

# Stouffville man's legs broken in fair motorcycle accident

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A motorcycle that had just been driven through a wall of fire at the Markham Fairgrounds for a stunt show Saturday night slammed into an off-duty Markham firefighter, breaking his legs.

Jody Brown, 40, of Stouffville was assisting at the Airtime Al Motorcycle Jump Show when the accident occurred, York Regional Police said.

Stunt performer Al Strickert, 32, of Woodstock was not injured. The Ministry of Labour is investigat-

ing, treating the crash as an industrial accident.

## UNIONVILLE FIREFIGHTER

Mr. Brown has been with Markham's fire department since 1985 and works in the Unionville station. He was said to be resting

comfortably at Markham Stouffville Hospital after the first of two scheduled surgeries on his legs.

"Jody is a first-class firefighter," Fire Chief Don McClean said.

In an interview for the Markham Fair Guide produced by this newspaper, Mr. Strickert said he has bro-

ken several bones and crashed his bike three times during his stunt riding career.

"Sure there are risks with this type of extreme sport, but you can't let that deter you," he said. "I just go out and have fun and I take the audience along for the ride."

# Gravel pit filled under new law

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York Region's first law to control how fill is dumped in former gravel pits has been passed in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

On Tuesday, council and gravel pit owner Dalton Hicks struck a 28-clause agreement governing how he can run a fill operation at a defunct pit on Warden Avenue near Bloomington Road.

The agreement includes having Mr. Hicks pay the town 50 cents for every cubic metre of clean fill dumped on his property. Mr. Hicks estimates this will cost him about \$150,000 a year.

Meanwhile, the municipality reserves the right to review the operation every two years.

Under the law, old pits will be filled with construction material classified as clean fill. Before the fill can be dumped into the huge open holes, the dump truck loads must be checked by a municipal-appointed inspector.

As well, soil samples will be tested to see if the material is, in fact, clean, while truckers will be required to follow a designated route.

## Warehouse approved for Gormley company

An 8,000-square-foot storage building will be added to Gormley's Metropolitan Paving and Concrete Inc.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council gave permission to the Cardico Drive

company to build the large warehouse to house construction equipment.

## Tenth Line, Main Street up for improvements

The move to bring improvements to an east end intersection is one step closer.

Council Tuesday called for a budget report on improving the intersection at Main Street and the 10th Line.

Over the years, members of council and the public have called the intersection "an accident waiting to happen," staff reported.

One of the short-term options under consideration is to implement designated turning lanes.

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