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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Hospitals increase lobbying efforts

Services transferred to local facilities

BY LISA QUEEN
 Staff Writer

As York Region races toward a population of one million within the next decade, hospital leaders will step up efforts in the New Year to ensure patients can access more major health services close to home.

As hospitals take on added health-care services transferred from Toronto to York, expansion plans at the region's three hospitals are in various stages of construction or provincial approval.

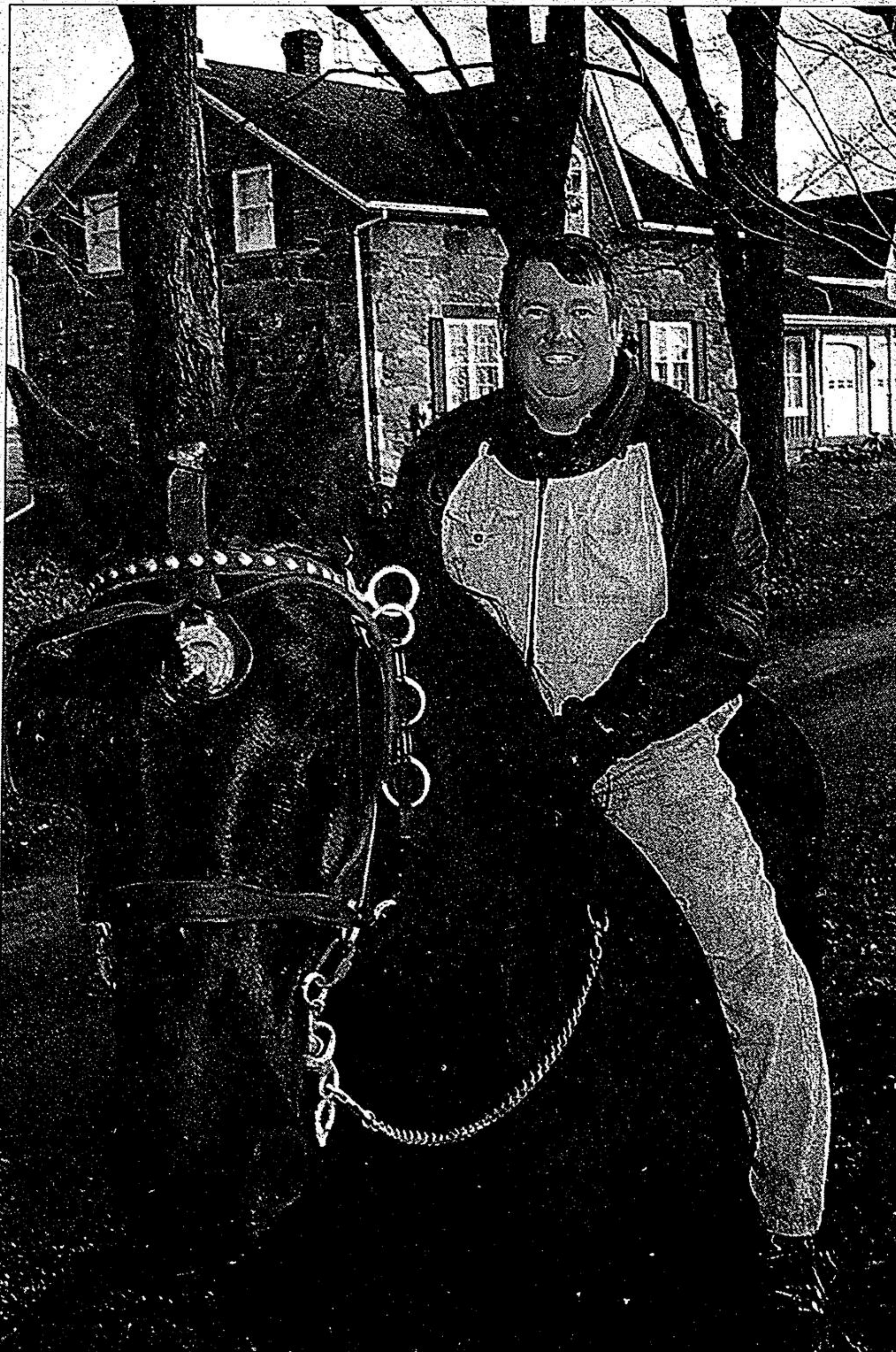
At the same time, some Vaughan leaders are lobbying Queen's Park for a fourth hospital to serve the needs of the rapidly growing southwest area of the region.

Dr. Jim MacLean, president of Markham Stouffville Hospital, said increased efforts on the part of hospitals to cope with growth come as a regional report highlighted historic and chronic underfunding of health-care services in York.

The report entitled Fair is Fair - Health Care Investment in York Region, released in the fall, said some health services receive as little as 40 cents on the dollar compared to the provincial average.

The underfunding has resulted in long waiting lists and residents forced to seek care in other

All aboard for New Year's Eve



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson is set for the sleighrides at his annual New Year's Eve party from 6:30-9 p.m. in Memorial Park. He's perched atop Mike, the nine-year-old Percheron, in front of the Hassard farm just east of Stouffville. Mike will help pull the sleigh. Children's games, a bonfire, skating and fireworks are also on the agenda at the free event.

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Stouffville seniors get new home

\$14 million price tag for new Parkview Home at village

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

A new Parkview Home for the Aged, with 128 beds and a pricetag of \$14 million, will be built near Parkview Village on the Ninth Line.

The site of the new long-term care facility was announced at a news conference at Parkview Village last Monday.

The three-storey health-care facility, designed to serve seniors in the Greater Toronto Area, will be built on the southwest corner with access provided by the new Westlawn Avenue South if approved by local council.

Construction would begin in 2004, while occupancy is expected to take place early in 2006, said Melody Potter, chairperson of the board of Parkview Services for Seniors.

The board operates Parkview Home for the Aged, a long-term care facility at 481 Rupert Ave., a 189-unit seniors' housing complex on the Ninth Line, as well as a rental housing at 465 Rupert Ave.

Once the new home for the aged is ready, its 109 residents living in the 40-year-old Parkview Home For the Aged on Rupert will relocate to the new facility.

The old facility will be sold, said Joanna Reesor McDowell, Parkview director of Resource Development.

Since the project includes a \$3-million fundraising campaign, there's much work to be done, she said.

"This is a serious fundraiser for the local

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