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## Editorial

### *It's time to be greener*

Are you ready to get greener, Whitchurch-Stouffville?

The new green bin program, which adds a bin for household organic waste to your garbage and recycling collection, begins in Whitchurch-Stouffville the week of Sept. 10. You'll receive your bin next month.

This is all comes in the shadow of last weekend's Live Earth concerts. Aside from hearing some of the biggest musical acts on the planet, viewers were given suggestions on being more environmentally sensitive.

Tips? Use more efficient light bulbs, unplug cellphone chargers when not in use and keep the tire pressure up in your vehicle.

Whitchurch-Stouffville residents rode at least part of the wave before it was fashionable. The recycling depot in Memorial Park was operated by volunteers long before blue boxes were introduced.

Think of the green bin as another step on the road to better care for our world.

Separating household organic waste from the rest of your garbage could keep 65 per cent of the waste generated in York Region out of landfill sites.

Whitchurch-Stouffville is one of the northern six municipalities in York launching the new three-stream waste management program this fall. The others are Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, and Newmarket. The joint effort will save \$11 million over the next decade, the municipalities say.

But, it means changing habits.

While your green bin and recycling will be picked up weekly, garbage collection changes to every two weeks from weekly. Large articles will be picked up every two weeks, instead of once a month.

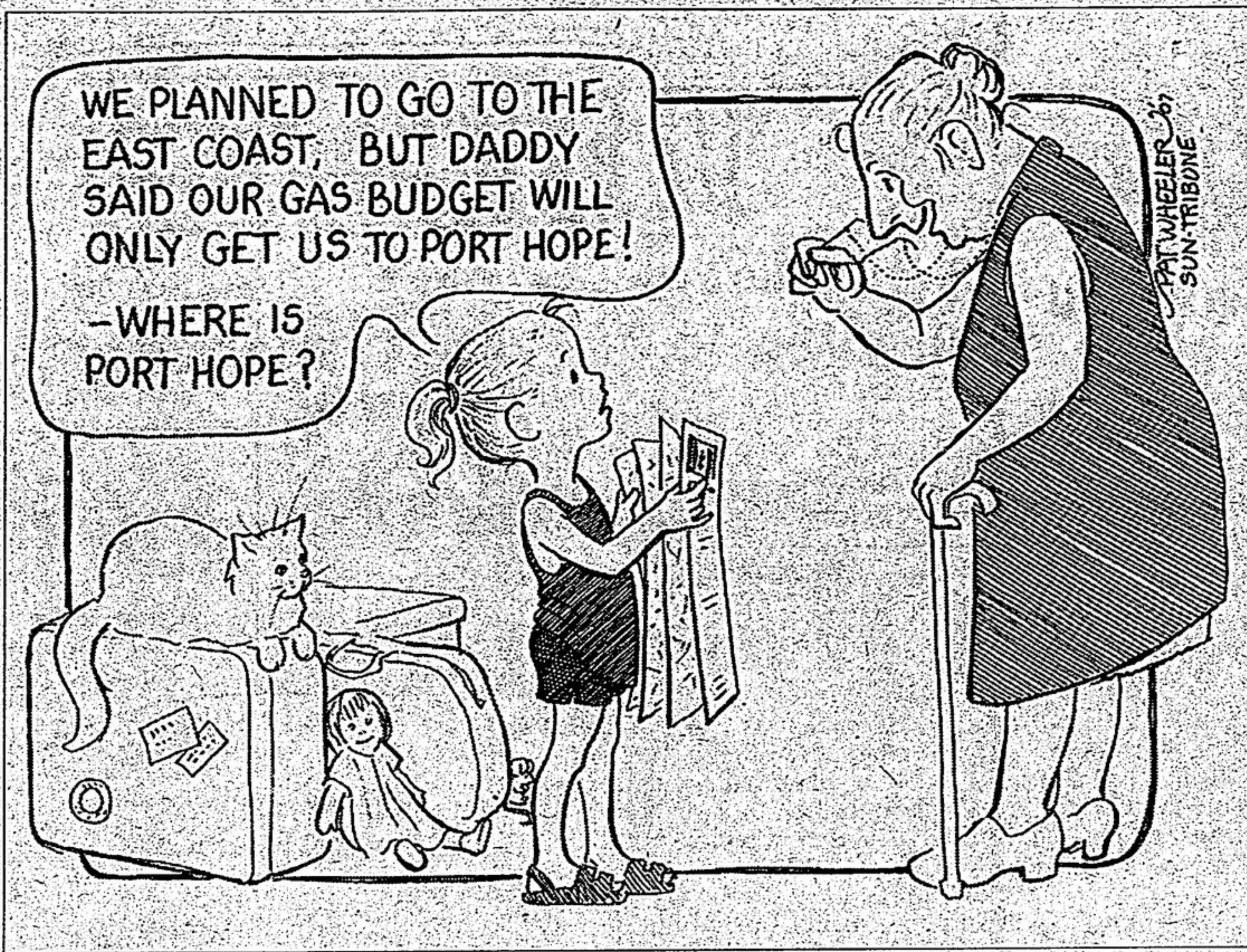
Wonder how you'll cope?

For more information check out the town's website at [townofws.com](http://townofws.com) or call hotline at 1-877-456-0373 until Oct. 31.

Your questions about the green bin program will be answered at community information sessions this summer.

They are at the Lemonville Community Centre Aug. 9, at the Vandorf Community Centre, Aug. 22, the Ballantrae Community Centre Aug. 28, the Lebovic Leisure Centre Sept. 5 and the Whitchurch-Stouffville council chambers Sept. 17.

It's all about getting greener, Whitchurch-Stouffville.



### Off The Top

with *Jim Mason*

### *Two spirits combine for common cause*

Hundreds of golf tournaments are played every warm-weather week across this section of semi-rural Ontario.

Few could compete with Monday's tourney at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

There have been larger fields, bigger prize tables and more mammoth cheques written to charity.

None had this much heart.

Officially, it was the second annual tourney of BodySmith International, a Richmond Hill gym known for its work with young, high-end hockey players from Stouffville, including Bobby Hughes and Michael Del Zotto, and the rest of York Region.

The theme was golf for cancer, in the name of the late Jack Burrows, he of Farmer Jack's garden centres fame, and Kevin Lord, who played Jr. A hockey for the Stouffville Spirit and Newmarket Hurricanes. Jack and Kevin both succumbed to cancer in the last three years.

Friends and family of both were out in large numbers.

I wondered whether Jack and Kevin ever met, as I prepared to emcee the post-game banquet. Generations apart, they could both light up a room with their smiles and kind words. Kevin was just out of his teens, Jack a grandpa.

Now, they are drawing people together to fight the dreaded disease they couldn't defeat.

The common thread was Jack's middle son, Ken, who signed Kevin to play for the Spirit when he was general manager here.

Now GM with the arch rival Collingwood Blues, Ken lured former Spirit strength and conditioning coach Randy Smith to join him this season.

Randy, through his gym, started the tourney a year ago in Kevin's memory. Farmer Jack's name was added this year. Fittingly.

*Jim Mason is editor of The Sun-Tribune.*

## Letters to the Editor

### More Love Stouffville coming up

Re: *Showing us the love, Stouffville*, column by *Jim Mason*, July 5.

Thank you for your kind words concerning Love Stouffville. Our planning and organizing committee was absolutely blown away by the positive response to Love Stouffville 2007.

The comments and encouragement we received from the variety of people we encountered during our campaign has motivated us to plan for a recurrence of our campaign of acts of kindness.

Keep your eyes and ears open for future Love Stouffville activities including a proposed Sept. 4 kindness blitz, fall and spring town cleanups, and our 2008 campaign week, June 22-29.

We agree wholeheartedly with you: a town in transition needs all the love it can get. We hope to continue to model that much needed love.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.lovestouffville.ca](http://www.lovestouffville.ca)

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### Whistlers blew away organizers

At the conclusion of the Whistle Off at the Strawberry Festival, I had two responses - blown away and pukered out.

A total of 119 people, ages 2 3/4 to 70, whistled onstage. For six minutes, they whistled together a song list that ran the gamut from O Canada and Frere Jacques to Amazing Grace and Take Me Out to the Ball Game, all unrehearsed.

This unique performance was the culmination of WhiStle Radio's efforts to set a world record for most people whistling in one venue.

Now, we have to get our report to Guinness

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Worlds Records and wait for their assessment.

Could we have hoped for more whistlers? Maybe. Could we have been a better synchronized chorus? Probably, but the effort was inspiring, spectacular even, and I think we all had a good time.

I'm just writing to express my personal appreciation to everyone involved: our great crew of volunteers, our adjudicators, our audience, WhiStle Radio for initiating the event, the festival committee and marquee tech crew and, most of all, our intrepid band of whistlers.

I look forward to posting the list of participants at [whistleradio.com](http://whistleradio.com), where sound from the event is already posted.

**STEPHEN SWORD**  
STOUFFVILLE

### Thanks from citizen of year

Thank you and The Sun-Tribune for sponsoring the citizen of the year award.

Volunteering has enriched my life and I want to thank my husband Ron and all the dedicated volunteers I have worked with during the last 35 years. What an exciting time, I have received notes, phone calls and lots of hugs.

I appreciate this honour very much.

**AUDREY GIBSON**  
STOUFFVILLE

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