

# Stouffville Says

By Jennifer Anderson

"What do you think of a proposal to install video cameras in Stouffville to reduce vandalism?"



**BRIGITTE GRANT**

"I think cameras are a good idea. I don't think they would be invading privacy because you're in public already. It will help bring the vandalism down."



**BRIGITTE WESHOLOWSKI**

"If it helps put an end to vandalism, I'm all for it. The thing is to teach the kids better in the first place, teach them respect."



**KATHRYN WEBBER**

"I think it's sad that it may have to come to that. I think parents need to be diligent and the police need to enforce the curfew."



**MICKIE MANSOUR**

"I think it's a fabulous idea to put them in. I think it's a good deterrent. I don't think it will stop vandalism completely, but it will slow it down."



## Fish with a message

As Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor Mark Carroll shows a street grate with a painted fish, resident Elmer Farthing mows his lawn on Rupert Street in Stouffville. The fish are to remind residents that herbicides and pesticides put on their lawn will end up in the sewer system and could harm animal life.

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# Big Pipe on its way to Stouffville

By JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Writer

After years of discussion and planning, the multi-million dollar "Big Pipe" is on its way to Stouffville.

While local town officials and residents alike wonder how such a service will eventually change the makeup of the town, particularly in terms of residential growth, construction equipment is being put in place to accommodate the startup of the \$17.9-million sewer extension project.

The Big Pipe — officially, the York Durham Sewage System — is needed because the sewage treatment plant in Stouffville Memorial Park is operating at capacity.

Marked growth is expected in Whitchurch-Stouffville in the next 25 years. Studies show that the municipality's population of just over 20,000 is expected to increase to about 44,000 by 2026.

Work on the 10-kilometres route along the Ninth Line from Markham is slated to begin in July.

Completion is expected in

the late summer of 2004. Contractor Con-Drain Ltd. of Concord was awarded the contract after supplying York region with the lowest bid.

Monday evening, York Region hosted a public information meeting at Stouffville Missionary Church.

There, project officials outlined details, including what residents can expect as the project moves forward.

Current water supplies will be monitored throughout the construction period.

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"People have the right to ask questions, and they deserve to get a straight answers," stressed Robb Ogilvie, project facilitator.

Meanwhile, senior project manager, Daniel Kostopoulos explained in an interview that a system is in place to handle

problems almost before they occur. A toll-free hot line is available to handle concerns or questions.

"We have a program to ensure the impact will be predicted and dealt with it before it starts," said Mr. Kostopoulos.

"If something does slip between the cracks, we'll have the process to deal with it."

The Ninth Line sewer extension will forge its way through "large farms and small properties," said Mr. Kostopoulos.

"At no time, however, will Ninth Line be closed. Access will be maintained to all properties."

The Big Pipe will run on the east side of the Ninth Line from south of Major Mackenzie Drive to north of the 19th Avenue.

"At that point, it will split into two branches," explained Mr. Kostopoulos.

The western branch will connect to the pumping station at Ringwood Drive, south of Main Street, while the eastern branch will connect to Stouffville's sewage treatment plant on Park Drive, south of Main Street.

The plant will be closed when the pipe is hooked up.

# Briefly

## Lake Simcoe grants still available

Act fast if you'd like to take action on your property to make Lake Simcoe healthier.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority still has money to help landowners in Simcoe's Black River and Holland River watersheds with improvement projects. These projects — planting trees, stabilizing or naturalizing streambanks, decommissioning unused wells and others — reduce harmful runoff to the lake.

Applications must be received by July 15. Call Andrea Gynan for information at 1-905-895-1281, ext. 236.

## Thieves break into van, steal dump trailer

Police are seeking suspects and witnesses after a CAT Competition trailer was stolen from a Whitchurch-Stouffville company last week.

The hydraulic dump trailer, model number 120, was swiped sometime between 3 p.m. June 17 and 8 a.m. the next day from CPI Ltd. on Cardico Drive in Gormley.

To reach the trailer, the thieves smashed in the window of a van that was sitting in front of it and forced it into neutral in order to move it.

The black trailer, bearing license plate number Y79724, is worth more than \$10,000.

If you have information, call 905-881-1221, ext. 7500 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

## Quoteworthy

*"If you get 40 to 50 teams and 20 players on each team, everyone spends around \$100 on food and other things at the festival and in town and it adds up."*

Mark Watson of the Stouffville Buttermakers, who cancelled their weekend slo-pitch tournament of more than 20 years. See story on page 11.

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