

# No way to one-way street idea?

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Deciding whether or not to make Commercial Street one way or to eliminate parking on the narrow street won't happen until early February.

At last week's Whitchurch-Stouffville council meeting, several merchants, including Charlotte Cave who operates Chic Thrills, and Eric Button, the president of the Stouffville Business Improvement Area, expressed their concerns about the shortage of parking in the area.

Council will hold off on its decision until town planner Andrew McNeely meets with the BIA to outline the results of a recently-completed parking study of the downtown area.

Town council was asked in October to look at making Commercial Street one-way to try to ease traffic congestion in this area.

Local Councillor Richard Bartley is in favour of the idea.

Every morning and evening, cars stop at the intersection of

Church Street and Commercial Street to drop off children at the Children's House Day Care and The Dance Centre. During those times, cars travelling on these streets have to negotiate very carefully to squeeze by safely.

A resident of the area, who objected to the idea of making Commercial Street one-way, is concerned No Parking signs are being ignored at the Church Street/Commercial Street intersection.

## NEAR MISSES OF CHILDREN

"I personally have been involved in several near misses of hitting children and adults who totally ignore car traffic at this entrance," said Doug Benedict, who has lived in this area for 18 years.

In addition, Commercial Street and others become clogged when there is a funeral at the O'Neill Funeral Home.

The street, behind the businesses on the north side of Main Street, is already narrow.

It is made even narrower by

cars that park along its north side every day.

If a large truck has to stop to make a delivery, cars sometimes can't leave until the truck does.

To that end, the director of public works, Paul Whitehouse, recommended parking no longer be allowed on the street and the street remain a two-way route. 'No parking' restrictions in the vicinity of the Mill Street and Church Street intersection are to be enforced.

The owners of a day care, dance studio, funeral home and apartment landlords in the area are to encourage customers and tenants to use designated parking spaces or municipal lots.

There is parking in a small municipal lot behind two businesses backing onto Commercial and at the Care and Share Shop/Latcham Gallery.

Mr. Benedict would also like to see the town put an end to illegal parking on the private lots behind the buildings.

"Most get very upset when told to move their cars," he said.

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Under 13	1995	February 3	2 pm	February 17	12 noon
Under 14	1994	February 4	7 pm	February 18	7 pm
Under 15	1993	February 6	7 pm	February 17	2 pm
Under 16	1992	February 10	5 pm	February 17	5 pm
Under 17	1991	February 10	6 pm	February 24	2 pm
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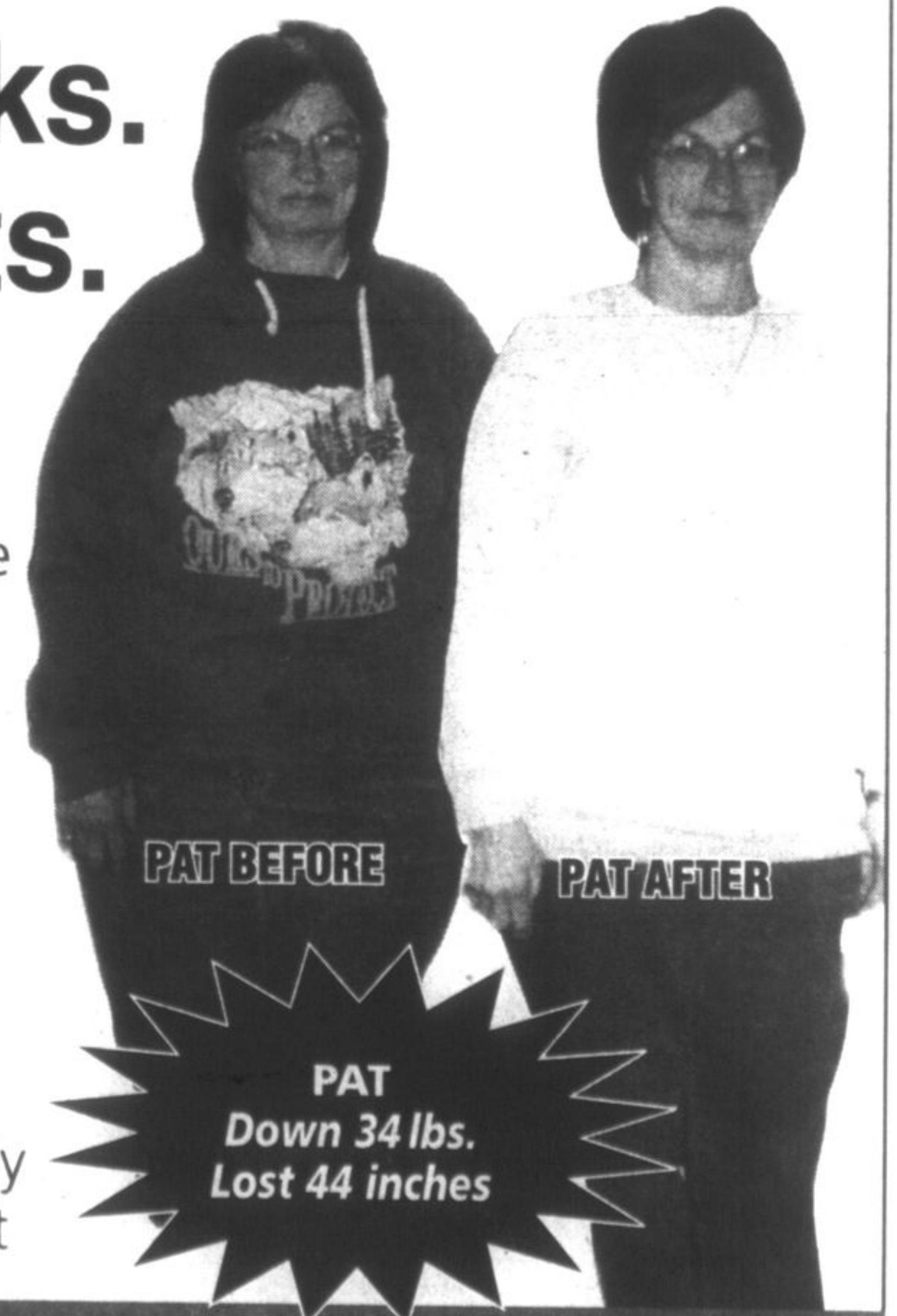
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