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**23** Stouffville Amateur Hockey League founded in North York rink 25 years ago.

**ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR**

**EVENT:** Men of Note in concert  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Stouffville United Church



**21** Been There, Done That: Getting lost en route to a York Region orienteering class.

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EDWARD STREET GARBAGE DUMPED ON COUNCIL CHAMBER FLOOR

## Town fed up with teen trouble

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

Enough is enough. Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson has called for an emergency meeting to tackle youth crime after an angry Edward Street resident dumped a bag of garbage on the floor of the council chamber at Tuesday's council meeting. Long-time resident Bob McNeil

told council that students from Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) use Edward Street as a garbage dump on a daily basis.

The littering is ongoing, serious and making it very difficult for people to live near the local high school, council was told.

"The residents of Edward Street are fed up," said Mayor Emmerson. "Having Bob McNeil come here and

spread garbage in my council chamber is unacceptable. Once and for all, we have to do something. We have to ask: what's happening to our young people? There's a problem with our youth. It's not kids from other places. These (teenagers) are ours."

Mr. McNeil's actions prompted the mayor to call a special meeting to include officials of York Region

District School Board, including Chairman Bill Crothers and SDSS principal Tony Lewis and the York Regional Police, including Acting Insp. Rodney Sine, town staff and Whitchurch-Stouffville council.

The meeting will be held before the year's end. "We'll have this meeting and then we'll go to the people to host a public meeting,"

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## Drinking water law costs region \$15 million

Legacy of Walkerton lands York in court

BY JEFF MITCHELL  
 Staff Writer

The province's new safe drinking water legislation has already cost York Region taxpayers \$15 million and has landed the municipality in court.

The legacy of the Walkerton tainted water scandal has meant municipalities must adhere to tougher quality control requirements, some of which York Region has already failed to meet, according to the Ministry of Environment.

Debbie Korolnek, director of water and wastewater with the region, said the ministry has laid five charges against York Region for administrative infractions regarding its waterworks operations. Those charges go to court Dec. 9.

"I used to feel we had a real partnership with the (Ministry of Environment). Those days are gone," Ms Korolnek said.

"They are very quick to issue orders and issue charges."

New staff must be hired to handle the added work to implement provincial legislation, including the Safe Drinking Water Act, Ms Korolnek said. Six new positions are requested in next year's budget, four in the health department and two public works employees dedicated to managing the reams of paperwork now required by the

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## SAY 'CHEESE' FOR CHRIST CHURCH

Fundraising chairperson Doug Simons eyes a toy camera on sale during Christ Church Anglican's Country Christmas Bazaar Saturday in Stouffville. The church is hosting a breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 7, the day of the Stouffville Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade. Call 905-640-1461 for information on the breakfast.

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