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Moraine act means growth for Stouffville

Vandorf expansion likely scrapped now

BY MIKE ADLER
 Staff Writer

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act should come into effect this week and change the future of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The legislation means provincial protection over about three-quarters of the town, even in those areas, such as Stouffville itself, which would be allowed considerable urban growth.

As good as the provincial plan is, Mayor Wayne Emmerson said the town took the initiative first to protect the moraine with its greenlands study and related Official Plan amendment.

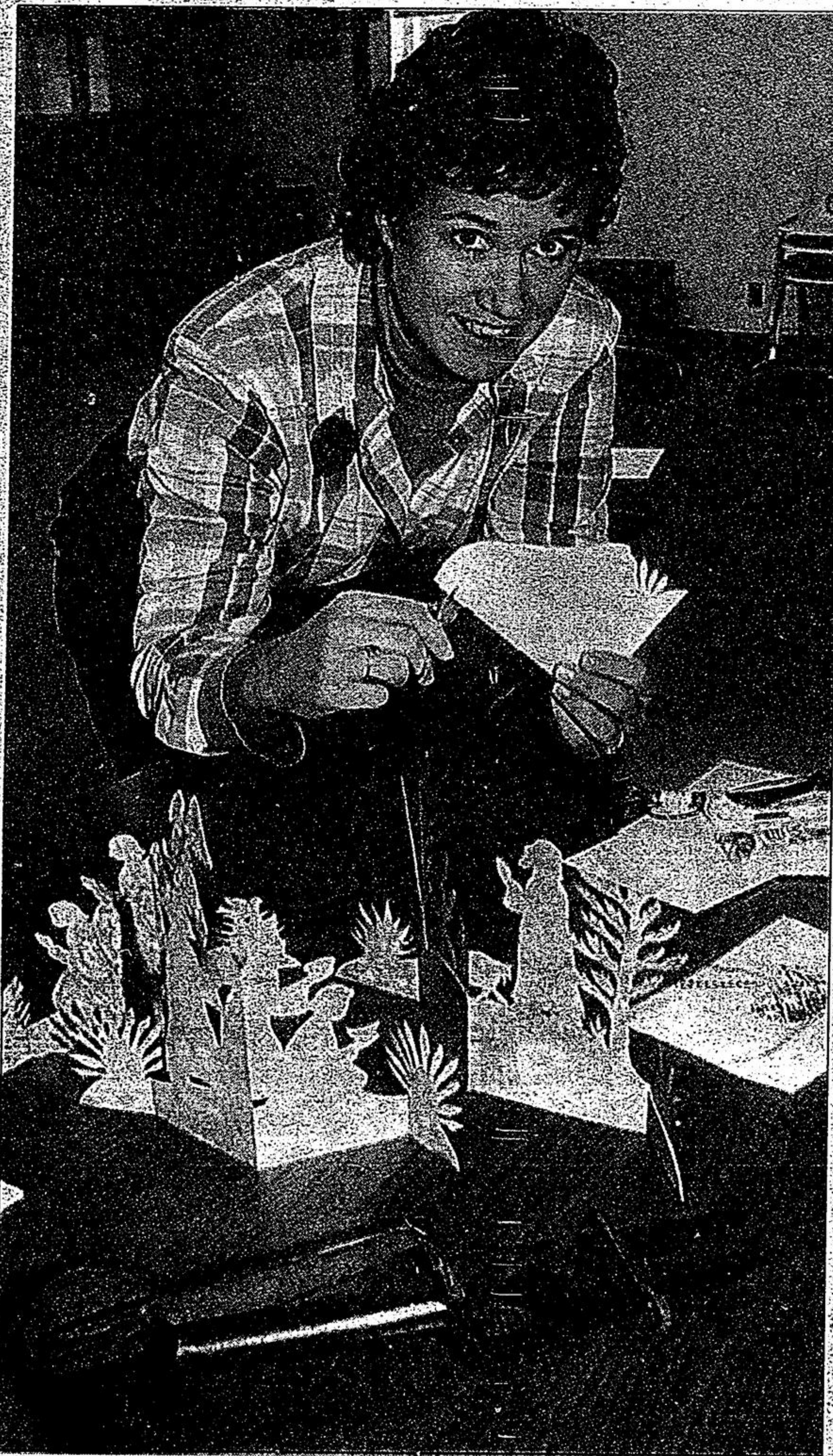
The province wrote its legislation, introduced this month, based on recommendations from a special advisory panel. The panel set aside 62 per cent of the moraine for core natural areas and protected corridors between them and just eight per cent for urban settlements.

It classified the rest as "countryside" where some rural development would be possible but estate subdivisions would not, a fact that does not upset Emmerson.

"We have enough estate residential for the next 20 years. We don't need any more," he said last week.

On maps released by the province this month, a protected

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Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum curator Dorie Billich, above, promotes a heritage craft workshop planned for Saturday from 11-4. Students will learn to make a nativity scene using a German paper-cutting craft. The second project is an embroidered perforated paper ornament. Cost is \$35 including supplies.

MPP KLEES CONSIDERS RUN AT TORY LEADERSHIP

Ontario's 'political landscape has changed'

BY ROGER VARLEY
 Staff Writer

Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees will decide in the next couple of weeks whether he will run to lead the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party.

"I've been approached by colleagues and supporters," Klees said Tuesday after visiting a Catholic elementary school in Richmond Hill. "I've agreed to consider (a leadership challenge) and not just dismiss it. I've asked people to let me know what support I can expect."

But at the same time, he has talked to some of the declared leadership candidates and is planning a meeting with former finance minister Ernie Eves, who is expected to announce his candidacy this week. Eves retired from the legislature in January to enter the private sector.

"I want to do what's right for the party and the government," he said. "I want to know what the priorities and issues are."

He added he would be happy to serve under any of those who have so far



FRANK KLEES: Oak Ridges MPP has been approached to run for Conservative leadership of Ontario.

announced for the leadership. "I'm hoping to have some influence," he said.

Klees was chief government whip and deputy government house leader until he resigned from cabinet in July, citing personal reasons.

Tuesday, he revealed those reasons involved looking at his political career.

"My personal reasons had nothing to do with my family," he said. "I was in cabinet and I was being underutilized. I wanted to consider my options."

He said now that Harris has

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