committee Thursday. "We'll still have the lowest cost per capita."

The proposed budget will increase York Region's per-capita ratio from one officer for every 885 residents to one for every 845.

And it will boost the cost per resident from \$97 to \$110 - close to the price Halton and Durham residents

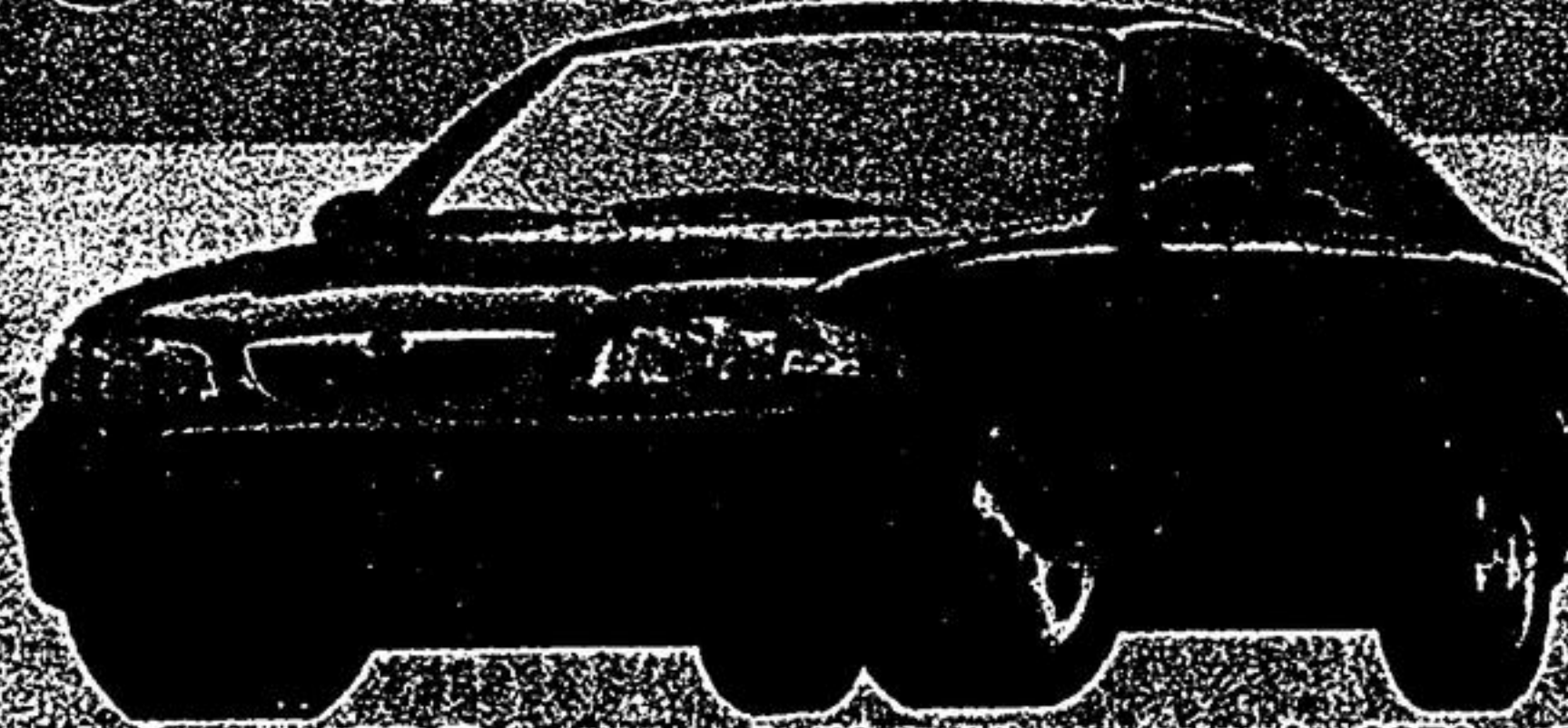
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