

COMMUNITY NEWS

Groups share Ontario grant

The local Mobility Transit was one of the winners in Stouffville's big charity give-way held Tuesday.

At a regular council meeting, council handed out close to \$75,000 to local charities and sports groups.

The money came from the province's Ontario Lottery Corporation's advance funding program. Through the one-year

only program, the provincial government allocated \$73,261 to Whitchurch-Stouffville, while who gets what was determined by local officials.

Friends of the Museum was granted \$11,000, while Whitchurch-Stouffville Mobility Transit picked up \$10,000.

The First and the Third Stouffville Scouts each picked up \$2,000, while the

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library was granted \$9,000.

York-Durham Heritage Railway was given \$8,000. York-Durham Aphasia Centre was given \$9,500. Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey was granted \$8,000.

Stouffville's soon-to-be built skateboard park gets \$9,000. The Stouffville Lions Club gets about \$5,000.

Employment centre officially open

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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A centre, offering full-time, one-on-one and high tech employment assistance, is in full swing in Stouffville.

The Neighbourhood Employment Resource Centre, held its official open house last week. Located at SDSS, centre officials introduced the latest in

job search technology promising a friendly result-oriented setting.

"Students, the unemployed and those looking to switch careers have access at the centre," said project manager Maryann Brazier.

Oak Ridges MP Bryon Wilfert, Mayor Wayne Emmerson and York District School Board director Bill

Hogarth attended the centre's opening.

Designed to serve the entire community, including the senior students, centre officials expect to help 500 Stouffville residents in search for work in a 12-month span.

The centre is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 640-2856.

Residents' help needed to save prisoners

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A Whitchurch-Stouffville family was shocked to learn that, once again, two more Baha'is in Iran have been sentenced to death because of their religious beliefs.

The Victories of Kennedy Road — members of the Baha'i community and formally of Iran — are appealing to Stouffville residents to join them in oppos-

ing this situation. The two Baha'is are in a prison in Mashhad, an eastern city in Iran. Their execution date is not known.

Jaleh Victory explained that in July, governments around the world protested the execution of another Baha'i, also a prisoner in Mashhad.

Like the others, the man's only 'crime' was his religion. Victory is asking residents to join her in writing MP Bryon

Winfert asking he join Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy in contacting the Iran government to register strong opposition to the action taken against the two prisoners.

In July, Axworthy asked for assurance from the Iranian authorities that the lives of the Baha'i prisoners be protected. Axworthy has not received a reply, Victory said.

For more information call 888-1650.

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Official Plan Review and Natural Features Greenlands Study Advisory Committee

The purpose of the committee is to assist Council in making decisions regarding the preparation of the Official Plan Review and Natural Features and Greenlands Study.

The Committee shall review and provide comments regarding the various background reports and drafts of the Official Plan during the study process. Community groups and landowners will also be directed to present their views on the Official Plan Review and Natural Features and Greenlands Study through the Advisory Committee.

Application forms may be obtained at the Clerk's Department, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and

at the Public Library, Recreation Complex and Museum.

Application forms should be delivered in person, by mail or by fax (905-640-7957) by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 17, 1998.

Personal information is collected under the legal authority of the Municipal Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.M.45 and will be used to determine eligibility for appointment.

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