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Rural mail trouble in House

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If you live in rural route York Region, problems linked to your mail delivery are about to be discussed in the House of Commons.

A motion addressing rural delivery concerns stemming from the Newmarket post office, which affect routes 1, 2 and 3 and Kettleby and include northern Whitchurch-Stouffville, have drawn the attention of the federal government by Oak Ridges-Markham MP Lui Temelkovski.

This past winter, hundreds of local rural residents experienced changes to the way mail was being delivered. For many, walking down the driveway to fetch the mail was no longer an option.

Instead, they had to get their mail from one of 90 community mail boxes spread throughout the area. For some, it means a six-kilometre drive.

"This has become a frustrating experience for some of my rural constituents," Mr. Temelkovski said. "Now this issue will be brought to the atten-

tion of the House (of Commons) where we can address it in a constructive way.

The motion will come up to debate in June and then will be further debated in the fall, Mr. Temelkovski said.

Problems came up when mail carriers at a Newmarket postal station complained driving country roads was becoming too dangerous.

The carriers filed a formal complaint stating they couldn't pull their cars far enough off the road to be safe from passing traffic, while sliding mail into traditional post-mounted boxes.

Human Resources Development Canada agreed with the carriers, which led to the community boxes.

The federal government is, however, appealing the decision.

While Mr. Temelkovski is pleased the government launched the appeal, he's asking other measures be taken in the meantime.

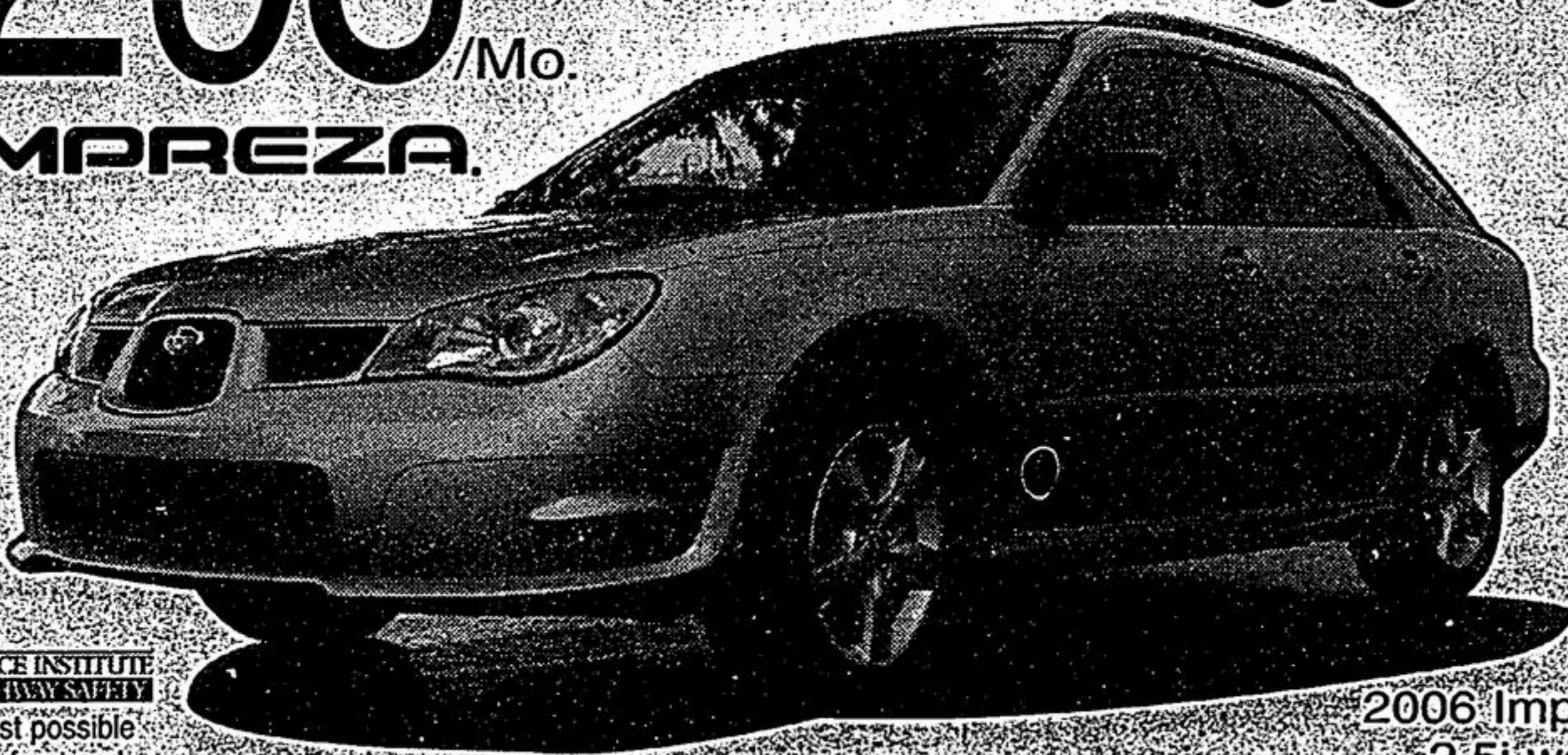
Putting steering wheels on the opposite side of mail delivery vehicles and adding cautionary lights could be examined, he suggested.

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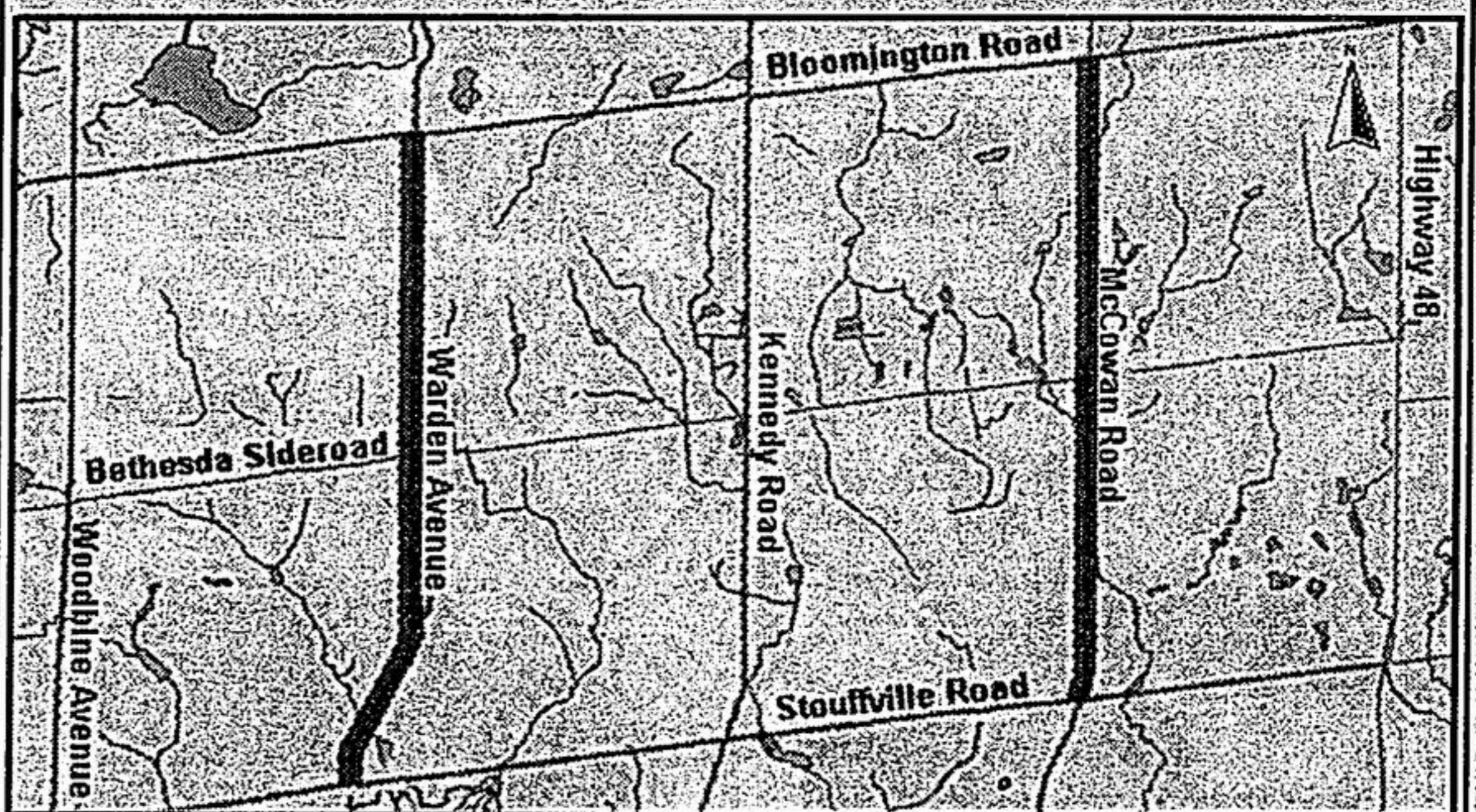
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Date: Wednesday May 24, 2006
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Lemonville Community Centre
13453 McCowan Road, Stouffville

Staff from York Region and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will be available to explain the proposed work and receive comments. The Region is in the process of awarding the contract. Construction is scheduled to start by mid-June and finish by mid-August.

If you have any questions relating to this project, please contact either of the following Regional representatives:

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