

Mantle dig, artifacts discussed

Ever wondered about the history that lies beneath York Region?

Archaeologist Dr. Ron Williamson will give a free lecture on the history of York Region's First Nations neighbours in Stouffville Thursday.

That includes the 16th century Mantle community that was inhabited by 2,000 people. It's located near the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, which is hosting the event at Lebovic Center for Arts & Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park at 7 p.m.

A slide-illustrated lecture will be augmented by one-of-a-kind artifacts found in the region.

Dr. Williamson is a chief archaeologist at the firm Archaeological Services Inc. He has an MA and PhD in anthropology and the title as a professor in the Anthropology Department at the University of Toronto.

For more information, call 905-642-READ.

- Stephanie West



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A York Regional Police officer assists homeowners get access to their homes on McCowan Road as the police reconstruction team investigates at the site of a fatal crash on McCowan Road between Elgin Mills Drive and Nineteenth Avenue Thursday.

Toronto teen dies, Stouffville drivers hurt in McCowan crash

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A Toronto teenager died in a north Markham crash that injured two Stouffville women Thursday morning as icy conditions turned roads into skating rinks.

The crash, at about 7:30 a.m. on McCowan Road north of Elgin Mills Road, involved three vehicles, Const. Rebecca Boyd said.

Crash investigators continue to probe the incident, but believe the woman, 19, was headed north on McCowan in a Honda Civic when her vehicle collided with another and then a third was struck, Const. Boyd said.

Two drivers, both Stouffville women aged 59 and 47, were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. Names were not released.

The teenager was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

The crash site was near the Markham Fairgrounds, just south of the Whitchurch-Stouffville/Markham border.

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Some highways in York Region didn't fare well during the morning rush either.

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Ontario Provincial Police closed east-bound Hwy. 407 at Woodbine Avenue due to extremely icy conditions that led to several single-vehicle collisions at about 7:50 a.m. All lanes were re-opened by 10 a.m.

A woman in her 50s was also reportedly killed in a crash in Pickering at about 8 a.m.

If you have information about the fatal Markham crash, call police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave a tip at 1800222tips.com or text TIPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637).

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