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## Heatwave having widespread impact

BY ROY GREEN  
Staff Writer

It's not just the heat — it's the humidity and the heat. And a major lack of rain and a surfeit of smoggy, sooty air. The summer of 2005 has already set GTA records for high temperatures, bad air days and, according to Environment Canada, a serious lack of rainfall. Only three millimetres of rain has fallen on the GTA since June 14, Dave Phillips of Environment Canada said Monday. "This is a big deal and we're getting nothing but sun all this week."

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By Tuesday, York Region had experienced nine smog advisories and a total of 32 bad air days, much of it attributable to the hot, dry weather, according to the region's senior health inspector, Kevin Haley.

"The more heat we get, the more air pollution there is," he said. "There's a direct co-relation between hot weather and air pollution."

Bad air days are particularly tough on those with health problems, EMS supervisor Ed Coleclough said.

"These conditions make it much worse for anyone with heart or lung diseases. They, more than anyone, should limit their exposure to heat," he said.

The region has been under a water advisory since June and this week, a ban on outdoor water use was issued in Kleinburg. The ban could spread to other areas, an official said.

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## Cooling down

Erica Alexander, 12, of Stouffville stays cool by splashing down the slide of the Stouffville pool in Memorial Park Tuesday. Temperatures are expected to remain over 30 C for the next week.

## BED AND BREAKFASTS PROPOSED BY RESIDENTS Downtown to be studied by consultant

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
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News of a new initiative to lift downtown Stouffville out of its doldrums has already prompted nine residents to approach the town to ask about creating bed and breakfast businesses in the area.

The town-generated initiative, Stouffville: Preparation of a Strategic Plan of Action, was overwhelmingly endorsed by Whitchurch-Stouffville council Tuesday night.

Consultants will seek information from young people, downtown property owners and other members of the public. Ads are to be placed in The Sun-Tribune and the town's website at [townofws.com](http://townofws.com) for applicants. The town will approach Stouffville District Secondary School for youth representatives.

To help make sure things start to come together quickly, council pushed ahead the date for a consultant to be selected to Aug. 9. The cost for the consultant is expected to be less than \$20,000.

Previous unsuccessful attempts to make Stouffville's Main Street a livelier destination were all initiated by individual interest groups. They tried to create a vision for Main Street, form a tourism committee, launch a theatre in Stouffville's heritage municipal building and suggested upgrading the street's appearance with new facades on storefronts.

This time, the town is behind the initiative, Mayor Sue Sherban said.

She wants to ensure the initiative involves "diverse groups with different interests."

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