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## Liberal MPP brings his moraine walk to lake

Stouffville subdivision sparks MPP's concern

BY MIKE ADLER  
 Staff Writer

Mike Colle crossed into York Region on Tuesday afternoon over a dusty, busy stretch of Durham Road 30 when he noticed a sign.

"It says: 'Ninety-nine acres, developers wanted,'" read the Liberal MPP, who is on a mission to walk as much of the Oak Ridges Moraine as he can in a week.

Yesterday, he planned to follow the Oak Ridges Trail through Aurora and will continue his journey through King on Thursday and Friday — if his feet hold out.

Between his second-day starting point in Goodwood and the final cup of iced tea at Aurora Road and Hwy. 48, Colle said he hiked nine hours Tuesday. He admitted that morning, accompanied by a small group from the Uxbridge hamlet and Aspen, an 11-month-old retriever, was tough sledding.

"We walked through about 10-foot-high grass, through swamp and through the beautiful hills of Goodwood, where you can see for miles."

At 5 p.m., he was on the edge of Stouffville, walking between the roaring traffic and the giant gravel pits of Lafarge Canada Ltd.

A red-tailed hawk flew east across the road. "They're starting to move south now," said Ralph

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BUSINESS OWNER RESPONDS TO ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HIS DAY CAMP FACILITY'S SAFETY

## Lake residents fight business

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
 Staff Writer

Musselman's Lake resident Neil Swanson's efforts to bring the joys of nature to inner-city kids has raised the ire of his neighbours in the past five years.

And liability considerations have led Janet Davies, whose family has owned the Cedar Beach Pavilion and property for decades, to ban all motorized activities origi-

nating from the facility starting next summer.

Swanson uses the Cedar Beach docks to load summer day camp kids into powerboats to give them tube rides.

"We could be held responsible" if something happens to one of the kids, said Davies, who added that their business ventures are completely separate.

"We don't have anything to do

with his operation, or his staff, safety or his equipment," she said.

The ongoing unrest stemming from the activities of The Boss Cottage and Cottage Day Camp, which operate out of Cedar Beach, has to be stopped once and for all, Mayor Wayne Emmerson said at Tuesday night's Whitchurch-Stouffville council meeting. A decision on how to proceed will be made Sept. 5.

More than 140 Musselman's Lake residents have signed a petition, presented to council by resident Michael Benjamin, asking for council's attention to their concerns, including:

- The numerous unkempt canoes and paddle boats docked at Swanson's Restnook Lake property each night.

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Neil Swanson (above) addressed Whitchurch-Stouffville council about complaints he is running an unsafe and environmentally unfriendly business on Musselman's Lake. Michael Benjamin (inset) represented more than 140 residents who signed a petition listing concerns about the day camp, picnic facility and commercial ventures on Swanson's property.

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