

40% of trucks checked unsafe

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Residents in Ballantrae have good reason to be worried about heavy trucks rumbling through their neighbourhoods, their member of council says.

Close to 40 per cent of the trucks checked on Aurora Road last week had to be taken out of service because of safety and other infractions.

Forty-three trucks were pulled over Wednesday during the commercial motor vehicle blitz; 18 had to be taken out of service.

Problems included poorly functioning brakes, unsafe tires and loads that were either insecure or too heavy.

The enforcement program was carried out during the day along Aurora Road from Hwy. 404 to the eastern border of the municipality at Durham Line 30. Trucks on Aurora Road in Ballantrae pass an elementary school, a daycare centre and community and seniors' centres.

The number of injuries and deaths from improperly maintained trucks prompted

Councillor Phil Bannon — who was injured in a two-car crash on Stouffville Road Tuesday — to arrange the blitz, which was carried out by York Region Police officers and staff from the Transportation Ministry.

'Every vehicle taken out of service for a safety infraction is a collision and a life saved.'

Police have entered into a partnership with the ministry and one of its officers was recently trained by the ministry as an inspector.

"I want enforcement on Aurora Road," Mr. Bannon said. "It is a big issue with me."

Although the 40 per cent rate for infractions is high, it is not unusual, Staff Sgt. Tom Carrique of the traffic unit, said.

So far this year, the average number of infractions at the

blitzes is 19 per cent.

Last year, an average of 30 per cent of the trucks pulled over had to be taken out of service. More inspections are coming up: police want to inspect at least 500 commercial vehicles this year.

"Every vehicle taken out of service for a safety infraction is a collision and a life saved," he said.

"I am planning to do this again," Councillor Bannon said. "We need more of these truck safety enforcement programs set up."

Acknowledging truck blitzes can't do it all, he'll be approaching gravel haulage companies and building firms to work together to improve the safety of roads heavily travelled by trucks.

He also wants companies to encourage drivers to use the designated truck routes along Bloomington Road and Davis Drive.

More spot checks are planned for the Ballantrae area.



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COMMUNITY OF GORMLEY SECONDARY PLAN

Notice of Public Meeting

Wednesday June 16th, 2004 7:00 p.m.
Town Council Chambers, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor

Community of Gormley Secondary Plan
Official Plan Amendment No. 88

NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday June 16th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 4th Floor, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, under the authority of Section 26 of the Planning Act.

PURPOSE & EFFECT

The Community of Gormley Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment No. 88) was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board through an Order issued on June 26th, 1995. The Planning Act, under the authority of Section 26, requires a municipality to review the Official Plan Secondary Plan documents, not less frequently than every five years, and to solicit comments from the public in respect of the need for a revision to the Plan to ensure that it continues to respond to the dynamics and expectations of the community.

The information gathered at this meeting will be used to prepare terms of reference to re-evaluate the policy framework of the Secondary Plan or amend the Plan if this is deemed to be necessary.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Any person may attend the meeting and make written or oral submissions on the Community of Gormley Secondary Plan. Written submissions should be addressed to the Town Clerk at 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5 to be included in any future Report to Council on the disposition of this matter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Community of Gormley Secondary Plan is available for review by interested members of the public at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library, 30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville or at the Development Services Department, Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services Department, Telephone Nos. (905) 640-1900 or 895-2423.

LOCATION

The lands within the Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan can generally be described as being comprised of Lot 35, Concessions 3 (M), Part of Lot 35, Concession 4 (M), Lot 1, Concession 3, and, Part of Lot 1, Concession 4, all within the boundaries of the Secondary Plan area as shown.



DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 27th day of May, 2004

Michele Kennedy, Clerk

WATER DISTRIBUTION FLUSHING PROGRAM

COMMUNITIES OF BALLANTRAE/MUSSELMAN LAKE
AND STOUFFVILLE
NOTICE

The Public Works Department reminds residents that it conducts a major watermain flushing program of the Town's water distribution systems twice annually.

The next event is scheduled to begin on Monday May 31st, 2004 in the communities of Ballantrae/Musselman Lake and Stouffville and is expected to last for approximately two (2) weeks. The work is to be conducted daily, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 pm.

The process involves the flowing of fire hydrants for several minutes. We request the assistance of residents by restricting the use of water while the work takes place. Should anyone experience any discolouration of water, please let the water run until it clears.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Questions or concerns regarding this activity are to be directed to the Public Works Department at 905-640-1900.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

(JULY 1st - JULY 4th)
STREET CLOSURE

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the Council meeting scheduled for June 1, 2004 a by-law to provide for the temporary closure of the following streets will be presented to Council for consideration - Strawberry Festival - events: Burkholder Street from Franklin Street to Park Drive from 12:00 noon Thursday, July 1, to 8:00 p.m. Sunday July 4; Park Drive South to Burkholder Street and Thicketwood Blvd. from 7:00 a.m. Thursday, July 1, to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 4; Main Street from the east side of the railway tracks to Stouffer Street on Saturday, July 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Blake Street from Main Street to Burkholder Street on Saturday, July 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Burkholder Street from Blake Street to Franklin Street on Saturday, July 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Civic Avenue on Saturday, July 3, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

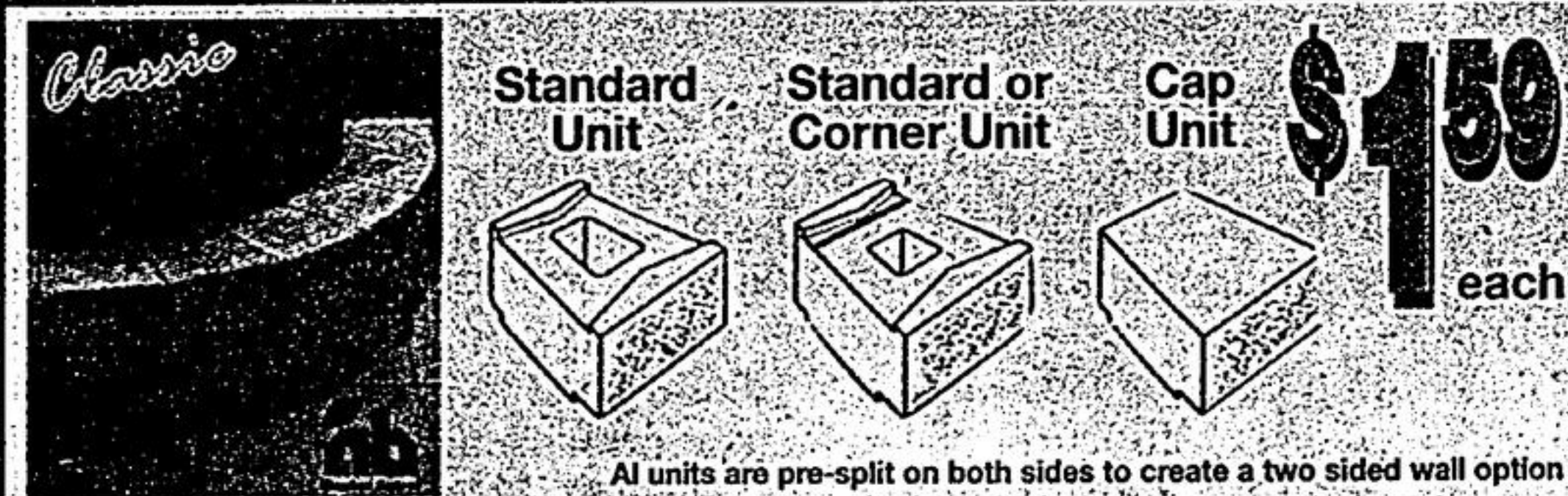
Also, "tow away zones" are requested for one side of the street on Thicketwood Blvd., Booth Drive, Stuart Street, Lori Avenue, Wheeler Crescent, Park Drive north to Manitoba Street, Maytree Avenue, Church Street, Duchess Street, George Street, Warriner Street, Hawthorne Avenue and Tindale Road for Saturday, July 3, 2004.

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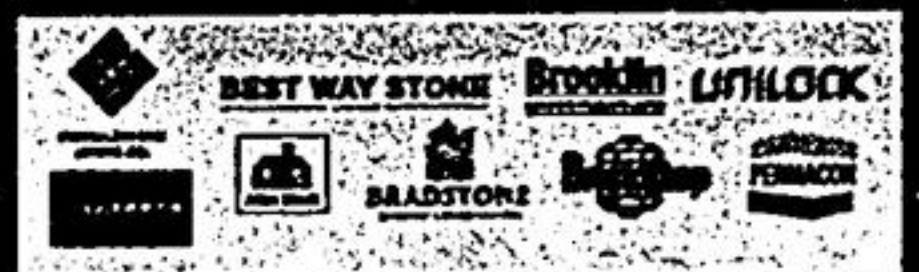
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