

Contractors fined \$125,000 for injuries at Harry Bowes

Two Concord construction companies were fined \$125,000 Thursday after a worker was injured on the job in Stouffville.

Bondfield Construction Company Limited and BMC Masonry were fined on Thursday \$75,000 and \$50,000 respectively for violations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

On Nov. 29, 2007, an electrician subcontracted by BMC received chest and pelvis injuries after being pinned under a wall that collapsed during the construction of Harry Bowes Public School.

The electrician was walking next to the concrete block wall when a strong wind suddenly blew it over.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that a BMC employee had removed the wall's temporary bracing earlier that day.

Constructor Bondfield Construction Company Limited and employer BMC Masonry pleaded guilty to failing to ensure that the wall was designed and constructed to resist the wind and adequately braced to prevent it from collapsing.

The fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace Tina Rotondi-Molinari in Newmarket.

The court also imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge. Required by the Provincial Offences Act, the surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

Student eyes politics

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"I have observed that both drivers and pedestrians tend to treat this as a four-way stop. Consequently, drivers who stop on the north and south approaches tend to expect that drivers approaching from the east or west will also be stopping," he wrote to Mr. Bartley. "I have witnessed this (which) results in drivers prematurely pulling out and colliding with the east or westbound cars. I have also witnessed vehicles approaching from the east or west stop, even though there is no stop sign, either because they believe it is a four-way stop or are concerned about north and south vehicles."

After receiving the letter, Mr. Bartley called the high schooler to discuss his request.

"I was really surprised it was a young voice on the other end (of the phone) and how professional he handled himself," Mr. Bartley said. "I was just impressed with the way this 16-year-old boy was concerned about his neighbours and how he conducted himself from start to finish."

Mr. Bartley suggested John get a petition going with as many signatures as possible from the Park Drive/Manitoba Street area he lives in.

Mr. Pehar got 29 signatures.

"Everyone said yes this is smart, good. This is the right thing to do," John said.

The petition was handed over to Mr. Bartley who then brought the issue before council on May 4. A bylaw was subsequently created and passed on May 14 and the stop signs went up about five days later.

"The political process can be made to work if we are prepared to roll up our sleeves and do some work and not just sit back and complain," John said.

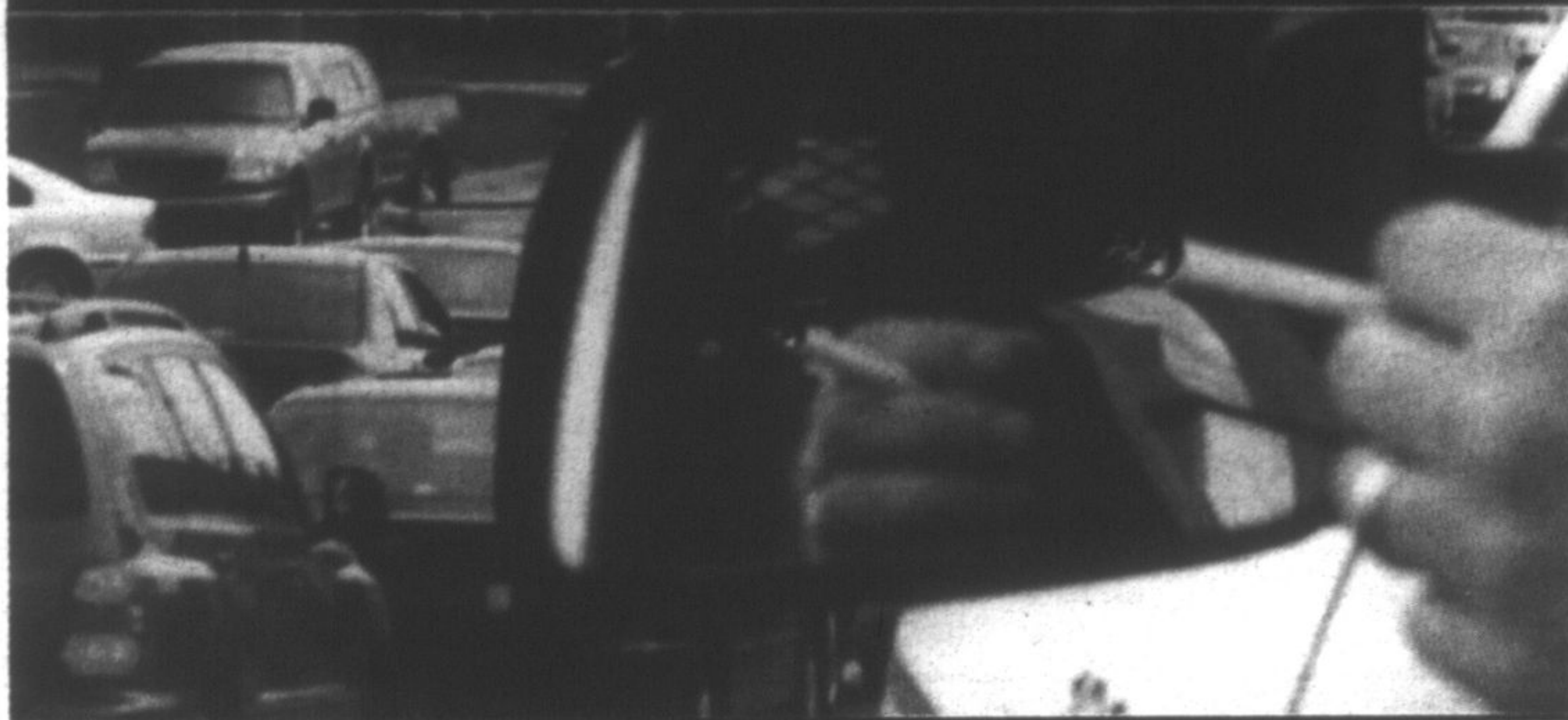
How about a career in politics?

"It's definitely possible," he said. "I could be involved municipally, provincially and federally."

He is a member of Ontario Youth Parliament, a Christian group that brings together young people from across the province "to build friendships, debate current issues and explore their spirituality".

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CHANGES TO OUTPATIENT LABORATORY SERVICES

As the communities of Markham, Stouffville and Uxbridge continue to grow, so too does the need for laboratory services such as blood tests.

In an effort to keep pace with this growing demand, as of June 1, 2010, Markham Stouffville Hospital's outpatient laboratories at both the Markham and Uxbridge sites will only provide services to patients actively receiving treatment from the hospital.

Hospitals are funded globally to support inpatient activities and activities related to hospital clinics and Emergency Departments. Community laboratories are funded to accept all other referrals. Community laboratories are funded by OHIP and provide excellent service to their patients.

This change is in keeping with the practice of other Ontario hospitals and will allow us to manage hospital wait times and better serve our inpatients and clinic patients.

We are asking community members with requisitions from their physician's offices or other health-care institutions to visit one of our community's lab service providers. With the exception of tests not covered by OHIP, you will not incur additional costs for testing at these labs.

If you have any questions about this change, please email us at myhospital@msh.on.ca

The hospital will continue to provide laboratory services to the following groups:

MARKHAM SITE

- **Clinics** (Surgical Assessment, Diabetes, Chemotherapy, Outpatient Mental Health, Day Hospital Geriatric)
- **Hospitalist consults** (Emergency Department follow-up)
- **Paediatric patients** (newborns delivered at Markham Stouffville Hospital and children up to age 3)
- **Pre-natal patients**
- **Inpatients**

UXBRIDGE SITE

- **Clinics** (Diabetes, Paediatric, Endoscopy, Urology, General Surgery)
- **Emergency Department patients**
- **Inpatients**



Community Laboratory Service Providers

MARKHAM and WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

LifeLabs

377 Church Street, Suite G05
416-675-3637

Gamma Dynacare Labs

110 Copper Creek Drive
905-294-3519

LifeLabs

5293 Highway 7, Suite 203
416-675-3637

CML Labs

6633 Highway 7, Suite 1
905-471-6596

Gamma Dynacare Labs

10 Unionville Gate Road,
Suite 203 & 302
905-305-7650

CML Labs

34 Civic Avenue, 3rd Floor
905-640-2242

UXBRIDGE

CML Labs

29 Toronto Street N., Suite 105
905-852-3959