

## Spill meeting set for school

The 5.4-million-gallon sewage spill in Whitchurch-Stouffville this month will be the focus of a public meeting Monday.

Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees is hosting the meeting at Whitchurch Highlands Public School at Warden Avenue and Bloomington Road beginning at 7 p.m.

The spill happened April 15 when the walls of a lagoon collapsed at King Cole Ducks, near Warden Avenue and Aurora Road. The lagoon contained recycled agricultural waste.

Those expected to attend the meeting to answer questions include a representative of the Ministry of the Environment, Mayor Sue Sherban, Councillor Ken

Ferdinands, a representative of York Region Health Services and an official of King Cole Ducks.

### MINISTER UNAVAILABLE

Environment Minister Leona Dombrowsky is unable to attend.

"We want answers about this spill," Mr. Klees said.

Following the spill, E. coli was found in a nearby creek.

In 1989, King Cole Ducks was convicted of discharging duck manure into a Charges have not been laid in connection with this month's spill.

— Joan Ransberry

## Region 'hot spot' for home sales

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dipped, more modestly priced townhouses have seen 7 per cent growth across the GTA.

As home prices in traditional suburban centres such as Richmond Hill and Markham continue to spiral, Keswick, in the region's most northern municipality, continues to boast some of the best values in the market.

Just as communities such as Whitby are a cheaper

alternative to Markham, where starter homes fetch upwards of \$300,000, new homes in Keswick can cost \$260,000 for about 1,500 to 2,000 square feet.

"York Region is a hot spot right now," said Ron Abraham, president of the Toronto Real Estate Board.

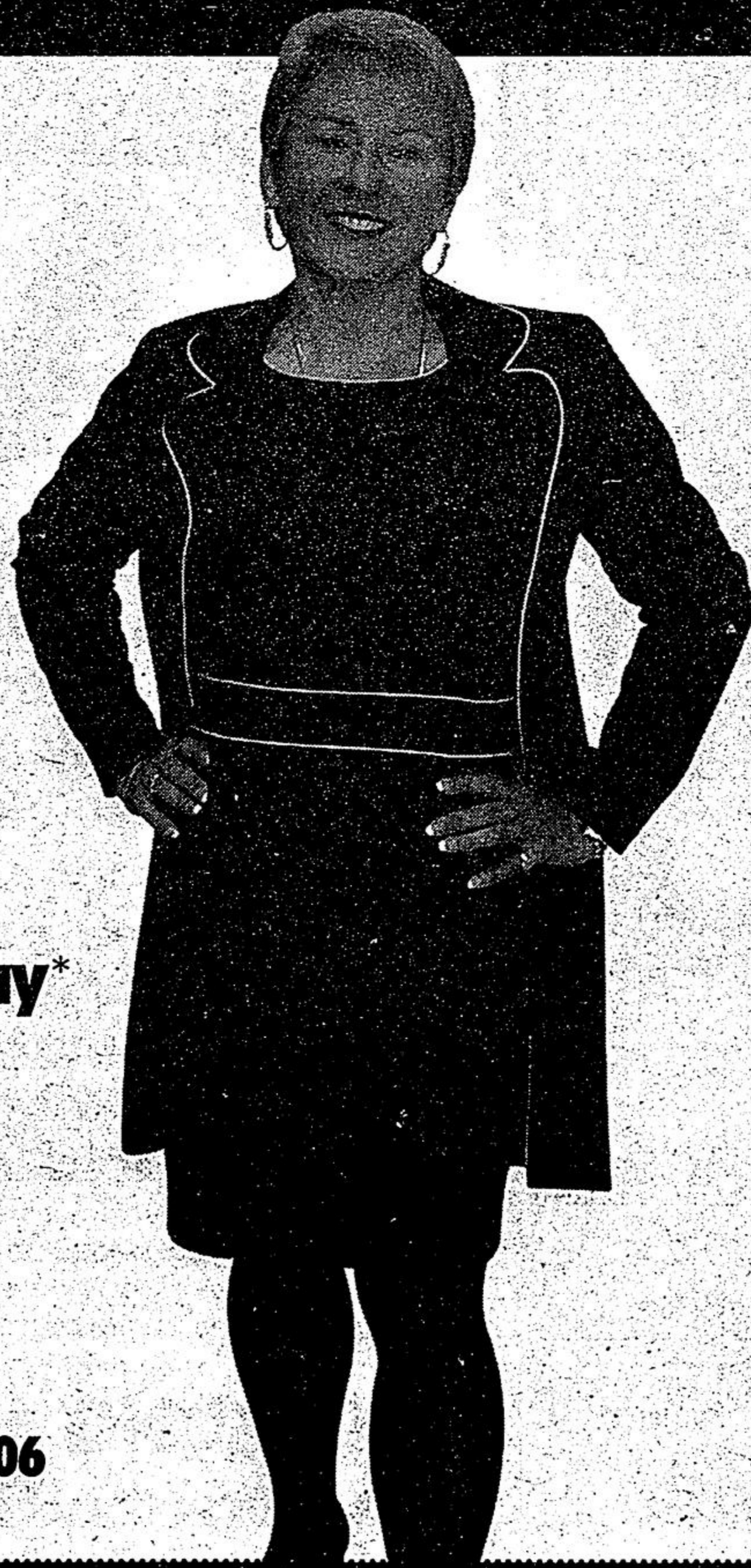
The provincial Liberal's greenbelt plan and a significant spike in interest rates have the only long-term potential to starve a robust housing market, he said.

"If interest rates stay where they're supposed to be, we'll be all set," Mr. Abraham said.

Ms Rosen agreed.

While borrowing costs may slightly increase by the end of the year, Ms Rosen said a leveling off in York's housing marketplace isn't likely in the foreseeable future.

"People are still going to be buying. It's easier than ever to buy a home," she said.



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Oak Ridges



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### PUBLIC MEETING

Get factual information  
concerning the April 15<sup>th</sup>  
sewage spill at Warden Ave.  
and Aurora Road, Stouffville

Monday May 2, 2005  
7:00 p.m.

Whitchurch-Highlands P.S.  
13812 Warden Ave., Stouffville

The following have been invited to participate:  
Mayor Sue Sherban & Members of Council  
The Hon. Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment  
Representatives from:  
Ministry of the Environment  
York Region Public Health  
King Cole Duck Farms

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