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## Longtime livestock market investigated

Mayor finds nothing afoul during visit

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The Stouffville Country Market's livestock market is being investigated by the OSPCA.

"We have received some complaints regarding the standards of care for some of the animal(s) and we are following up accordingly."

"As these cases are ongoing, we cannot speak to the details at this time," wrote Alison Cross, senior manager, marketing and communications for the OSPCA in an e-mail to The Sun-Tribune.

The impetus to launch the investigation may have come from an online petition started by Uxbridge resident Heather Clemenceau.

Ms Clemenceau first heard about the livestock market a couple of weeks ago and visited it for the first time Nov. 17. The same day, she launched her petition, called Minister Ted McMeekin and Mayor Wayne Emmerson: Shut Down the Cruel Stouffville Livestock Market.

Ms Clemenceau's online profile describes her as a critical thinker and vegetarian.

In the petition, Ms Clemenceau described the Tenth Line

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## TEA TIME



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The Ruby Red Hat Ramblers Joanne Norton (from left), Gertrud Sheresky, Lynda Usher and Connie McKenzie-Morgan enjoy a Victorian tea at the Whitchurch Stouffville Museum last Friday.

## York teachers signal strike warning

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Elementary teachers in York Region began ramping up their work-to-rule action in local schools today, with plans to join the rest of the province in full strike action in December.

The walk-out, announced by Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) yesterday afternoon, is the third stage in escalating teacher action in protest

against Bill 115, the Putting Students First Act, legislation imposing wage freezes, ending banking of sick days and stopping the right to strike.

York's local union president David Clegg said "phase two" starts in the region's 170 schools today.

His members will refuse to attend any meetings inside or outside of the school day (excluding IPRCs — a special education meeting), arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before the start of class

and leave no later than 30 minutes afterwards (this action had been previously confined to Monday and Tuesday), and beginning Dec. 10, they will not take part in any field trips, class excursions or extra-curricular activities.

"Teachers will be teaching and that's pretty much all it's going to be."

At some point in December, teachers across the province will stage walk-outs, giving parents 72 hours notice.

"It is unfortunate that we have been placed in the position of having to strike by Education Minister Laurel Broten, but we will provide parents with ample notice to ensure the safety of students," said ETFO President Sam Hammond.

Operations in each elementary public school across the province will be affected. Mr. Clegg said it has not yet been determined when York will experience the strike.

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