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## PHOTO RADAR HAS SUPPORT FROM TOWN

*Speeding residents to blame: Emmerson*

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Reporter

A call to reinstate photo radar is gaining support from across Ontario, including York Region.

Whitchurch-Stouffville has just joined Markham and East Gwillimbury in backing a resolution calling for the province to bring back the controversial program. The call is being made by the Township of Essa, in the Barrie area.

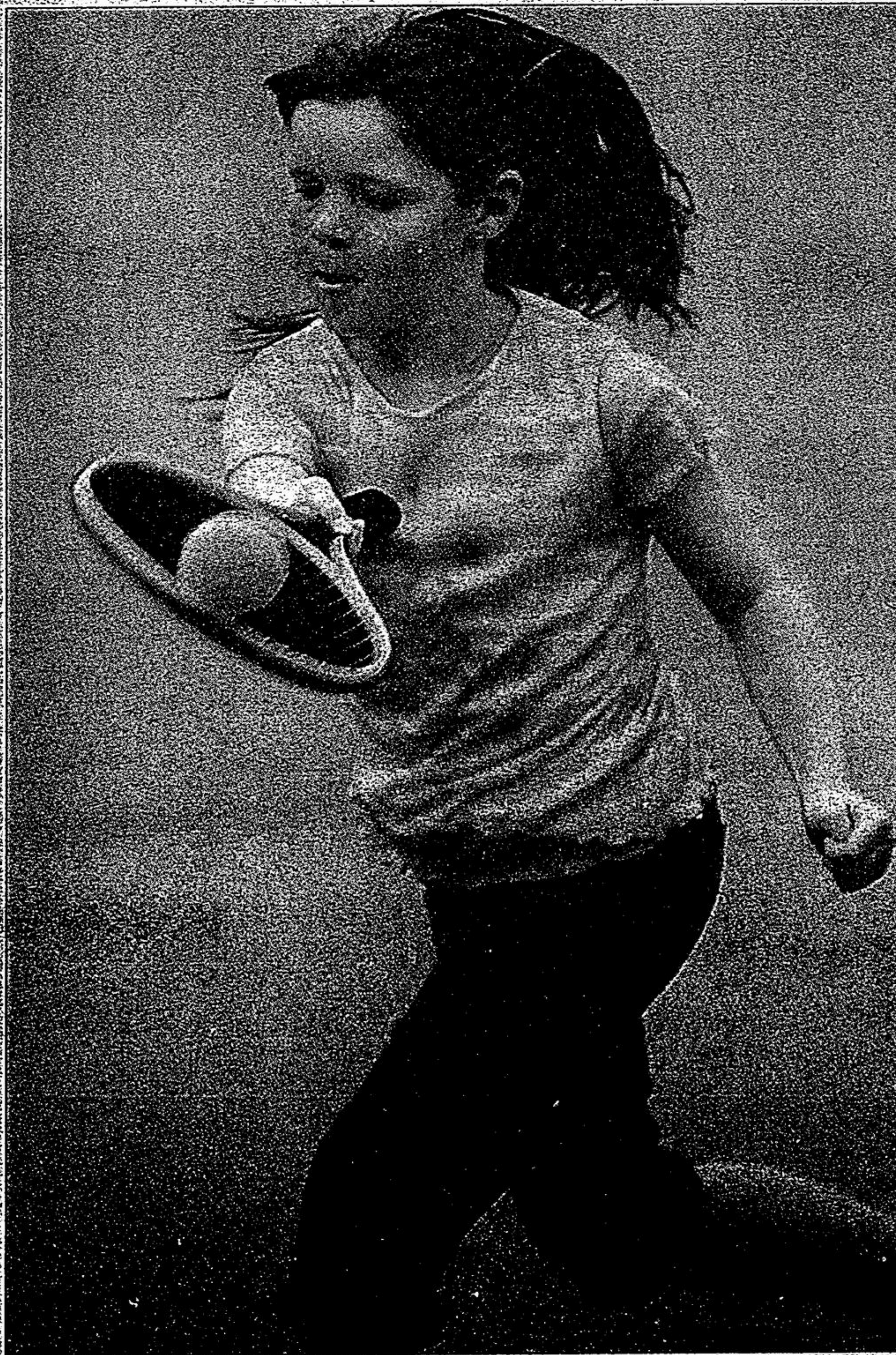
While the resolution didn't make it on the council agenda in Richmond Hill, Mayor Bill Bell said he will keep his eye on it, now that three of the nine municipalities are supporting it.

Vaughan wasn't given the opportunity to comment; a spokesman said the town was not approached on the issue.

Photo radar was introduced in the 1990s by the New Democratic Party provincial government. The Tories canceled it after people said it violated individual privacy, even though the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reported there was a reduction in speeding at all photo radar sites.

Armed with the government's own study, Essa Township is reminding the Queen's Park that speeding is the second most common factor in fatalities, injuries and motor vehicle collisions in Ontario. Alcohol is

*Right back at you, Dad!*



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Laura Simpson, 7, returns the tennis ball with a feisty forehand in a street game with her father, Paul Simpson, on Fairgate Crescent in Stouffville on Thursday evening.

## Pesticide ban pushed by region

*Municipalities hope to lead the way for homes, business*

BY MIKE ADLER  
 Staff Writer

York Region is encouraging all its municipalities and public agencies to ban non-essential use of pesticides on their public lands this year.

And one regional councillor, Diane Humeniuk of Newmarket, believes the effort is the first step toward pesticide bans across the region that will include businesses and homes.

"If the municipalities buy in first and they lead by example, then we're hoping the private sector will as well," said Humeniuk, a member of the region's health and emergency services committee.

Municipal bans on the private use of pesticides — including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides — became possible in Ontario following a Supreme Court ruling last week upholding a pesticide-ban bylaw in Hudson, Quebec.

Humeniuk said she wants to see pesticides eliminated throughout the region, except in exceptional cases. "I think that enough of society is saying, 'No more, we can't do this to ourselves any more,'" she said this week.

"It's our duty and it's our responsibility to ensure that there is prudent avoidance of possible harm to public health," she argued.

On June 28, the region formally launched its effort to work with municipalities and school boards to eliminate non-essential public land pesticide use. It plans to develop

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