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2 Stouffville District Secondary students could get their after-school sports back this year.

ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR

EVENT: BIA trick or treating
WHEN: 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28
WHERE: Downtown Stouffville stores



20 Low pay, extra responsibilities leave few candidates for school trustee jobs.

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YORK REGION GARBAGE WOULD BE SHIPPED TO KIRKLAND LAKE MINE

Rail-haul under review

BY PATRICK CASEY
 Staff Writer

York Region has hired a legal firm to review a complex contract to rail-haul its garbage to Northern Ontario, but lawyers have only a week to complete the task.

According to Markham Regional Councillor Gord Landon, lawyers will begin examining the 77-page document today, three days after

officials at the City of Toronto and Rail Cycle North Ltd. agreed on final revisions to the 20-year contract.

But with regional councillors expected to endorse a similar agreement at next Thursday's final council meeting before the Nov. 13 municipal election, it leaves a week for experts to inspect the contract that allows 175,000 annual tonnes of regional waste to be dumped in

the abandoned Adams Mine near Kirkland Lake.

Originally, the lawyers could not meet with Rail Cycle North and local staff until next Wednesday, said Landon, but after earlier meeting dates were scheduled, he insists the deal can get done on time.

"It will take an extensive legal review for such a big contract and there may be some issues that need

to be resolved at a later period of time, but I wouldn't suspect there's a lot of difference between this contract and the one Toronto signed," explained Landon late Tuesday afternoon.

"Toronto has gone through the contract with a fine-tooth comb and I'm not too worried about it. If I get a contract this week and go to a

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Help wanted is the sign of the times

Employers scramble to find workers

BY ROGER VARLEY
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In major shopping centres across York Region, many retailers — whether they are selling clothes, shoes, computers, flowers or giftware — are offering the same thing: jobs!

Store windows are full of signs seeking managers, assistant managers, sales associates and team leaders for part-time and full-time work.

For example, a casual, unscientific survey by the Economist and Sun/Tribune showed approximately half the retail stores in Newmarket's Upper Canada Mall and Markham's Markville Shopping Centre are asking for help. The signs they display range from professionally printed tracts urging job seekers to "join our dedicated sales team" to simple, hand-drawn "Help Wanted" pleas.

The appeal for employees in the malls seems to reflect the general employment scene in York Region.

Ann Campbell, classified ads manager for Metroland's York Region newspaper group, said there has been a noticeable change in the number of Help Wanted advertisements.

"There has definitely been a substantial increase over this time last year," she said, "especially in clerical and retail jobs."

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ALWAYS ON THE RUN

Grade 4 students from Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham leave the starting line at the York Region Area East cross-country meet Tuesday at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. The top runners qualify for next Tuesday's regional finals, also at Bruce's Mill. For more on the meet, see photos on page 18.

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