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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENT: Family Fun alternative to Halloween party
WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Stouffville Missionary Church (640-3911)



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Constables back on foot patrol in Stouffville

Officers will have 'ownership of beats'

BY ROGER VARLEY
 Staff Writer

York Regional Police are going to be "cops" again.

In what might be called a reverse back-to-the-future scenario, the police force will reintroduce the concept of Constable On Patrol, with officers leaving their cruisers and walking the beat on foot.

The term "beat" is also being reintroduced to replace the current reference to zones.

The changes are part of Chief Robert Middaugh's restructuring of front-line service, which received approval from the Police Services Board Wednesday.

"These are fairly significant changes in the way we do business," Middaugh told a news conference Thursday, noting current officer deployments were set in 1988. "Does anyone do business now the way they did in 1988?"

The changes result from an extensive study begun in 1999 by then chief Julian Fantino and refined by Middaugh and his staff.

Beginning in January, officers on certain beats will be required to go on foot patrol for at least one hour per shift.

"That's how it started with Sir Robert Peel," he said, referring to the founder of the London, England, constabulary and the

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FOUR-HOUR STOUFFVILLE POWER FAILURE KEEPS MAYOR'S PHONE RINGING

MORE HYDRO TROUBLE LIKELY

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

Stock up on blankets, flashlights and batteries. More power failures are likely to hit Stouffville, warns Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

A four-hour power outage that hit sections of the community of Stouffville Thursday afternoon and evening should not be viewed as an

isolated case, said Emmerson.

"Our (electrical system) is old. Things are not good. It's severe and (failures) will likely happen again. People better get used to it. I don't like it when this happens either. My phone never stopped ringing (Thursday). My lights were out, too," Emmerson said yesterday in an interview.

The once town-owned electrical

utility system, which was sold to Hydro One in June for \$6.2 million, has malfunctioned six times in the past three months. The mayor is not, however, pointing the finger at Hydro One.

"We're lucky we have Hydro One," said Emmerson. "They can handle it better than we can."

Yesterday morning, Hydro One officials consulted with Emmerson

and town public works director Paul Whitehouse. They agreed that when Hydro One purchased the local electrical system, servicing 3,500 customers in Stouffville, a less than perfect power system was inherited.

"The (electrical) system's a mess. When it breaks, finding the break is like finding a needle in a haystack,"

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AN UPHILL BATTLE

Stouffville District Secondary School junior girls cross country runners Heather McDowell (No. 2456) and Jen Lloyd (No. 2454) conquer a hill on Thursday at the York Region high school championships at Boyd Conservation Area in Vaughan. Cardinal Carter of Aurora won the overall team title. Stouffville tied for 10th.

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