

## Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

**What are the biggest issues for the Nov. 10 election in Whitchurch-Stouffville?**

— Asked in Stouffville.

Helen McAULEY



"The Big Pipe is of concern. I am worried about people's wells running dry and about harming habitats and creeks."

Bob COUPERTHWAITE



"Politicians should promote our industrial resources more. The more quality industry we have, the better the tax breaks are for all."

Lynn WISE



"Politicians should bring more industry into Stouffville. The town can't stay a bedroom community. It needs to diversify its tax base."

Sonya LOCK



"Stouffville is growing very quickly and I am concerned the character of the town will change too rapidly."



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## Pieced together

Mike Schneider of Stouffville poses with his prized 1951 Crown Victoria. The car took four years to put together, after it was bought in cartons at an estate sale. It will be on display at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum's 30th annual antique car show Sunday. See calendar on page 14 for more on the show.

# SARS, W. Nile, among woes hurting conservation areas

BY MIKE ADLER  
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It has been a cruel summer for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, whose earnings from parks and activities have been hurt by SARS, West Nile virus and a host of other woes.

They may add up to \$712,000 in losses for the authority, which operates the Kortright Centre for Conservation in Vaughan and the conservation areas of Milne Dam in Markham, Bruce's Mill in Whitchurch-Stouffville and Cold Creek in King.

The TRCA's maple syrup programs alone lost \$113,500 this year, its board learned last month.

If that weren't enough, CBC budget cuts cut into revenue from filming, educational labour disputes cancelled some school visits and attendance at the parks

## Environment

is down because fear of SARS and West Nile has kept people away.

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The authority — responsible for all York Region water-

ways south of the Oak Ridges Moraine — has responded with marketing campaigns and by reducing hours for some summer staff.

Things haven't been nearly as bad for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, which operates north of the moraine with parks including Whitchurch Conservation Area, west of Ballantrae in Whitchurch-Stouffville, and Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area in Aurora.

"We're not as high-end as they are," said Sandra Hanson, LSRCA's corporate services director.

But Ms Hanson said the Simcoe authority did remove its park gatekeepers this year and now relies on people to drop contributions into a box.

Its maple syrup program broke even this year with reduced hours.

## Briefly

### Town-wide fire ban lifted

A four-day fire ban has been lifted in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Fire Chief designate Tim Beckett declared an open air fire ban Friday and removed it Tuesday.

Although there have been no major grass fires in the municipalities this season, several acres of a hay field were destroyed at Stouffville Road and Hwy. 404 in Richmond Hill last Thursday.

The fire also threatened an adjacent wood lot. Firefighters from Richmond Hill, Whitchurch-Stouffville and other neighbouring municipalities responded to the blaze and were on the scene for more than three hours.

A fire ban means that all outdoor burning is prohibited. Anyone caught burning may be subject to a fine of \$5,000.

—Joan Ransberry

### Spirit set to open camp

Summer is almost over for the Stouffville Spirit.

The junior A hockey club opens training camp Tuesday at the Stouffville Arena. The Spirit will play exhibition games against Lindsay and Mississauga before opening the regular season, tentatively Sept. 12 in Stouffville.

### Clarification

#### Man went to police

A story in the July 17 Sun-Tribune information about a mischief charged being dropped in the death of a Stouffville man last fall requires clarification.

Andrew Kea, who is no longer charged with mischief, was originally charged when he went to police after the discovery of a body in an overturned car in Grimsby, Ont.

### Quoteworthy

**"We're getting through a tough year. Normal volumes are down, normal projections aren't the same."**

Lorne Zon, Markham Stouffville Hospital vice-president. See story on page 1.

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