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## On the fly

Madison Pullen, 4, gets some air with help from her dad, Brad, during the Musselman's Lake Winter Carnival Saturday at Cedar Beach. See page 3 for more photographs.

## KING COLE DUCKS PLEADS GUILTY \$90,000 fine for spill at duck plant

BY SERENA WILLOUGHBY  
Staff Writer

A Whitchurch-Stouffville poultry processor has been fined \$90,000 for spilling sewage in a creek last year.

A Richmond Hill court heard testimony that a treatment pond at King Cole Ducks Ltd. overflowed, resulting in a spill that flowed down Warden Avenue, disrupting traffic and damaging a small stretch of road near Aurora Road last April.

The spill eventually flowed into Bogart Creek, which runs into the Holland River.

Justice of the Peace E. Linda DeBartolo presided over the case Monday in which King Cole Holdings pleaded guilty to one count of discharging material that may impair water quality.

Following the spill on April 15, the Ministry of Environment demanded the company take immediate action to prevent the flow of sewage from the property and clean up the spill.

Since that time, the ministry says it has been closely monitoring the water in Bogart Creek, Bogart Pond and Holland River.

Initially, high levels of E. coli were found, but have since dissipated and there has been no impact on drinking water at the Keswick water treatment facility.

The poultry processing facility at Warden Avenue and Aurora Road is Canada's largest producer of duckling products, supplying major supermarkets such as A&P, Fortinos, Loblaws, Sobey's and Super Stores, as well as hotels and restaurants in the United States, Hong Kong, Tahiti, France, Brazil, Russia and Mexico.

## Old fighting new in neighbourhoods

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
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If it's a new, different and in-your-face home or subdivision — and it's being built beside existing neighbourhoods — longtime residents sit up and take notice pronto.

With seven new subdivisions already approved by the town, some friction is bound to crop up.

"Generally, residents are concerned whenever there is a proposal for any new type of development," Tom Parry, Whitchurch-Stouffville's director of development services, said.

The town is changing the way it deals with those concerns by providing more information including schematics of new

buildings, so residents have a better idea of what will be built next to them, Mayor Sue Sherban said.

A 30-foot-tall bungalow built on Rose Avenue in an established downtown neighbourhood drew the ire of neighbours last year.

Further height restrictions are required on new buildings, so that existing neighbourhoods are better protected, Mrs. Sherban said.

Some residents were originally concerned the property might be divided into smaller lots than the 55-foot norm. They suggested a 41-foot lot could set a bad precedent for the neighbourhood.

While the mayor is working to protect

established neighbourhoods, she wonders, "Why should we build things in the old style, when people want to move into houses that are more current? Could we sell something that is 1950s style in a new subdivision?"

Some residents of the Westfield Estates (around Cam Fella Blvd.) were concerned light and noise would spill into their back yards from the Northern Gate seniors retirement community when it was first proposed.

The 99-bungalow community on 12 acres is under construction south of the new EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church near the Stouffville Country Market on the east

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