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Veterans want help finding new home for legion

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The new legion, which has about 300 members, would have to be in Stouffville, Mr. Pattenden added, to make it central for everyone, including pedestrians and veterans on scooters.

"We don't want to have a big mortgage," he said. "We don't want any mortgage."

The building has great sentimental value to many in the community.

"The veterans came home and they built this building," Mayor Emmerson said.

The presence of the legion is probably a major reason why the jog wasn't eliminated much sooner, he added.

The veterans have approached Mr. Emmerson for help finding a new loca-

tion.

About 60 people came to the legion hall for a public consultation meeting hosted by York Region Tuesday evening.

The final design concept of the jog elimination was presented. It would see the southern leg of Ninth Line connected to the northern one in a slightly wavy diagonal within the boundaries of Main Street, Rupert Avenue, Fairview Avenue

and Ninth Line.

The Ninth Line jog elimination is part of the 1999 York Region class environmental assessment to improve Ninth Line.

Calling the proposed jog elimination "set in stone", welding shop owner David Hoover was so upset he left the meeting.

He feels his hands are tied and his business is in "limbo" for the next few years as he awaits the process that will lead to his business being sold or possibly expropriated.

"I have been to all of these meetings," he said, "Nothing's changed."

If everything continues as anticipated, the environmental assessment could be completed in the fall. The public then has 30 days to check it out. If there are no objections, the study will be approved by the Ministry of the Environment.

After this, York Region staff will meet with the affected residents to purchase their properties.

If agreements cannot be reached, the region can expropriate the properties.

Oscar Peterson Public name on new Stouffville school

A public school being built in southwest Stouffville has a name.

Under construction on Hoover Park Drive, the school will be called Oscar Peterson Public School, according to York Region School Board's spokesperson Ross Virgo.

The school will replace Orchard Park school, which is marking its 50th anniversary this year.

Oscar Peterson, a Canadian jazz icon, died in December at age 82. He has family in the Stouffville area.

The new school is expected to be ready for students by fall 2008.

Orchard Park is on Sunset Boulevard.

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