

Mayor wants street re-opened

Mayor Wayne Emmerson wants the York Region District School Board to donate a portion of Bramble Crescent to the municipality so it can re-open the north-south road between Millard and Main streets.

"It is stopping us from advancing that area," Councillor Susanne Hilton told town council last week.

Council passed a motion in which a letter will be sent to the school board requesting the road to be given to the municipality.

The street was known as Edward between Main, at Pizza Pizza, and Millard before being closed with a gate several years ago.

Owners of now-closed businesses on Edward had lobbied council to re-open the street.

The school board still owns the former Stouffville District Secondary School site. They are keeping it in case it is needed for another school.

-Sandra Bolan

PM puts mission on world stage

Richard McGowan took a Stouffville mission's story to the world.

The executive director of Emmanuel International Canada was invited by Prime Minister Steven Harper to attend the Maternal Health Summit in Toronto.

The Saving Every Woman, Every Child: Within Arm's Reach summit was a three-day international conference, which focused on helping to improve health care for women and children in developing nations.

"I was very pleased with the conference and the opportunity for NGOs to work together in changing our world," McGowan said. "In fact, we are stronger together. I met

the PM from Tanzania and had the chance to present the work we are doing with clean water and micro enterprise projects."

According to the World Health Organization, almost 800 women needlessly die each day from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth and almost three million newborns die each year after birth.

"EIC is making a difference with the work we do," McGowan said. "Providing children with clean water prevents diseases and saves lives."

In Malawi, EIC is undertaking a major water project to provide 92 new wells and 3,576 sanitation facilities to villages.

The summit brought together academics, business leaders, maternal health experts and NGO workers.

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