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## Town staff bursting at seams

Mayor wants old SDSS for new civic centre

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Lease, purchase or build.

Those are the options

Those are the options the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is evaluating to accommodate its ever-increasing number of employees.

Right now, Whitchurch-Stouffville's administrative hub is on the fourth floor of 37 Sandiford Dr. However, space is so tight some of the staff have to be relocated.

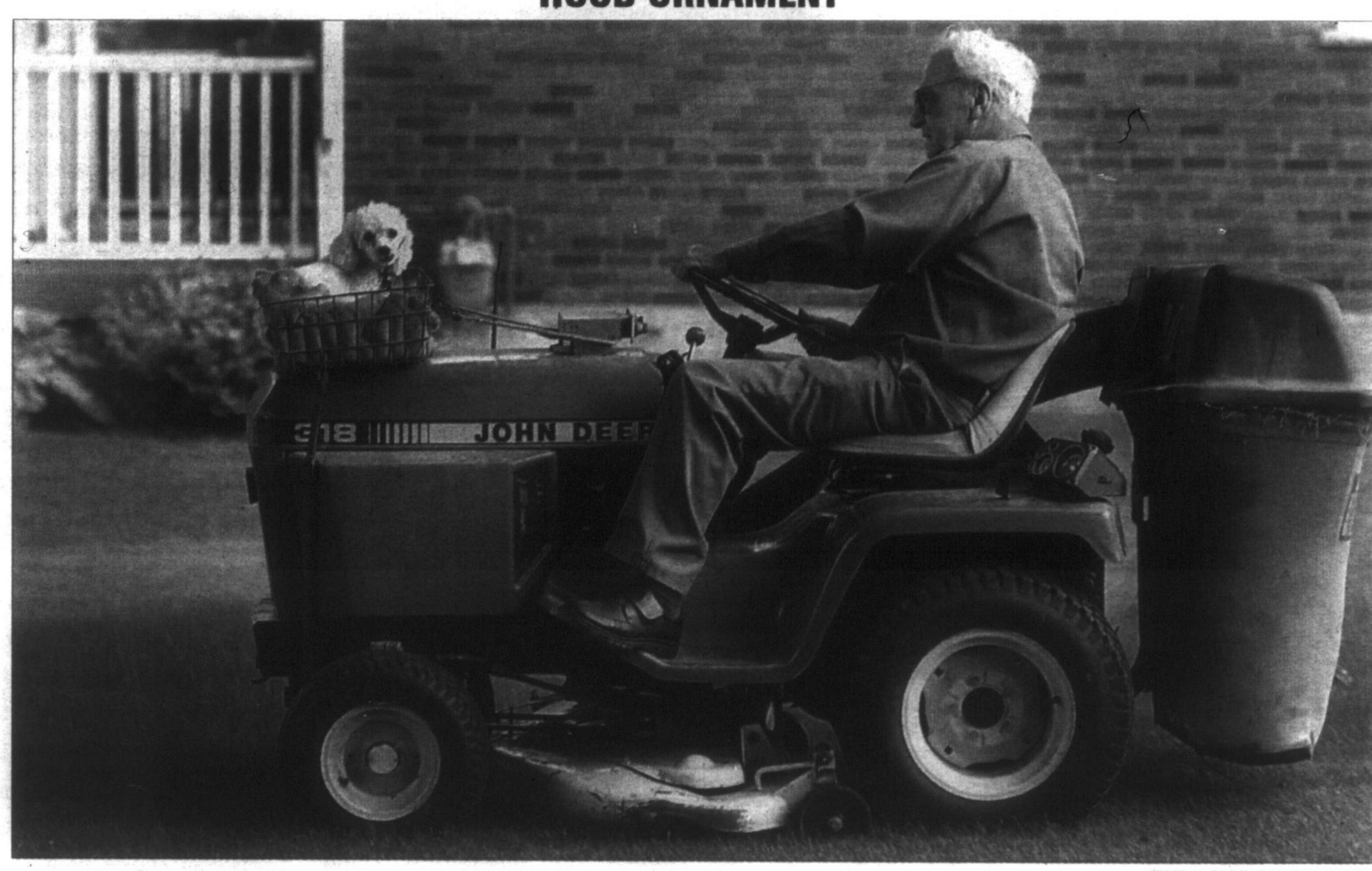
"For the next year or two, we're OK with the space we've got by relocating people to spots we have around town," said Dave Cash, Whitchurch-Stouffville's CAO. He said having staff scattered around town is not ideal, but necessary. "We're going to maximize the use of these facilities, which takes the pressure off town hall."

By 2013, the town's administrative staff is expected to hit 97 people, according to the recent accommodation needs assessment study done by Ware Malcomb. There are 79 administrative people working out of the Sandiford Drive location.

By 2021, when the municipality is at its full build-out of 53,000 residents, the number of administrative staff required is anticipated to be 124, according

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## **HOOD ORNAMENT**



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Harry Payne mows his lawn on Tenth Line in Stouffville under the supervision of his dog, Snow.

BIG MONEY NEEDED FROM GOVERNMENTS: WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE COUNCILLOR

## Life in slow lane on rural Internet: Study

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Vivian Road and Cherry Street, both north of Ballantrae, are the most under-serviced areas in Whitchurch-Stouffville and King Township, according to the WS King Connects Broadband Study.

It also appears that Whitchurch-Stouffville has the dubious honour of having the worse Internet service out of the two municipalities, as 209 of the 269 respondents to the public consultation were from here.

"Maybe people in Stouffville are

more vocal about it or the service is just that much worse," said Rebecca Mustard, economic development officer for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Following a public consultation process, which took place this past May, a meeting between the two municipalities, residents and a number of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) took place.

The ISPs acknowledged the two municipalities are under-serviced and attributed it to the high cost of

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