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Peter Love  
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The dog days of summer are here, and now more than ever, every kilowatt counts. Did you know that air conditioning adds up to 50 per cent to your household electricity consumption? If you replace your old central A/C system with a new ENERGY STAR 14 SEER or (higher) system before August 31st, the Conservation Bureau will send you a \$500 rebate. Click on Cool Savings at [www.conservationbureau.on.ca](http://www.conservationbureau.on.ca) for details.

**SEER Efficiency Saves Money**

Running an inefficient A/C system is like throwing money out the window. How do you know if your central air conditioning unit is energy efficient? The SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) tells you at a glance. The higher the number, the greater the efficiency. Check your owners' manual or the label on the unit.

A new A/C system can pay for itself in just a few years, but only if you choose wisely. Older units with a 10 SEER rating use at least 30 per cent more energy than a 14 SEER-unit. You'll be paying for this extra energy for the next 15 years or more!

All newly-manufactured A/C units must have a 13-SEER rating, however you can still find units with lower SEER ratings for sale. Ask your contractor to confirm the SEER rating and to install an ENERGY STAR unit to ensure that you are getting an energy efficient model.

**Service Your A/C Regularly**

Make sure a qualified technician services your A/C unit each year. Replace your furnace filters regularly — they're part of most central A/C systems. And keep cooling fans free of debris.

My role as Chief Energy Conservation Officer is to ensure that conservation and energy efficiency play a vital role in Ontario's ongoing energy strategy. "The Conservation Zone" helps you find ways to use energy more wisely and become part of Ontario's growing conservation culture. I issue a friendly challenge to all Ontarians to think about how you can use energy more wisely this summer.

The Conservation Bureau develops and delivers programs to help Ontario residents conserve energy and save money. Please visit: [www.ConservationBureau.com](http://www.ConservationBureau.com)

## Traffic must be spread out: Smith

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previous meeting.

"At the May 16 meeting, councillors felt Beryl should be closed, except for the mayor," Mr. Hindson said.

To press their point, they had Mr. Hindson represent 114 residents from Beryl and Percy and nearby streets, including Sunset Boulevard, Orchard Park Boulevard, Clarke Street, Victoria Street and Albert Street, who signed a petition to keep Beryl closed.

The number of people attending the meeting during peak vacation time showed the importance of the issue to residents, Beryl Avenue resident Marnie Hayden said.

Resident Lee Barney said many new families are moving into the older subdivision, each with two or three young children.

**'RACE TRACK WITH CURVES'**

"If you open (Beryl Avenue), you are opening a race track with curves, blind corners and hedges," he told council.

What residents want is for the road to remain closed to vehicular traffic, but open to pedestrian and bike traffic. A second road accessing Ninth Line would

then be constructed.

But York Region doesn't want a second road because it would be too close to Hoover Park Drive and traffic volumes don't warrant an additional intersection, Andrew McNeely, town manager of planning services, said.

"Council clearly supported the residents' position" at the May 16 meeting, resident Ralph Johnson said.

Several residents were worried about the lack of visibility for drivers in the area, since Beryl and Percy form a square with angles of roughly 90 degrees.

Councillor Clyde Smith, who was in favour of keeping Beryl Avenue closed at the May 16 meeting, changed his mind after receiving more information. He said "about 4,000 existing homes (in Stouffville) will be surrounded by new subdivisions" thanks to recently approved growth.

If council voted to keep Beryl closed, all other subdivisions would want to keep their streets closed as well, he noted.

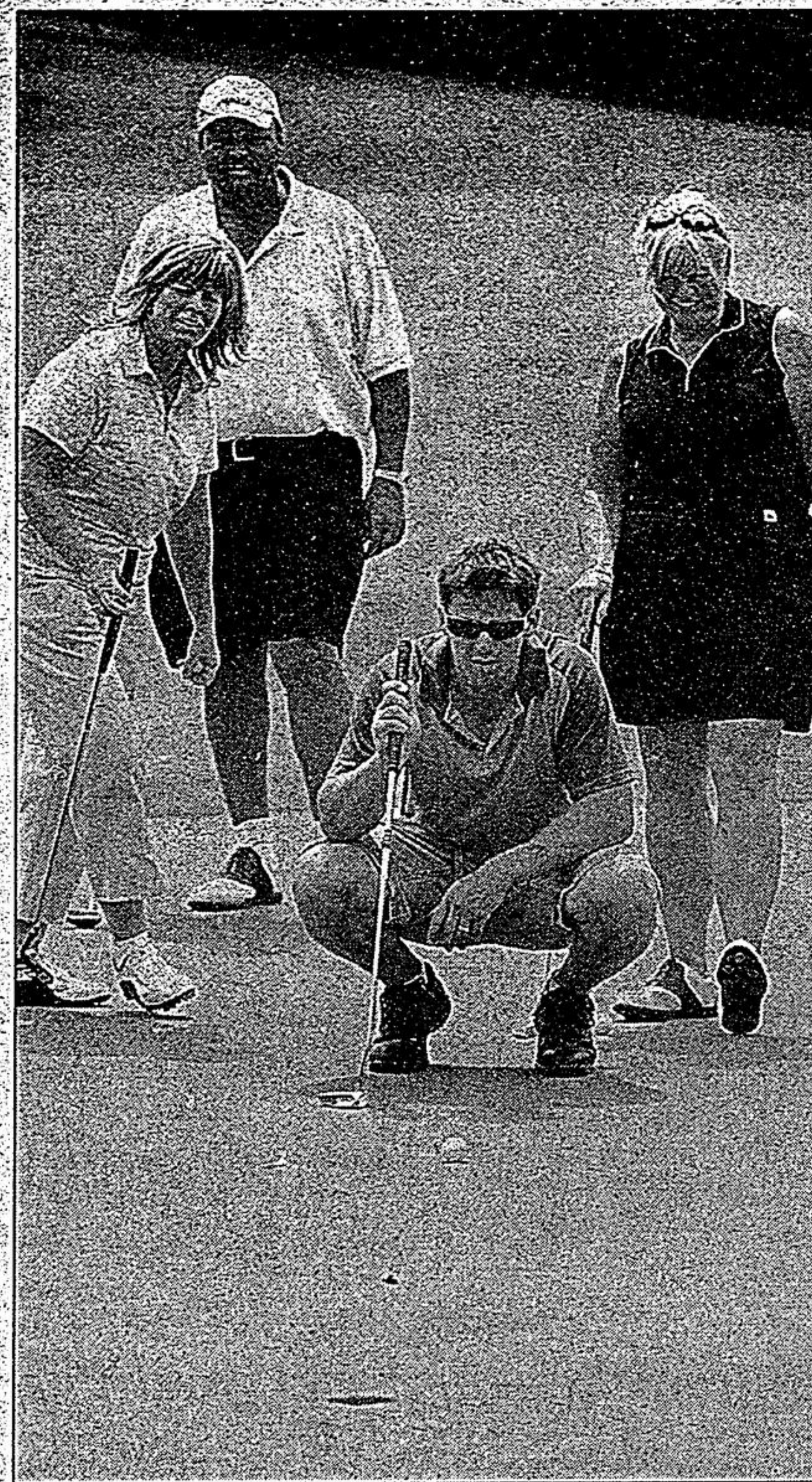
"The reality is that our community is growing, and they have to be able to spread traffic through the entire road network."

Councillor Rob Hargrave expressed disappointment in fellow councillors' opinions, noting "that this is a heritage part of town; it needs people, not traffic.... It is frustrating when this many people support a cause and we take out a textbook and say we know more."

Residents of Bayberry Street have had similar concerns regarding the opening of their street to the Fairgate Homes subdivision in north Stouffville.

Along Rupert Avenue, residents have complained their street is being used to bypass Main Street, including the intersection with the Ninth Line.

## ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS



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Toronto Argonaut quarterback Eric Crouch studies his putt with help from Jennifer Stoddart (left), Mike Stoddart and Laurie Ellies during the Dick Aldridge Charity Golf Classic at Emerald Hills Golf Course in Whitchurch-Stouffville Tuesday. Ms Ellies chaired the event with Betty Aldridge, whose husband Dick, a former Argo, died of pancreatic cancer. The tourney is a fundraiser to fight the disease. Mr. Crouch, who won the Heisman Trophy in 2001, and the Argos host the British Columbia Lions tonight at 7 p.m. at Rogers Centre.

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