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**TRANSPORTATION:** Mayor won't support large airport

## Regional airport an acceptable use: mayor

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When it comes to airports, size does matter, according to the town's mayor.

A regional airport to serve local industry could come in handy once the town's industrial base grows, Emmerson said this week.

But an international airport is not in the best interests of the community.

A regional airport for local aircraft would not pose a threat to neighbouring communities, Emmerson insisted.

"But, I'd like to make it clear I do not support an international airport on these lands.

"A regional airport, comparable in size to the ones in Buttonville and Oshawa, would suit us. We could live with it. They handle much smaller planes," Emmerson said.

Critics, however, say Stouffville would be in the flight path if an international airport is built on designated lands west of Claremont.

Stephen Frederick, of Voters Organized to Cancel the Airport Lands, told council a door-to-door canvas in town showed opposition to an international airport being built close by.

"I don't want an international airport here either," Emmerson said.

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## ALL THE WAY FROM THE NORTH



PHOTO/LORI EMMERSON

Santa Claus makes a big appearance Saturday during the Kinsmen's annual parade, which boasted more than 40 floats and brought out the crowds in droves. For more Santa parade photos, see pages 3 and 4.

# Police want public comment

*Strategic plan released this week*

BY CHRISTOPHER DOURIS  
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York Regional Police has released a draft of its new strategic plan for public comment.

Insp. Eric Jolliffe, who heads up the strategic plan process, said, "We promised people could have a look at it."

And while York Region residents have until Dec. 15 to respond, the process of review is continuing, he said yesterday.

"The thing is always evolving, changing," he added, "We're working on a number of things as we go, anyway. We're not going to stand still until the (final) document is produced. We're making changes as we go."

Among the projects under way is the traffic safety strategy, he said.

Released last week, the draft has already generated responses, Jolliffe said. "We've had three or four phone calls today already."

One call was from a fire chief, while the others were from residents, he added.

During development of the plan, meetings were held with groups across the region, including municipal mayors, fire chiefs, citizens and police employees.

"It's a process that's been very much all inclusive, internally and externally," Jolliffe said. "They came out with some very significant comments that were heard throughout the region."

The comments have been incorporated into the draft plan. The plan is broken down into three sections: the vision, shared values and the commitments of the organization to York Region, he said.

Copies of the draft are available at the front desk of police stations, Jolliffe said. Comment can be made by fax at (905) 895-5136 or by calling the strategic plan hotline at 773-1221, ext. 7007.

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