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## Do you have designs on town square?

*Town wants input in  
Civic Square planning*

BY JIM MASON  
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What should the new Civic Square in downtown Stouffville look like?

Should its fountain be maintained or a new one installed?

Should vehicles continue to drive through the square?

What type of activities could the square host?

That's what the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville wants to know from you.

The municipality is hosting a meeting Wednesday to discuss options for the square.

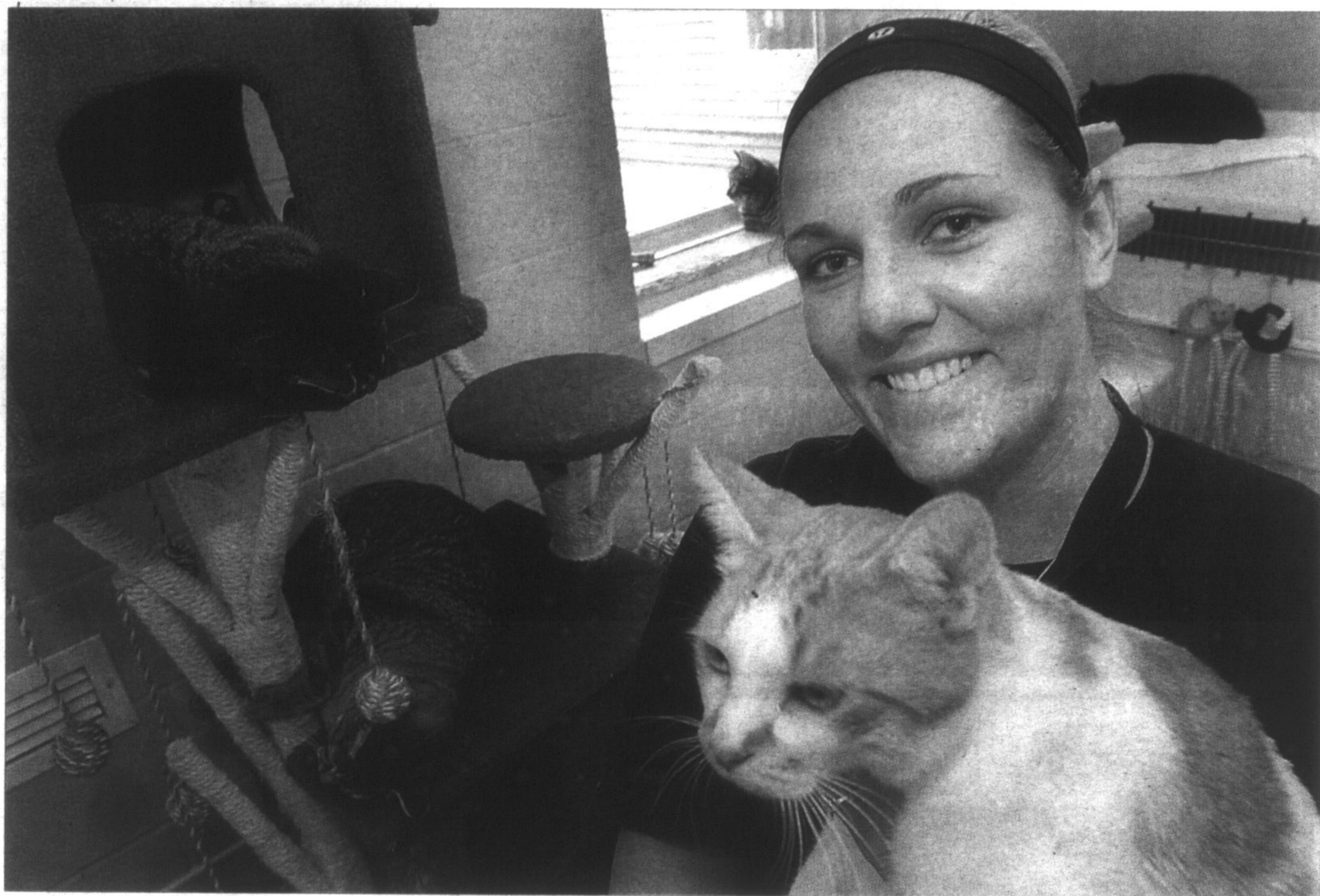
The session begins at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at Main Street and Sandiford Drive. A presentation will be followed by an open discussion.

Council has budgeted \$400,000 for construction in the square. Politicians are expected to review options for the space this summer and make a decision in September. Work could start this fall.

The square sits in front of 19 on the Park, the municipal arts centre that opens next spring. Property on the east and south sides of the building are part of the square redevelopment.

"It's a little bit tired and in need of some tender loving care," said Andrew McNeely, the town's deputy director and manager of planning. "What better time to do it than in conjunction with 19

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Stephanie Schuhmann shows off some of the 300 cats available at the OSPCA shelter in Whitchurch-Stouffville Thursday. The charitable shelter is offering discounts on cat adoptions during the weekends of June 14 and 21.

300 FELINES UP FOR ADOPTION AT WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE OSPCA BRANCH

## 'Cat crisis' at animal shelters

BY JIM MASON  
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Bob Barker would be ticked, people.

The former fixture of daytime TV signed off from the The Price Is Right for more than 20 years with: "Help control the pet population. Have your pets spayed or neutered."

The price was not right, appar-

ently, because Ontario, including York Region, did not get the message.

Animal shelters across the province are packed with pets, especially cats, this spring.

"It's at a crisis level," said Kristin Williams, spokesperson for the OSPCA, whose provincial office is steps from the society's York Region shelter on Woodbine

Avenue near Vivian Road in rural Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"People know about spaying and neutering, but it's not translating."

About 300 felines are up for adoption at the local shelter, and it's a similar story at facilities across Ontario.

The message from the OSPCA is two-pronged:

- There are several cats (and

many small dogs, too) ready for adoption.

• If you have a pet, remember Mr. Barker's words and get it fixed.

"Pet overpopulation contributes to the cycle of neglect and abuse," Ms Williams said. "Even finding loving homes for puppies and kittens is challenging, because there are

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