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20 The Stouffville Spirit hosts the Couchiching Terriers Sunday in Game 4.

ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR
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WHERE: St. James Presbyterian Church (640-3455)



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HOME BUILDERS DON'T LIKE PLEA FROM ONTARIO NATURALISTS

'STOP MORaine BUILD-UP'

BY SARAH PARKER
 Staff Writer

The Federation of Ontario Naturalists is asking the province to halt all new development on the Oak Ridges Moraine until a greenway plan is put in place.

Earlier this week, the federation asked Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Chris Hodgson to temporarily ban development

while a strategic plan for growth is created.

A temporary development freeze would bypass the lengthy legislative process required if the plan were introduced as a bill, according to Linda Pim, co-ordinator of conservation policy for FON.

Instead, the minister would announce an area-specific provincial policy statement for the

moraine under the Planning Act. Protection policies would then be laid out for public review, with recommendations going to cabinet for approval.

"That's why it's attractive; you don't have to amend anything," said Pim, who believes the plan could take two years to implement. "The window of opportunity is this spring because they (the governing

Tories) have two years until the next election."

Other environmental groups support FON's initiative, but developers aren't so keen.

"I would not support halting development," said Jim Murphy, director of government relations for the Greater Toronto Home Builders Association.

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Grieving sisters hurt by court decision

Both parents died in 1999 motorcycle crash

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

When do the tears end?

Three Scarborough sisters, Andrea, Liselle and Marisa Troja, broke down and cried Tuesday after a Newmarket justice of the peace dismissed a careless driving charge against a young man involved in an accident that killed their parents in Whitchurch-Stouffville nearly two years ago.

The May 29, 1999 wreck claimed the life of Wayne and Sheila Troja while they were out for an afternoon leisure cruise on their motorcycle.

After Justice of the Peace Sue Hilton delivered her ruling, Mark Jackson, 20, of Schomberg, was cleared of all wrongdoing in connection with the couple's deaths.

The not-guilty ruling followed a lengthy trial stemming from a private prosecution launched by one of the Troja sisters.

The middle-aged couple died after their motorcycle smashed into the Grand Am Jackson was driving at the intersection of Aurora Road and the Ninth Line, just north of Musselmanns Lake.

Jackson, then 18, was initially charged with disobeying a stop sign.

At that time, one of the Troja sisters persuaded a justice of the peace to allow a private prosecution on the more serious charge

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BOOK 'EM

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is preparing for its Giant Book Sale, Feb. 28 to March 4, with the help of some community organizations. Helpers include (clockwise from bottom left) Carl Johnston and Brian Blenkhorn of the Stouffville Lions; Bruce Smith, Gary Gornik and Mike Srebot of the Stouffville Kinsmen, Venessa Hallman of Stouffville Missionary Church and Paul Tucker of Stouffville Pentecostal Church.

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