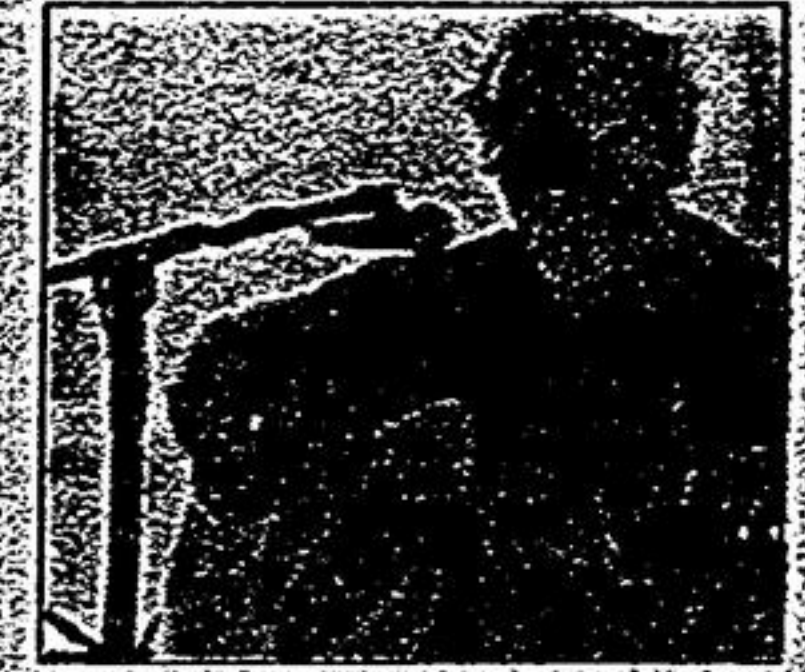


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Sonde sunk in blue of Musselman's Lake water

Results of lake testing to be released this fall

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

You'll have a chance to find out how healthy Musselman's Lake really is later this fall.

That's when results from the sonde probe should be available, along with information on the Musselman's Lake management plan.

As part of that plan, the health of the lake is being assessed twice this year.

In June, a piece of equipment called a sonde was lowered into the lake by staff from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to take readings for a couple of weeks.

The sonde takes readings every five minutes to measure water temperature, conductivity, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity and chlorophyll content.

It will be brought back to the lake this fall.

Two sets of readings will enable the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to compare data from the active weed-growing season in June and the post-growing season in the fall.

The testing is a joint effort by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the conservation authority and the Musselman's Lake Residents Association.

"We want to bring this plan to the community and get the community to participate in the management of the lake," Councillor Phil Bannon said.

MY LATEST CREATION



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Carina Saarevirta, 8, shows off the golden pot she made at summer art camp at the Latham Gallery. More sessions are planned, including one for children ages 11 to 15, with artist Vicky Talwar Aug. 13 to 17 and one for children ages 8 to 11 with artist Vanessa Perry Aug. 20 to 24. Call 905-640-8954 for information and registration.

Main Street widening to begin

Town pledges to keep one lane open at all times

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

If you regularly drive along Main Street, you'll notice some changes as early as next month.

A \$9.5 million widening project will change Main Street from two to four lanes between Ninth Line and Hwy. 48.

The first thing drivers will notice is sewer and watermain construction on Main from Hwy. 48 to Ringwood Drive.

This work will continue north on Hwy. 48 to Millard Street.

Some slowdowns are expected during this time, especially during rush hour, but traffic will get through.

One lane of traffic will be open at all times, development services director Tom Parry said.

Drivers will no longer see turning lanes and centre lanes in the areas under construction.

Main is being widened at the west end to accommodate increased commercial activity, Mr. Parry said.

The price tag is around \$9.5 million.

If all goes as planned, you'll see the inground work on Main between Ringwood Drive east to Winona Drive begin in October and continue through the winter.

That means the actual road surface from Hwy. 48 east will be ripped up and reconstructed in the spring. Construction isn't expected to be completed until 2009 or 2010.

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