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RURAL RESIDENTS VENT ON POST OFFICE

Write letters to ask for service back: councillor

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

If you're a rural resident who hasn't had mail delivered to your home since January, don't hold your breath thinking service will be restored soon.

About 1,100 households in Newmarket rural routes 1, 2 and 3, which include parts of Newmarket, northern Whitchurch-Stouffville, Kettleby and King, are affected.

More than 170 residents, many of them heckling, attended a meeting with Canada Post officials and local politicians Thursday night.

The Ballantrae Community Centre was filled to near capacity for the meeting called by Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor Ken Ferdinands and Oak Ridges-Markham MP Lili Temelkovski.

They invited Canada Post officials to hear residents' concerns about the cancellation of their mail service and replacement by what several residents described as ugly, dirty, green group mailboxes.

After more than two hours of residents telling of their hardships, Canada Post director Arlene Yam reiterated concerns about employee safety.

The post office installed the temporary green mail boxes after employee complaints about unsafe conditions due to narrow

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Spirit back in series



STAFF PHOTO/BILL ROBERTS

Oakville Blade Dan Ringwald tries to fend off the Stouffville Spirit's Ryan Oliver in front of Oakville goalie David Scamurra and 825 fans during the Spirit's 5-2 win at the Stouffville Arena Thursday. Oakville led the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League best-of-seven semifinal series 2-1 before last night's game in Oakville. Game 5 goes Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in Stouffville. For more information, see story on page 13.

Muslims wary of terrorism threat

Suspects worked as cabbies in Whitchurch-Stouffville

BY PATRICK MANGION
Staff Writer

The arrest of a Newmarket man suspected of terrorism shouldn't reflect poorly on York's Pakistani and Muslim community, Kamil Sadiq, chief co-ordinator of the Canadian Federation of Intercultural Friendship says.

Mr. Sadiq is somewhat concerned the arrest of one terror suspect in the area will lead to suspicion of the entire area Muslim and Pakistani community.

But he remains confident local police won't start racial profiling and is hopeful the public won't either.

"I don't think any right-thinking person from any right-thinking community is going to start to cry wolf," he said. "We all want to root out any terrorism in this country and, in particular, York Region."

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Meanwhile, the Pakistani and Muslim communities in York Region are as interested in rooting out terrorist activity as any other, said

"We are very well integrated community and cannot accept any kind of terrorist activity," he said.

Raja Ghulam Mustafa, a native of Pakistan and Syed Maqsood Aly were arrested by officials believed to be officers with Canadian border services, who converged on a Banbrooke Crescent

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