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# Retired math teacher spent career at SDSS

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 Staff Writer

Math teacher Ron Eldridge is packing away his calculator, math texts and lesson plans. But not his love of math.

The only teacher to retire from Stouffville District Secondary School this year, he has spent his entire 31-year career at the facility, teaching Grades 9 through OAC. He was math department head from 1989 to 1999.

"What an amazing feat it is to stay and serve a community for 31 years," said fellow math teacher Vicki Schulz, who was hired by Mr. Eldridge 14 years ago. He has been at the school long enough to teach children of his former students.

Mr. Eldridge was inspired to become a math teacher by his own math teacher, Mr. Fawcett, at Toronto's North Park Collegiate. He received his bachelor of science in math from the University of Guelph.

In recent years, he and the other SDSS math teachers had to adjust their teaching strategies due to the introduction of a new curriculum and the abolition of Grade 13.

Students found themselves under pressure to master increasingly difficult math. Grade 10s, for instance, are faced with the challenges of trigonometry, traditionally taught in

Grade 13.

In response, SDSS math teachers started lunchtime math labs to help students in grades 9 and 10. In the older grades, math teachers made time available to help their students before and after classes.

"I think math was hit the hardest," Mr. Eldridge said. "Grade 12 courses in math are very demanding."

In addition to being the man with the calculator, Mr. Eldridge was part of the commencement committee for many years and was teacher advisor for the now-defunct prefect system, where senior students helped with various school events.

He's a very meticulous person "who brought a rigour to what he teaches and that has benefited students who have gone on to post-secondary studies," Ms Schulz said.

Younger teachers have found him easy to get along with," SDSS math teacher Stephanie Petis said. "Ron goes out of his way to welcome new staff."

Mr. Eldridge hopes to fill his retirement with volunteer work and more gardening, golfing and travelling, especially after his wife, Patricia, retires.

They have three children, Julie, 26, Shannon, 22 and 20-year-old Chris.

Once September rolls around again, however, he'll find his calculator and head back to class to teach part-time.

## TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE "COUNTRY CLOSE TO THE CITY"

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

#### Vandorf - Preston Lake Secondary Plan

##### NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will hold a Public Meeting on **Tuesday August 19th, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 4th Floor, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville**, under the authority of Sections 17 and 21 of the Planning Act to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment, which if approved, would create a Secondary Plan for the communities of Vandorf and Preston Lake.

##### PURPOSE & EFFECT

The proposed Secondary Plan for the Vandorf and Preston Lake communities establishes a framework for the future planning of the area. In particular, the proposed Secondary Plan provides:

- i) a vision, principles and objectives;
- ii) policies and implementation approaches to guide decision making by the Town with respect to the natural environment, land use, community services, social and cultural matters, and development review; and,
- iii) policies and implementation approaches to incorporate the requirements of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001 and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

##### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting to make written or oral submissions on the proposed Vandorf-Preston Lake Secondary Plan. Should you be unable to attend the Public Meeting, your written submission will be received up to the time of the meeting. Written submissions should be addressed to the Town Clerk, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5.

IF YOU WISHED TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files a Notice of Appeal of a decision of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

##### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Vandorf-Preston Lake Secondary Plan and Background Report will be available for review by interested members of the public at: the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library, 30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville; the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave., Vandorf; or, at the Development Services Department, Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, during regular business hours after July 30th, 2003. If you have any questions about the proposed Secondary Plan or the public meeting process, please contact the Development Services Department, Telephone Nos. (905) 640-1900 or 895-2423.

##### LOCATION

The boundaries of the Vandorf-Preston Lake Secondary Plan area can generally be described as follows: Aurora Road and Weslie Creek to the north; Bloomington Road to the south; Highway No. 404 to the west; and Warden Avenue to the east. A map which outlines the general boundaries of the Secondary Plan area is included on this Notice.

DATED at the TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE this 24th day of July, 2003.

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# Human West Nile cases soon despite precautions: region

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warrant it.

Even with all the precautions the region is taking to battle the virus, Dr. Kassam said human cases will likely be diagnosed in York in the next few weeks.

On Friday, the region said testing had confirmed two dead crows found in East Gwillimbury — one near the intersection of McCowan and Holborn roads and the other near the intersection of Hwy. 48 and Holborn — had West Nile.

An initial test on the third bird, found in Newmarket close to Leslie

Street and Davis Drive, indicates the crow also has the virus.

In addition, a crow with West Nile was found in late May in Aurora near Bayview Avenue and Wellington Street East.

Despite the discovery of five crows, Dr. Kassam said he's in no rush to spray malathion where the birds were found.

"The increase in the number of birds is not unexpected. We're maintaining vigilance and we're also ensuring larviciding (of mosquito eggs) is carrying on," he said.

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