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COMPLAINTS OF DIZZINESS FORCE EMPLOYEES TO EXIT FOUL-SMELLING BUILDING

Courthouse workers walk

BY DAWN LIERSCH
Staff Writer

Complaining of symptoms such as lightheadedness and difficulty breathing, more than a dozen Newmarket courthouse workers walked off the job yesterday, refusing to work in the building due to the risk of toxic mould.

"This is the first time I've felt really, really ill. A couple of times I

felt like passing out," said one courthouse worker, who asked not to be identified, fearing repercussions from her employer.

"It smells like a dead animal in there."

Sitting outside the Newmarket courthouse, discussing the problem with her co-workers, the employee said she was on her way to see her doctor to determine

whether she should continue to work in the environment.

Val Erwin, a court reporter and union steward for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), which represents most of the unionized employees at the courthouse, said 23 workers, including court reporters, clerks and office staff, refused to work after becoming ill shortly after

arriving at the building yesterday morning. The Ministry of the Attorney General reports 16 work refusals.

Erwin said the workers complained of headaches, runny eyes, breathing difficulties and lightheadedness and some mentioned an unusual smell in areas of the

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Mega-city cash for sprawl study slammed

Councillors wary of Toronto agenda

BY GIANNI COLAVECCHIA
Staff Writer

Local officials are criticizing Toronto's offer of cash to study urban sprawl in Canada's fastest-growing region.

Toronto council has decided to spend \$200,000 on a report looking at low-density development that's engulfed much of the Greater Toronto Area and its impact on nearly every local issue from transportation to the environment.

Some city councillors slammed the plan as a waste of money. Meanwhile, local officials said Toronto should keep its nose out of York Region's business.

"Maybe the region should be doing Toronto's planning," Richmond Hill Mayor Bill Bell said.

"I don't think Toronto has done such a hot job of planning in its boundaries."

Bell made his comments after Toronto politicians said growth and planning in York Region and across the GTA directly and indirectly affect their city.

But Bell fears Toronto may have ulterior motives in its efforts to have a say in planning matters outside its boundaries. Local municipalities are quite capable of analysing things, he said.

While most York Region towns may have no plans to fund a such

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THANKS A BUNCH LUNCH

Volunteers who worked in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library security stripping project received a thank-you lunch last week. They spent about 700 hours securing 50,000 print items and another 8,000 volumes held in the library's storage area. Library staffer Vicki Copp passes around sandwiches to (clockwise from bottom centre) Joan Zeldin, Evelyn Bennett, Joan McCracken and Councillor Sue Sherban.

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