

Slow down out there, road warriors

Emergency responders were kept busy Wednesday morning as the first heavy snowfall of 2009 slowed traffic in York Region to a snail's pace.

York Regional Police were called to more than two dozen crashes throughout the region, Const. Marina Orlovski said.

By 10:35 a.m., 32 traffic incidents, on highways that run through York Region, were reported to Ontario Provincial Police. However, no serious injuries were reported.

Most of the incidents, which took place in communities including Vaughan, Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Georgina, involved vehicles sliding into ditches and two-vehicle collisions with minor damage.

"Motorists must adapt their driving behaviour, slow down and drive according to the road and weather conditions," OPP Chief Supt. Bill Grodzinski, the commander of the Highway Safety Division, said in a statement.

Speed and aggressive driving are the two major causes of crashes during the winter, according to the OPP.

Police offered the following tips:

- Slow down and drive to the weather and road conditions;
- Leave a greater space between you and the vehicle in front of you;
- Clear all the snow from your vehicle;
- Avoid unnecessary lane changes; and,
- Make sure your vehicle is in proper working condition including lights and wipers.

— Joe Fantauzzi



**WATER AND WASTEWATER
MASTER PLAN UPDATE
3rd Round of Public Consultation Centres**

As part of our Water and Wastewater Master Plan update study, The Regional Municipality of York will be hosting a third round of Public Consultation Centres (PCCs) to ask members of the public for their input.

The upcoming PCCs will give attendees an opportunity to review information received to-date, including our problem statements, servicing alternatives and recommended servicing solutions.

Those interested in providing input and commenting on the master plan updates may attend one of the following sessions:

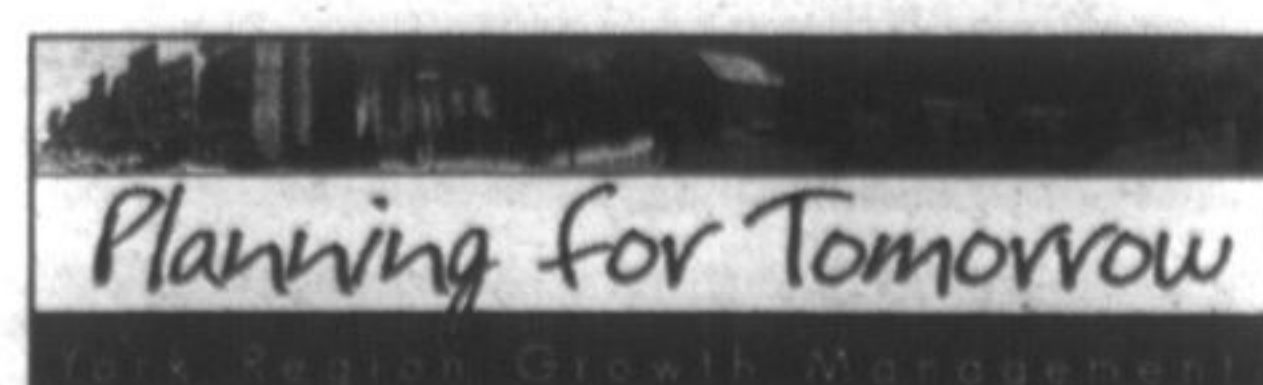
Dates & Locations	Agenda
Thursday, January 15, 2009 The Regional Municipality of York Great Hall 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket	
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 Town of Richmond Hill South Services Centre 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill	6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Open House 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Presentation 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Facilitated Discussion
Wednesday, January 21, 2009 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Latham Hall in the Park 8 Park Drive, Stouffville	
Wednesday, February 4, 2009 Town of Aurora Council Chamber 1 Municipal Drive, Aurora	

As part of the process, York Region will also be consulting with local municipalities, conservation authorities and other stakeholders. Except for personal information, all received comments will be on public record.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above-mentioned study, or if you wish to be added to our mailing list, please contact:

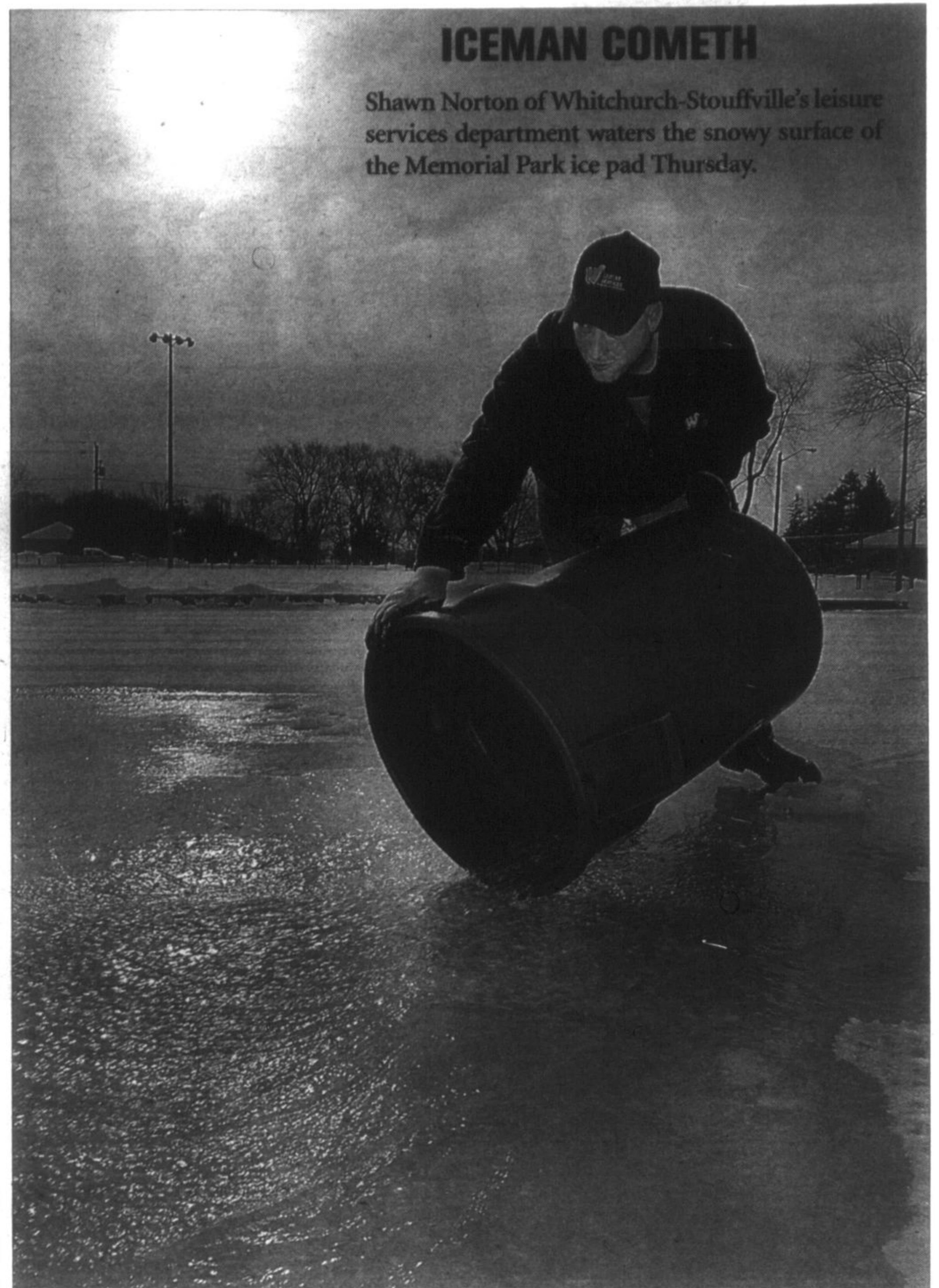
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Information about the master plan update is available at www.york.ca



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Shawn Norton of Whitchurch-Stouffville's leisure services department waters the snowy surface of the Memorial Park ice pad Thursday.



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During the month of January, the York Catholic District School Board welcomes registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for the fall of 2009. We look forward to registering your child at your local Catholic school or at our Admissions Office, Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West in Aurora. To register, please bring along the following original documents:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- Proof of Age
- Proof of Legal Immigration Status in Canada
- Proof of Residency
- Proof of English Separate School Support, ie. property tax bill or completed and signed school support forms, which are included in the registration package



JK students must be four years old by December 31, 2009 (born in 2005). SK students must be five years old by December 31, 2009 (born in 2004).

For dates and times, please call your local school or the Admissions Office hotline at 905-713-1211, or 416-221-5051, ext. 7450.

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