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**18** The IGA store in downtown Stouffville will close its doors on Nov. 11.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library  
**ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR**

**EVENT:** Wonders of God's Creation concert  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28  
**WHERE:** St. James Presbyterian Church



**20** Happy Halloween to costumed creatures — making the most of a pagan holiday.

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## No races for local seats on school boards

### No candidates for Catholic-French seat

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

Whitchurch-Stouffville's proven to be a cake walk for school trustees.

While the municipalities across York Region share the French trustee on the Catholic school board, nobody wants the job.

The school board has been notified of the situation: Either a trustee will be appointed or a by-election will be held, explained Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Clerk Michele Kennedy. The deadline for nominations was extended to Oct. 18 and still no one filed papers.

When Bob Burrows of Jackson Point in Georgina filed nomination papers for the English public school trustee to represent East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville, he was ready to jump into the election campaign. The retired teacher didn't do much jumping. Nobody challenged him so Burrows was acclaimed.

Elizabeth Crowe, the English Catholic school trustee, has also been acclaimed.

Crowe, currently the chair of the Catholic board, will represent Whitchurch-Stouffville, Aurora and King Township.

Municipal elections across Ontario will be held on Nov. 13. For more information call the town offices at 640-1900.

The federal election will be held two weeks later, on Nov. 27.

## YORK REGION SMOKING BAN TAKES EFFECT JAN. 26, 2001

# Smokers must butt out

BY PATRICK CASEY  
 Staff Writer

York Region has finally adopted a tough bylaw banning smoking in public places and offices, with violators facing fines as high as \$5,000 if convicted.

On Thursday, regional council passed the contentious bylaw that bans smoking in any York Region workplace as of Jan. 26, 2001.

The ban will be phased in to include restaurants, banquet halls, bowling alleys and skating rinks, beginning June 1, 2001 and bars, nightclubs, billiard and bingo halls in June 2004.

The decision concluded six years of bitter debate between regional and municipal councils, as well as local business owners worried the bylaw could create finan-

cial hardship.

Today marks an important milestone for the people living and working in York Region," boasted Joyce Frustaglio, chairperson of the no-smoking task force. "This bylaw protects our residents, especially young people and non-smokers."

"We have led by example. People are butting out everywhere. Our children's future will be protected.

This is truly history in the making in the field of health care."

York Region joins Peel Region and the City of Toronto to ban public smoking, with Durham Region expected to follow suit.

The region has made environmental, or second-hand tobacco smoke a public health priority," added regional chairperson Bill

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## FAMINE FIGHTERS

STAFF PHOTO/JOERD WITTEVEEN

Howard Burkholder (left) and Dr. Terry O'Connor, both of Whitchurch-Stouffville, check the soybeans they harvested for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank on this farm field in north Pickering on Thursday. Money made from the sale of the crops goes to famine-stricken areas of the world. For more, see story on page 4.

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