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Vulnerable get help in outage

BY SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Writer

York Region social services staff worked through the night to help vulnerable residents during Thursday's power outage.

Social services and community housing workers spent Thursday night identifying people struggling, such as those relying on electrical support systems for oxygen.

A concern was whether people had enough water. In the southern York Region, the water supply was low because Toronto had difficulty pumping water to the region despite having a backup generator.

The northern part of the region gets most of its water from groundwater aquifers, not Toronto.

Region staff were asking residents not to use water outside, such as washing their cars or topping up their pools. They also asked residents to restrict indoor water use, such as doing laundry.

POWER RETURNED

Power for different parts of York Region came on at various times Friday. The following is based on reports from each community.

- Aurora - 1:15 p.m.
- Keswick - 2 p.m.
- King City - 2:45 p.m.
- Markham - 3 a.m.
- Newmarket - 3 p.m.
- Richmond Hill - 3 and 4 a.m.
- Stouffville - 5 p.m.
- Sutton - 1:15 p.m.
- Thornhill - 6 a.m. (but parts affected by two-hour rolling blackouts starting at 3 and 4 p.m.)
- Woodbridge - 3 a.m.

WARM BEER, SOFT ICE CREAM BUT NO SERIOUS EMERGENCIES

RESIDENTS WAIT IT OUT



BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

Whitchurch-Stouffville took a typical Canadian approach to the power blackout that hit southern

Ontario and northeastern United States — hope for the best, prepare for the worst and carry on.

While residents ate soft ice cream, drank warm beer and offered help to each other, they also kept their ears pinned to battery-operated radios.

Without power inside their homes, many residents went for a walk or just hung out on their

porches and decks.

Power returned to at least some homes in Stouffville late Friday afternoon.

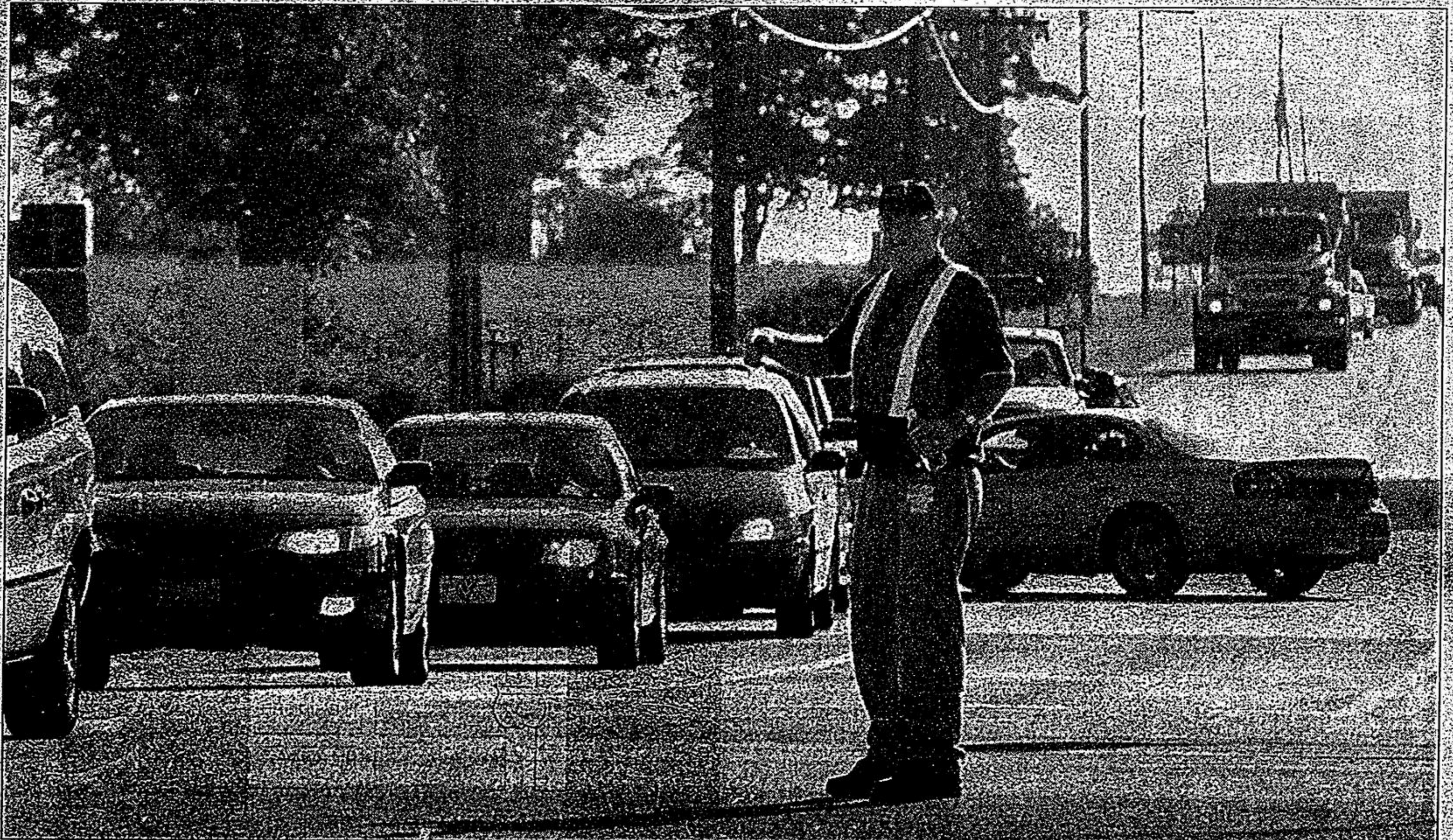
The Whitchurch-Stouffville fire department was put on full alert as soon as the power failed at 4:15 p.m. Thursday. "We're holding our own and taking all precautionary steps," chief designate Tim Beckett said yesterday. "We

haven't had any dire emergencies across the municipality."

Mayor Wayne Emmerson declared a state-of-emergency for Whitchurch-Stouffville Thursday night, held a meeting with town department heads very early yesterday morning and put the town's emergency plan in place.

"For instance, the phones are

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KEEP IT MOVING

Keith Saunders, a Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville bylaw officer, directs traffic in Ringwood at Stouffville Road and Hwy. 48 Thursday night during the power blackout that hit southern Ontario and northeastern United States. Power came back on late yesterday afternoon to at least some homes in Stouffville.

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