

Police search for missing teen

York Regional Police need help finding a 17-year-old Markham boy who hasn't been seen by his parents or friends since July 5.

Zeeshan Bhimji of 38 Laguna Cres. has not attended classes at Sir John A. MacDonald High School in Scarborough nor been to work at

Scarborough Grace Hospital since that time.

Police say his parents are worried because he has not accessed his bank account. He is described as five-foot, six-inches tall, 135 pounds with a scar under his left eyebrow.

Call police at (905) 773-1221 ext. 7541.

Toll rates raised twice

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to the north to get on the 407 because they believe they won't make up the time. But they will. Even with the increase of the tolls in May, there was no dip in use. Ever since the highway opened, it has steadily increased.

However, it's clear the cost of using the highway remains a critical barrier for travellers. After the Ontario government sold a 99-year lease on Hwy. 407, tolls have been raised twice.

Drivers are now charged 10.5 cents per kilometre, with light trucks billed twice that amount and triple the rates

for heavy trucks.

A prime example of drivers ignoring the toll road was last Friday, when Hwy. 401 was bumper-to-bumper with east-bound traffic. Scooting along the 407 after leaving Hwy. 403 proved a tremendous benefit, as the 58.6-kilometre trip to Hwy. 404 knocked off 45 minutes.

The cost of the trip? The bill will include \$6.16 for the outing, another \$1.50 for not having a transponder, plus a further \$2 monthly account billing fee to bring the total to \$9.66, plus taxes.

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Financial savings expected

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This is it.

The region has adopted a dual-track approach to unearthing a new destination for its 175,000 tonnes of annual waste, including exploring its own agreement to truck the garbage to a landfill site in Essex County, or dumps south of the border in Michigan or Niagara Falls, N.Y.

However, a shared venture with Toronto would produce the most financial savings, especially since any deal with Rail Cycle North is not conditional on participants agreeing to ship a specific amount of tonnage to the mine each year.

"We need to get Toronto's prices to compare with and then make a final decision," said Landon, whose commit-

tee will recommend an option at a Sept. 6 meeting before it goes to regional council on Sept. 14 for a final decision.

"I'm very hesitant about the solutions we have looked at locally between incineration and landfills. My gut feeling says that, at some time, there is going to be a reaction to shipping garbage to the U.S. I feel more confident in controlling my own destiny with a made-in-Canada solution."

Over the past several weeks, Northern Ontario residents have criticized the plan to accept Greater Toronto's trash, arguing runoff from the garbage will allow leachate to taint the local drinking water.

But Landon said engineering reports dispute this theory, adding during his tour exterior water pressure had forced its way into the Adams Mine, filling it one-third with water.

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