

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

What do you think about locating a cultural complex in downtown Stouffville?

— Asked at the Strawberry Patch Montessori School and the A & P in Stouffville

Mary EVERS



"I definitely think it should be put in. There are a lot of talented young people in Stouffville, so it will give them a place to bring their talents out other than in the schools."

Arthur JAMMER



"I think it is great. It would bring some life into the downtown. We need to bring more people and better shops there. Something needs to be done with the old town hall area."

Pam TAYLOR

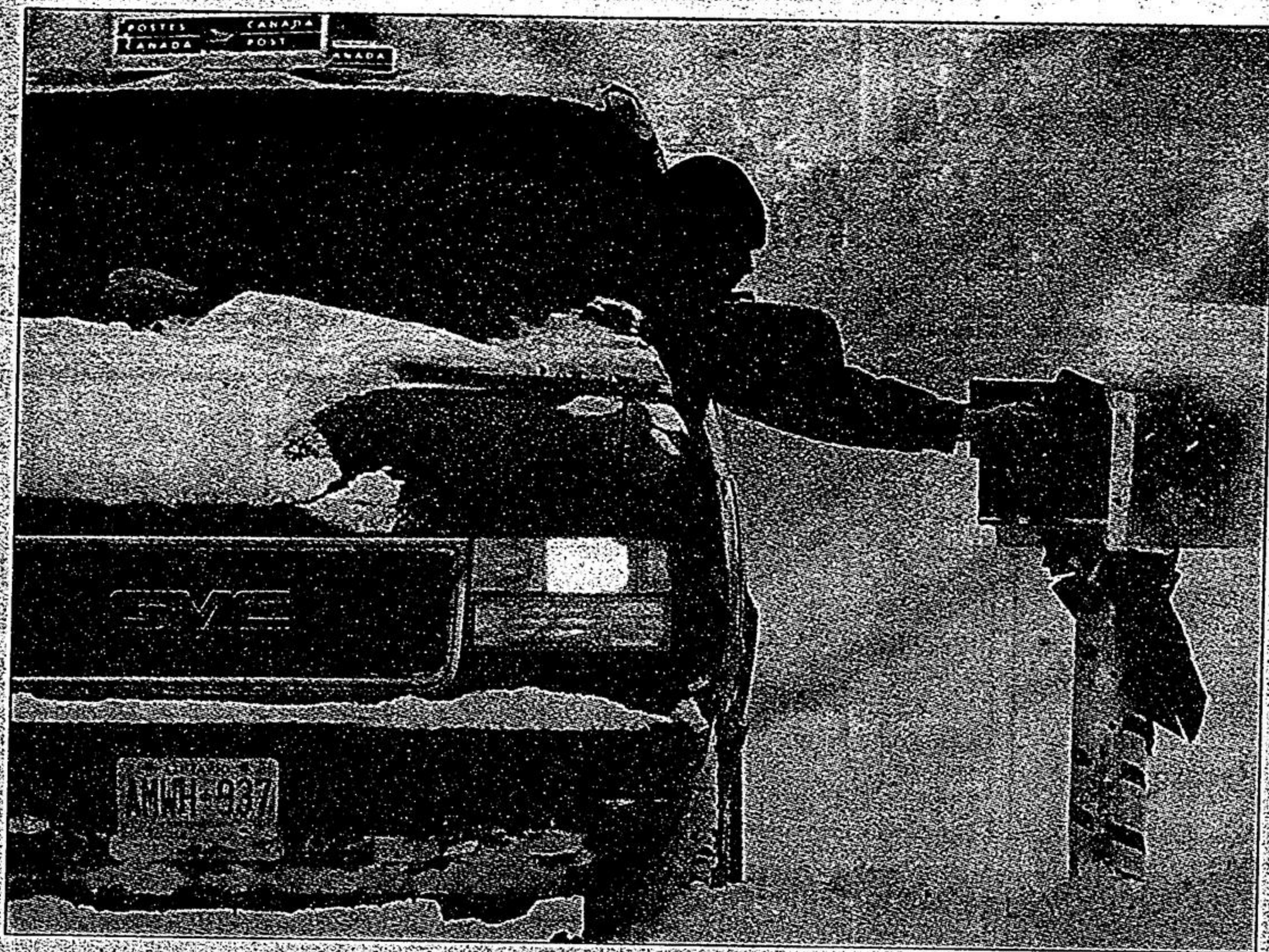


"Anything that revitalizes our downtown core is of benefit. I am very concerned that the downtown is going to die. This is a unique opportunity, which we can use to plan for our downtown."

Claire TAYLOR



"It would really benefit the town because young people can go there. It would be for all ages, both to perform and to watch."



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Rural mail delivery to mailboxes with RR-3 Newmarket addresses, which are in Whitchurch-Stouffville, have been cancelled over safety concerns for drivers. Canada Post said it isn't safe for drivers to pull over to the side of the road in the area. There are 900 homes in York Region affected.

Safety concerns stop mailbox deliveries

Green boxes expected by end of week, Canada Post says

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

If you live in north-central Whitchurch-Stouffville, don't expect any letters in your mailbox by the end of the week.

Concern over the safety of rural mail deliveries has prompted Canada Post to cancel delivery to 900 residents in RR 1, 2 and 3 Newmarket and a Kettleby route. The rural delivery service is about to be replaced by group green boxes.

Canada Post will use 90 green box locations, with 10 boxes at each site throughout the routes. RR-3 Newmarket includes homes north of Ballantrae.

"We hope to have it up and running by Friday," Canada Post spokesperson Scott Lewis said. "If we don't meet the end-

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Christel von Richter
Faulkner Avenue resident

of-the-week deadline, it will be early next week."

Canada Post is delivering letters door-to-door explaining the change to residents.

All 900 letters should be delivered by tomorrow, Mr. Lewis said.

A rural mail delivery employee, who was having trouble getting his vehicle to the side of the road to make mailbox deliveries prompted the change.

"We (Canada Post) couldn't insure that the (mail) delivery vehicle was off the roadway when placing the mail in the

mailbox," Mr. Lewis said. "Canada Post found we had to implement a solution immediately."

Rural mail delivery has been "hit and miss" over the past two weeks, Faulkner Avenue resident Christel von Richter said.

"Delivery has been very poor," she said. "Sometimes we don't get mail for two days, other days it comes at 5 p.m. It has not been good."

Delivery has been sporadic in RR-3 Newmarket, Mr. Lewis agreed.

"Canada Post is making every effort to minimize the impact," he said.

Mrs. von Richter learned of the mail change from a Canada Post employee she spotted sitting in a vehicle near her home.

"I asked about the mail service and was told Canada Post was putting in (group green) boxes. I don't object to that. I just wanted to know why we were having problems with our mail."

Briefly

Young entrepreneurs can showcase ideas

Young people between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to bring their latest invention or idea for a business or service to the Mayor's Youth Council's Entrepreneurial Showcase.

It has been developed by young people in Stouffville to give youth a chance to showcase their business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit.

The Entrepreneurial Showcase is at Latham Hall on Park Drive in Stouffville, Feb. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Registration before Feb. 10 is required. To enter, e-mail wsmc@hotmail.com.

The event is being spearheaded by mayor's youth council chairperson Mackenzie Gott and Leslie Wilkinson.

All entries will be judged and the winner will receive seed money to start his or her business or service.

Town asks region to explain Big Pipe

Instead of using municipal taxpayer dollars and town staff hours, Whitchurch-Stouffville has decided to ask York Region to give a workshop on the York-Durham Sanitary Sewer System, commonly known as the Big Pipe.

The town is looking for information on the whole project, particularly on the dewatering associated with the construction of the sewage pipe along 16th and 19th avenues in Markham.

Many people in Whitchurch-Stouffville have complained about their wells and ponds going dry since the dewatering began.

Originally, Whitchurch-Stouffville council had asked town staff to come back with a report and work plan so they could decide whether to hire a consultant to review the dewatering program.

The town wants York Region to provide the technical workshop as soon as possible.

There would be no cost to the town for the workshop.

Meanwhile, the City of Toronto has asked for a court injunction to stop construction on extensions to the Big Pipe, including along 16th Avenue in Markham.

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