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Juvenile celebration

Stouffville Clippers head coach Brent Gibson and forward Kyle Cussion celebrate Stouffville's only goal during its 4-1 loss to the Windsor Spitfires during Ontario Minor Hockey Association juvenile A championship series game at Stouffville Arena Sunday. Stouffville won Game 1 Sunday, 3-1. The series shifts to Windsor this weekend. See page 18 for more information.

NO AFFECT ON STOUFFVILLE DEALERSHIP

Will you pay tax on SUV?

BY DAVID BLUMENFELD
Staff Writer

A new Escalade or Range Rover may become less appealing, thanks to penalties being slapped on buyers of gas-guzzling SUVs.

Monday's federal budget calls for additional fees of up to \$4,000 on a range of vehicles that gulp more fuel than competitors.

On the bright side, the purchase of a smart car may earn consumers a rebate of up to \$2,000.

In an effort to go green, the Conservatives called for new tax breaks on a range of fuel-efficient vehicles and extra fees on about 100 automobiles, predominantly SUVs.

The proposed tax rebates apply to cars that use less than 6.5 litres of gas every 100 kilometres and minivans or SUVs that use less than 8.3 litres. Rebates range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

On the other hand, drivers of vehicles that burn more than 13 litres every 100 kilometres will be hit with a \$1,000 levy, which will rise in increments of \$1,000 for every additional litre, topping out at \$4,000 for cars that guzzle more than 16 litres per 100 kilometres.

Then again, you might want to start thinking about riding public transit: the Conservatives extended their monthly pass tax credit to weekly pass holders, provided they purchase at least four consecutive weekly passes.

Andrew Lennox, director of sales at Roy Foss Motors in Thornhill, said

Three-stream collection coming to your curb in September

You'll get help with new waste rules

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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If the thought of having to sort your garbage and recyclables differently in September is making you nervous, you'll be receiving a lot of information over the next few months to smooth the way.

Sept. 10 is the date. Whitchurch-Stouffville is aiming to implement the three-stream waste collection system.

The biggest difference you'll notice is you'll be putting the wet i.e. organic part of your garbage into a special kitchen catcher. That small bucket is then emptied into a larger green bin to be collected curbside

every week. There's no limit to how much organic waste you can put out each week.

The green bins are to be delivered to each household (except apartment buildings) Aug. 20 to Sept. 7.

You'll receive the green bin, the small kitchen catcher, a lid sticker, a short instructional DVD and information brochures.

The goal is to eventually have 60 per cent of all garbage diverted from landfill sites.

While the program will be new for many residents in town, "a lot of our new residents are already using the green bin because they come from the city," Paul

Whitehouse, director of public works, said. "A lot of the residents coming in are asking for the green bin."

The DVD part of the package has caused some controversy in Richmond Hill, where the new program was rolled out more than a week ago.

The 50,000 DVDs distributed to residents create needless waste, Liz Couture, an Ontario Green Party representative, said. About 10,000 of the DVDs will be distributed in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

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