

# Stouffville Free Press

Whitchurch-Stouffville's Independent Community Owned Newspaper

Editorial ...  
... Kate Gilderdale  
Advertising Sales ...  
... Bruce Stapley  
Graphics Dept. ...  
... Travis Merrick

Published each month in Whitchurch-Stouffville by the  
Stouffville Free Press Inc. with a press run of 11,400  
P.O., Box 125, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7Z4 • Phone: 905-640-FREE (3733)  
Editorial email: withwrinkles@hotmail.com • Advertising sales: bstapley@sympatico.ca  
Graphics department: travis.merrick@sympatico.ca

EDITORIAL POLICY: Opinions expressed by columnists, contributors and in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of the Stouffville Free Press. Letters must be signed and the telephone number (which will not be published) included. Requests that a name be withheld will be honoured only if there is a compelling reason to do so. Errors will be corrected if brought to the attention of the Stouffville Free Press. The Stouffville Free Press reserves the right to edit or refuse to publish any unsolicited material. ADVERTISING POLICY: The Stouffville Free Press reserves the right to refuse any advertisement. The Stouffville Free Press is not liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of the advertisement nor are they liable for other errors and omissions to advertisements in subsequent issues, or any refunds of monies paid for the advertisement. All claims of error must be made by Wednesday at noon of the week following publication.

## Making your voice heard

Apathy is the new black.

Consider the recent provincial election, which netted a record low turnout of 52 per cent of eligible voters. Let's hope the same attitudes don't prevail when it comes to an invitation for residents to review and comment on Ninth Line reconstruction in the wake of revised growth projections in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

In August 1999, York Region completed an environmental assessment study based on a projected population increase of 3,500 in new homes adjacent to the Ninth Line corridor in Stouffville by 2021. At the time, the study concluded that the road should be expanded to four lanes south of Major Mackenzie Drive, narrowing to two lanes north to Stouffville, and that east-west road 'jogs' should be eliminated at Ninth and Elgin Mills.

Revised projections indicate that the population increase along Stouffville's Ninth Line corridor will be approximately 11,000, or three times the original estimate, by 2021. According to the current review, the "2-lane roadway capacity of 12,000 vehicles will be far exceeded by the future traffic demand of 21,000 vehicles by 2021 and will increase to approximately 230 per cent of the roadway capacity by 2031."

The region is currently reviewing the 1999 study and now recommends extending the four-lane widening to Main Street and removing an additional jog at 19th Ave. and Ninth. In view of the proposed changes, residents living within 500 metres of the corridor have been invited to submit their comments on the amendments to the original assessment.

While the revised assessment is focused directly on Ninth Line improvements, it does give residents an opportunity to suggest other adjustments to the management of traffic flow in and around the community. Millard Street and Hoover Park Drive (when it is completed) have been touted as through-traffic alternatives to Main Street, but they are not genuine bypasses; they are residential streets filled with families who would likely prefer not to live on a busy highway. At some stage, a proper east-west corridor will be essential.

Another major bugbear is the lack of traffic signals on Main St. between Ninth Line and Market Street. With almost 1,000 people using GO Transit on a daily basis, a crosswalk in the vicinity of the station should be given serious consideration.

A public meeting was to be held Oct. 30 at Latcham Hall and continuing public involvement in the process is encouraged. To find out more about the proposed changes to the Ninth Line corridor visit [york.ca](http://york.ca) or call 1-877-464-9675.

## NOT NECESSARILY the news

Instead of being arrested, as we stated, for kicking his wife down a flight of stairs and hurling a lighted kerosene lamp after her, the Rev. James P. Wellman died unmarried four years ago.

Anon. (from an American newspaper)

When I say 'Start' let's have five seconds of silence. That gives something for the news media to quote with absolute accuracy.

Bobby Knight, Indiana basketball coach

People everywhere confuse/What they read in newspapers with news.

A.J. Liebling, New Yorker

No self-respecting fish would be wrapped in a Murdoch newspaper.

Mike Royko, Chicago Tribune

Newspapers are unable to discriminate between a bicycle accident and the collapse of civilization.

George Bernard Shaw

An editor is one who separates the wheat from the chaff and prints the chaff.

Adlai Stevenson

Journalism largely consists in saying 'Lord Jones Dead' to people who never knew Lord Jones was alive.

G.K. Chesterton

FREE THOUGHTS



## Readers Write

### Terry's total tops \$85,000

To the Editor:

Our wonderful community is indeed making a difference in cancer research. This year's Terry Fox Run contributed over \$85,000 to cancer research. Over 100 volunteers made the community event very efficient and fun and our local schools that participated raised funds and helped spread Terry Fox's message of hope.

Terry Fox asked in 1981, prior to his death, that not just one person continue his Marathon of Hope: He asked all Canadians to do their part. Thank you Stouffville for following his courageous lead.

Sandy Schell Kennedy and the Terry Fox Team

## Remembering friends

To the Editor:

In response to Doris Robertson's letter about cancer in your September issue: Doris is a long time close friend of mine and we both grew up in very large Mennonite families. Doris is from western Canada and I am from the east -- Pennsylvania. I have admired her courage during her battles with different cancers.

Last February, the week of my buddy's 59th birthday, Lois Burkholder went to be with her lord after bravely facing three different cancers. I have had many dear friends and family members who have dealt with cancer.

I pray that we will embrace the knowledge we already have for cancer prevention.

Hazel G. Grove • Stouffville

If one morning I walked on top of the water across the Potomac River, the headline that afternoon would read, "President Can't Swim." Lyndon B. Johnson

The secret of successful journalism is to make your readers so angry they will write half your paper for you.

C.E.M. Joad

Everything you read in newspapers is absolutely true, except for that rare story of which you happen to have first-hand knowledge. Erwin Knoll

Freedom of the press in Britain is freedom to print such of the proprietor's prejudices as the advertisers won't object to.

Helen Swaffer

People may expect too much of journalism. Not only do they expect it to be entertaining, they expect it to be true.

Lewis H. Lapham

The challenge for the newspaper business is not to stay in business; it's to stay in journalism.

Harold Evans

Now, it may be that Jon Stewart isn't making anyone smarter; perhaps America's most informed citizens simply prefer comedy over the stentorian drivel the network anchormannequins dispense.

Greg Beato, Reason Magazine