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## New centre's cost jumps \$1 million

Town turns to Ottawa, Queen's Park for funds

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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Visitor/Community Centre is going to cost \$1 million more than originally planned, and the municipality is counting on federal and provincial grants to cover a majority of its cost.

Whitchurch-Stouffville recently submitted an application worth \$2.17 million to the Building Canada Fund communities component, for the museum's 10,000-sq.-ft. expansion.

"We're relying heavily on the application," Mayor Wayne Emmerson noted. "But if we don't get the money, it will delay the project and we'll have to regroup and find another fund."

When the project was initiated in 2006, its cost was estimated to be \$2,191,500. However, following a feasibility study and business plan to confirm the design concept, the cost had to be revised and it is now projected to be \$3,256,555.

The Building Canada Fund was created earlier this year to assist municipal capital investment projects in towns with a population of less than 100,000. More than \$700 million will be made available over the next seven years.

The first intake for applications was Nov. 21 and has \$200 million available - \$100 million split equally between the provincial and federal governments. Whitchurch-Stouffville applied for this first intake. No notification date to municipalities is

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## RIDING MAP RIPE FOR CHANGE: MP

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With the federal government giving Ontario 21 additional seats in the House of Commons, it stands to reason several ridings, including those in York Region, could be reconfigured, Conservatives and

Liberals agree.

Last week's announcement of a redistribution plan to reflect growing populations in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, will undoubtedly change our boundaries, particularly Oak Ridges-Markham, MP Paul Calandra said.

"I'd be shocked if it wasn't," said

the Conservative, who narrowly defeated Liberal Lui Temelkovski earlier this year. "I would certainly advocate to have the riding looked at."

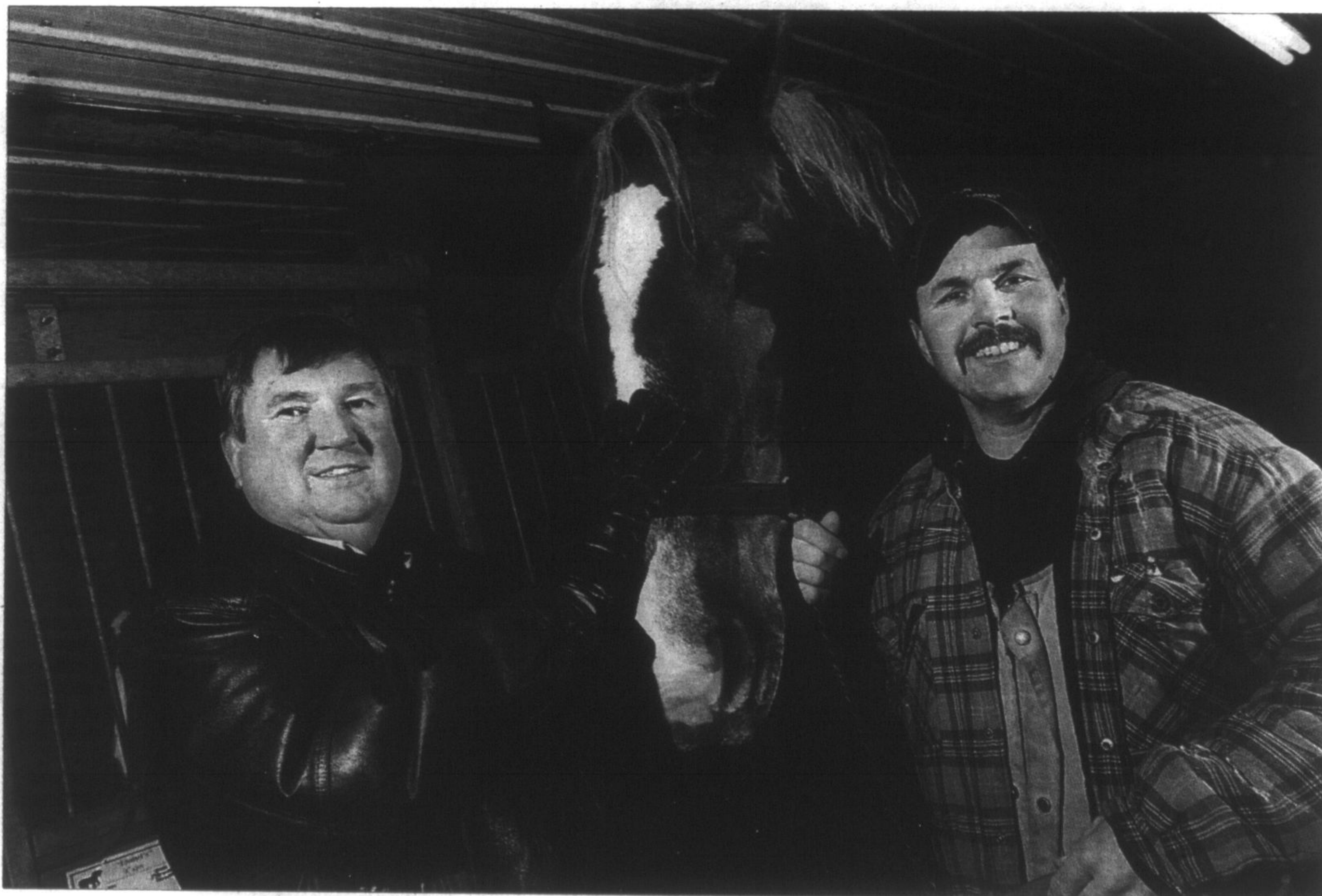
The riding, carved from four York Region ridings in 2003, has a population of more than 170,000. Ideally, the new redistribution calls

for one member of Parliament for every 105,000 people.

"Oak Ridges-Markham has more people than Prince Edward Island," Mr. Calandra said. "It's the largest riding by population in Canada. I

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## HORSING AROUND FOR NEW YEAR'S



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Mayor Wayne Emmerson, left, with Blair Purcell and Bob the Belgian at Lionel's Pony Farm, get set for the 14th annual Mayor's New Year Celebration at Memorial Park Dec 31. Horse-drawn wagon rides will once again be part of the celebrations, weather permitting. See page 8.

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