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End the year with a twist in Pickering

PICKERING — The City of Pickering is offering free family fun on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The New Year's Eve Family Countdown will offer swimming and skating, face painting, entertainment and crafts. It's on Monday, Dec. 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pickering Recreation Complex at 1867 Valley Farm Rd. Call 905-683-6582 for more information.

On New Year's Day, Mayor Dave Ryan and members of council will host the Mayor's New Year's Day Levee. A Balloon Twistology show, featuring black lights, high-energy music and twisted balloon antics will take place in council chambers. It will take place at City Hall, One The Esplanade. For more information call 905-420-4660 ext. 2064.



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A Durham Regional police officer stops a motorist at a RIDE checkpoint in Pickering.

On the front line in the battle against drinking and driving

RIDE effort sees increase in charges

By Jeff Mitchell
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DURHAM — A pale moon is cutting an arc across the western night sky over Taunton Road in Pickering as a line of headlights forms, slowing for the cops who wave red-tipped flashlights.

Any of these vehicles could be a lethal weapon, controlled by a driver who's had too much to

drink.

It is the job of these officers to find them and stop them before someone gets hurt.

It's Festive RIDE, the 2007 edition, and the officers under the command of Detective Constable David Ashfield take their task extremely seriously.

And so far, it shows: In four weeks of RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) so far, they've arrested 67 people on drinking and driving charges including impaired driving and driving while exceeding the legal blood-alcohol

limit.

Hundreds of roadside breath tests have been demanded of motorists suspected of drinking and driving. In addition to the drunk driving charges, dozens of motorists have had their licences suspended for 12 hours after registering a warning during these screenings. The numbers are up significantly over 2006, despite the highly-publicized launch of this year's RIDE campaign and what is generally perceived as a shift in attitudes toward drinking and driving.

Det.-Const. Ashfield said that public campaigns and pleas for people not to drink and drive go only so far -- and that's why aggressive enforcement of the law is necessary.

"We know that the message still isn't getting out there and maybe this year we'll set the precedent where people realize: You know

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Police looking for witnesses after fatal accident

Car and truck collision kills Pickering woman

AJAX — Police are looking for witnesses of a collision that killed a 64-year-old Pickering woman when her Toyota Camry was struck by a dump truck on Thursday.

The woman was travelling east on Hwy. 2 in Ajax just before noon. She made a left turn to go north on Alexander's Crossing, the road that runs by the Slots at Ajax Downs, when her car was struck by a westbound dump truck.

Dave Selby, director of corporate communications for Durham Regional police, said the family has not consented to the release of the woman's name.

"At this point in time they're still contacting the family," he said.

The driver of the dump truck driver was not injured. The roads were closed for several hours on Thursday while police investigated. Weather and road conditions are not believed to be contributing factors.

"The investigation is continuing. We haven't ruled out the possibility of charges, but that doesn't mean there will be charges," said Mr. Selby.

"Anyone we haven't talked to who saw this, we really want to get in touch with them," said Mr. Selby.

Anyone with information regarding the collision or the activities of either involved parties prior to the collision is asked to call Det. Const. Bryson at 905-579-1520 ext. 5255 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Ajax resident charged after cops seize cash, cocaine

DURHAM — Durham Region Police confiscated more than \$80,000 in cash, along with cocaine and other street drugs in two separate drugs busts in Oshawa and Ajax on Tuesday.

Members of the force's Gang Enforcement Unit arrested two people in a vehicle at the intersection of Taunton and Ritson roads in Oshawa at approximately 9 p.m. as part of an ongoing investigation. A search warrant was then executed at an Oshawa residence with the assistance of the Tactical Support Unit. There, officers discovered 168 grams of crack cocaine, 30 grams of marijuana, 56 Oxycontin tablets and \$41,800 in

cash.

The estimated value of drugs and cash is \$60,000. Officers also seized a 2004 Mercedes Benz.

In a separate, unrelated incident Tuesday, investigators from the 19 Division (Ajax/Pickering) Community Response Unit and the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) executed a search warrant at a Falby Court address in Ajax. A total of \$20,000 in drugs was seized, including a large quantity of cocaine, marijuana and ecstasy tablets. Also seized was \$3,000 in cash.

Jason Welsh, 24, and Amanda Madarasz, 22, of Falconridge Drive, Oshawa, are charged with two

counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a controlled substance.

George Baker, 27, of Falby Court, Ajax, is charged with trafficking of a controlled substance, five counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking and two counts of unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon (brass knuckles).

Kristina Facchini, 18, of Flowers Crescent, Ajax, is charged with trafficking of a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking.

The four accused were held for bail hearings.

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Officers patrol the back streets looking for drunk drivers

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what? It doesn't pay to drink and drive," he said.

"And hopefully, we will start to see that (number of arrests) decline."

This night will provide little reason for optimism. At this location in Pickering officers will issue a number of 12-hour suspensions -- one to a young man who nearly speeds through the brightly-lit check point which includes several police cruisers and a large, bus-sized command centre parked in the middle of the road, then argues bitterly with an officer who tells him his car will be towed -- and arrest a woman who, hours earlier, had taken a breath test and failed when she claimed she was sober enough to take over the wheel from a friend ...who was driving

drunk. She was arrested when she drove a vehicle to get that same friend after he'd been processed for driving while exceeding the legal limit. She still had a strong odour of alcohol about her; her second failed breath test of the night led to a charge of driving while exceeding the legal blood-alcohol limit.

It is not strictly by coincidence that RIDE stats are up this year. Det.-Const Ashfield has studied data from previous incidents and RIDE campaigns and targeted areas with high instances of drunk driving charges.

He's also departed from tradition by cutting his officers loose from the RIDE line in the wee hours of the morning, sending them to patrol back streets where drivers who've had a few too many might be making their way home, hoping to avoid the cops.

"I'm using all the data I have," he said. "It's no different, really, than the drug unit doing their job; it's no different than the gang unit doing their job. We're just deploying our resources as best we can."

Det.-Const. Ashfield defends this aggressive approach. He said that taking the fight to the drunk drivers shines a light on the extent of the problem and, more importantly, gets the offenders off the road.

This strategy was successful on a recent night when the eight-member RIDE team moved from its first location in Bowmanville, back to Oshawa. It was 1:30 in the morning.

"At 1:30 in the morning there's very little traffic on the roads so at that point I parked the bus in front of (the provincial courthouse at) 850 King St. I sent half the team into Oshawa and half the team into Whitby and we had five arrests within 45 minutes."

The Festive RIDE campaign will continue throughout the holiday season.

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Harsh consequences for drunk driving. See more of the story online at newsdurhamregion.com



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Have a safe and peaceful Christmas

There are a multitude of things we can wish for this Christmas, but above all else it's our dearest hope that the hundreds of thousands of citizens in Durham Region have a safe and peaceful holiday.

For Christmas, above all else, is a time to cherish what is truly important in our lives. It's best, as they say, not to sweat the small stuff. However, we know that since it is Christmas people will worry about all manner of items: Did I get the right gift for my son or daughter or spouse? Is there enough food for everybody? And yet, it's really all about friends and family and appreciating what we have in this wealthy country. It's also about sparing a thought for those who have so little and who also live in our communities.

There have been many chances to give leading up to this special day and thousands of Durham residents have come through, replacing the cash stolen from a charity jar at a Whitby bar, donating by the tonne to food and toy drives or sending Christmas greetings to our troops in Afghanistan.

This last group clearly has a special place in our collective hearts. After all, many people from this community have come out in force whenever there has been a tragic repatriation of a dead Canadian soldier. We especially remember the family of Trooper Darryl Caswell of Bowmanville, who will surely be struggling as they spend their first Christmas without their beloved son. Friends, family and neighbours have been and will continue to be there for the Caswell family and we can only wish them as happy a holiday as possible.

We also can't forget the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in Afghanistan in defence of our freedoms. To them and to all who answer their country's call -- including emergency services personnel -- we wish them a safe, peaceful Christmas. And to all our readers, may you have a happy time with your families this Christmas season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jack and the Beanstalk rocked

To the editor:

Re: *Backwood Players production.*

On Sunday Dec. 9 I took my seven grandchildren to see the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' pantomime.

In the words of my six-year-old grandson, 'It was AWESOME!! Lots of fun - booing, cheering, a typical English panto. Well done - It will become a family tradition in our family if you have it again. Even my three grown-up kids and myself enjoyed it just as much (if not more) than the kids.

Thank you for a great afternoon.

**Helen Rogers
Pickering**

Be nice, clear your ice

To the editor:

I am hoping that you can post this letter to remind people of the importance of salting and shovelling the sidewalks around their home.

Yesterday my 5-year-old daughter slipped on ice on the sidewalk as she was walking home from the school bus stop. My daughter ended up with a cracked and loosened front tooth as well as a huge fat lip which we discovered after cleaning her face of all the blood. As you can imagine, we were relieved to find that the damage was minimal as it could have been much worse and at first glance, it did appear much worse.

Please, for the safety and well-being of everyone, especially children and elderly take responsibility for the snow and ice around your property.

**Anna Pedlar
Whitby**



Growing pains for local schools

The new year will bring headaches for many parents in the region as they wait to find out exactly where their children will go to school next fall.

Both the Durham public and Catholic school boards are facing accommodation issues, necessitating changes for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of students.

There are several factors at play. Schools in southern parts of the region are seeing declining enrolment as the population ages. That's nowhere more apparent than with Oshawa's Catholic elementary schools south of Taunton. If nothing is done, they'll be half empty in five years.

Meanwhile, new communities north of Taunton, in Ajax and Brooklin, especially, are exploding and the public board can't build new schools fast enough. A new high school in north Oshawa will open its doors in Sept. 2009 and an addition to Pickering High School is to be completed this fall.

Eventually, growth will hit north Pickering as well in the Seaton lands, requiring re-jigging of at least high school designations.

The ideal is to fill schools without overcrowding them. Under-utilized schools offer fewer programs, including sports. Students at overcrowded schools have less access to libraries, gyms and computer labs because of scheduling problems. The boards have little leeway. Elementary schools need to be located in the community they serve. Busing kids from north to south Oshawa, for example, is not an option.

But, along with change comes anger from many people who love their current school communities and are faced with moving their children.

It's important for parents to remember that neither school board is trying to mislead them or exaggerate numbers. One sentiment that often gets repeated at these meetings is that the boards are all about money. They are, but they're not about profit.



Reka Szekely
staff writer

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At the accommodation meetings, it's often said that children are adaptable. That's true, but it certainly helps if adults smooth the way.

Reka Szekely's column appears every third Sunday. E-mail rszekely@durhamregion.com.

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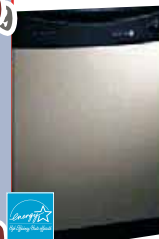
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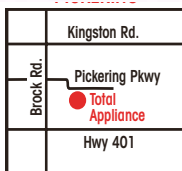
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Man goes to jail for dressing as cop to steal pot plants

Courts send a message in second chapter of grow op 'ripoff' case

By Mary Riley
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM — An Ontario Superior Court Justice sided with the Crown in sentencing a Port Perry man to prison for dressing as a police officer while ripping off a marijuana grow operation in 2003.

Gordon Churchill, 54, was sentenced in Whitby recently to 30 months in prison for his part in stealing marijuana plants from an \$18 million grow operation near Norland.

Mr. Churchill entered a guilty plea in June to charges of production of a controlled substance, unauthorized possession of a firearm and misconduct by a peace officer.

In addition to the jail term, Justice Bruce Glass also ordered a 10-year prohibition from owning firearms, and that any property seized in the case be forfeited to the Crown.

Mr. Churchill was among six men, including his two sons, that Kawartha Lakes OPP charged in 2003 in connection to the case.

Court heard that the men, who were dressed as police officers, arrived to steal plants from the grow-op, where unknown to them, police were already conducting an investigation. In July, Justice Glass sentenced three of the men. A fourth is scheduled for trial at a future date.

Shane Prince, 35, of Oshtawa, is also among those charged. He was also scheduled to be sentenced on Friday, but failed to appear in court.

Mr. Prince's lawyer told the judge his repeated attempts to contact his client by phone and letters had failed.

Justice Glass issued a warrant for Mr. Prince's arrest.

His lawyer also asked for, and was granted, permission to withdraw as counsel for the defendant.

Mr. Churchill's lawyer, Tom Balko told the court the men only had 31 plants when they were arrested, and that there was no evidence his client had any part in planning the theft. He maintained that Mr. Churchill's severe financial

difficulties at the time drove him to take part in the enterprise.

He asked the court for a conditional sentence of two years less a day with "very strict terms" to allow Mr. Churchill to continue working his job as an operations manager for a Peterborough trucking firm.

Barry Walsh, Mr. Churchill's employer, testified that he has leukemia and is facing a bone marrow transplant. He said Mr. Churchill is "an excellent employee" whom he wanted

to run the company while Mr. Walsh undergoes treatment.

Mr. Balko read aloud a letter from Mr. Churchill, in which his client blamed "severe debt stress," looming bankruptcy and poor judgment for his getting involved in the rip-off scheme.

In the letter, Mr. Churchill said he "needed another chance," saying the "humiliation and embarrassment" his actions caused "are worse than any jail term."

"I made irresponsible choices in desperate cir-

cumstances." Mr. Churchill said that in the time since Mr. Walsh hired him, he had taken several job-related courses to improve his skills, and had also obtained a helicopter pilot's licence.

While he conceded his client was dressed in a shirt with the word 'Police' on it, Mr. Balko insisted Mr. Churchill had no idea firearms would be involved until he arrived at the scene. (All of the defendants who have been sentenced in connection with this case to date have main-

tained that claim.) Mr. Balko said that while Mr. Churchill was convicted and jailed on similar charges in 2001, "he has drastically changed his circumstances and how he lives his life."

Calling Mr. Churchill a "danger to the public," Mr. Bagg told the Court that allowing Mr. Churchill to stay out of jail on a conditional sentence "sends a message to others considering the grow operation and drug business - you won't go to jail, you'll just be under house arrest."

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Questions about plastics still persist at Region

Durham says it needs markets before it can collect items

By Erin Hatfield
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DURHAM — The Region doesn't want the blue box to become a fancy garbage bag, and says that's why plastic collection is limited.

Plastic collected in the blue box is restricted to bottles, juice and drink cartons and tubs and lids for things like yogurt, margarine and ice cream. Not collected are toys, make-up jars, fruit and vegetable containers, take-out food containers, moulded bakery and plant trays. Toronto is phasing various materials, like plastic bags, Styrofoam and plastic wrap, into its blue box program. In response, Durham councillors are hearing from residents who want to know why Durham isn't doing the same.

"We are hearing more and more from our community that we are not doing enough."

MAYOR DAVE RYAN

"We are hearing more and more from our community that we are not doing enough," Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan said at a recent Regional Council meeting. "If the City of Toronto is (recycling Styrofoam and plastic wrap) then we are behind."

Cliff Curtis, commissioner of works, explained his staff actively pursues markets that would enable the Region to collect more plastic products. But without an end market purchaser, those additional products just end up in the garbage.

"We are not confident that we can get rid of (Styrofoam and plastic wrap) in Ontario," Mr. Curtis said in an interview. "So the alternative is to ship it to China and I am not keen on that. We have no control over what they do with it when they get it."

His staff will continue to look at it and is coming to council with a

full report in January.

"We are being quite cautious. We want to make sure it actually can be used to make another product," Mr. Curtis said. "We don't want it to end up in landfill because we want it to be true recycling."

This approach is best, according to Joanne St. Godard, the executive director of the Recycling Council of Ontario. She said the goal should be to increase diversion, and adding more materials to the blue box doesn't necessarily do that.

"We are having a problem with some municipalities who are saying to their residents, 'Let's put everything in the blue box and we will take it in and sort it,'" Ms. St. Godard said.

But, she explained much of that material simply gets sorted out and thrown into the trash. Until a secure sustainable market is found for a product, Ms. St. Godard said she renders it non-recyclable.

"From my perspective that is giving some misgivings to the

public," she said. "If they don't know what truly gets to market they can make some poor purchasing decisions."

She said if the goal is diversion, wise purchasing, reduction and reuse are stronger ways to divert garbage from landfill.

Katherine Ross-Perron, a waste technician at the Region, said it's fine to collect all manner of plastics, but you have to have buyers out there to purchase the material and right now there are not many for Styrofoam and plastic wrap.

"That is one thing the Region has always tried to ensure before we add material. We need reliable and secure end-use market," she said. "Otherwise we just end up landfilling it, which is no good. In Durham the blue box materials that are collected are recycled 100 per cent."

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Teen critically injured at wrestling tournament in Ajax

Father calls situation a 'Christmas nightmare'

By Melissa Mancini
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DURHAM — A local teenage boy's family is reeling from a "Christmas nightmare" after the 15-year-old high school wrestler suffered a catastrophic injury while competing in a meet in Ajax earlier this month.

The Central Collegiate student, Michael Box, was left with a snapped vertebrae and severed spinal cord. He has been in hospital at Sick Kids in Toronto receiving treatment and is expected to be there for months to come.

Details about what caused the injury are unclear but investigations are ongoing to determine exactly what happened.



Michael Box

Meanwhile, Michael is facing extremely serious health consequences said his father, Scott, who has been at his bedside since the accident.

"This has hit this child, who used to be a strong athlete, extremely hard," said Mr. Box. He said the situation has been a "Christmas nightmare" for his family and added his No. 1 concern now is Michael's health.

Michael's injuries are so severe Mr. Box said doctors have told him his son's life was saved only because of his athletic build. Mr. Box said Michael recently won gold at an Ontario taekwondo tournament.

Since being admitted to hospital the right side of the teen's diaphragm hasn't been working, he has a collapsed lung,

pneumonia and has had multiple heart failures. Mr. Box said the doctors are hoping to be able to operate soon once Michael is stabilized so they can fuse together



Michael Box is at the Hospital for Sick Children after he severed his spinal cord at a wrestling meet in Ajax.

two of his vertebrae. He said the doctors have told him that on a scale of one to 10, Michael's injuries are a 10.

Michael's mother, Loretta Hughes, has also been at his bedside though she is eight months pregnant and has been having labour pains because of the anxiety. She has been advised by her doctors to only make the trip to Toronto to visit her son every second day to avoid early labour.

But she says the experience has been heart-rending. "It eats at me not to be able to go every day," said Ms. Hughes.

Michael's hard fight is far from over. Mr. Box said doctors are predicting Michael will spend three more months at Sick Kids and will then be transferred to Bloorview Kids Rehab hospital in Toronto where he could spend two years. Michael's parents said the staff at Sick Kids have been amazing.

"I can't even begin to say enough about the staff," said Ms. Hughes. "They are the best in the world, they have been so good to us."

Ms. Hughes said Michael's friends have been visiting and that is keeping his spirits up during this very difficult time.

Mr. Box said support from the community has been overwhelming. The Tim Hortons outlet at King Street East and Drew Street has donated money to the family.

The Oshawa Holiday Inn has donated a room for Mr. Box to stay in while he is in Toronto.

Half of the proceeds from a fundraiser on Jan. 1 where Ajax residents will take a dip in Lake Ontario will go towards a wheelchair for Michael. And there has been a trust fund set up in Michael's name at the Bank of Montreal with the account number 39412-001-8116279.

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Organizing the brain isn't as impossible as it sounds. The brain is capable of great changes, including the ability to think about things in new ways such as how to process and store information. This is known as cognitive development, and the brain is always up to the challenge — it just takes some mental legwork, some practice, a little focus, and heaps of determination.

When the brain has strong organizational abilities, it can stay focused and on track, even during times of great distraction, like over the holidays.

Use a school agenda — even when not in school. By now, you've seen at least

one report card, and you've probably been to one teacher conference. Your child has completed more than a few assignments and logged some serious homework hours. Together, you've built good habits, established a routine, and have a focus and a plan of action. Just because the holiday season is here it does not mean that it's okay to abandon focus and plans. Yes, slacken the rules a little, it's the holidays after all, but don't ditch them entirely!

The holidays are perfect for relaxation and celebration, but not every hour of every day is a party. Studies show that children actually crave structure and routine. Over the holidays, use a holiday agenda to stay organized and focused, and to stay on top of any upcoming January assignments. Use the agenda during the holidays to underscore the idea that school doesn't end just because kids are on break. Create a seamless transition to back-to-school by staying organized and on-track through the holidays.

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Rick Johnson, Regional Councillor Ward 3 for the City of Pickering, has been raising funds for various charities since he was 11 years old. In 2002, Rick was honoured with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his work in helping to raise over 10 Million Dollars for Children's Charities.

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At about 9 p.m. Thursday, the man came into the store, located on Cubert Street. "The clerk runs to the

back room, locks himself in and turns out all the lights" in the store, said Durham Regional Police spokesman David Selby.
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Regional promotional packages pricey

By Erin Hatfield
ehatfield@durhamregion.com

DURHAM — They may have a hefty price tag at about \$100 each, but plugging Durham will attract businesses here, says the Region.

"To stand out against the competition we think an attractive package will put us ahead," said Liisa Ikavalko, a Durham Region senior economic development officer.

Each of the colourful, new promotional packages consists of seven elements and a number of photos boasting the benefits of Durham Region.

"A large part of the cost was towards design costs, and not just the creative design but the functionality of the pieces," Ms. Ikavalko said. "We split up sector profiles so we don't need to send out all seven pieces for each enquiry."

Five pieces target key attractors: agriculture, energy, tourism investment, industrial real-estate de-

velopment and advanced manufacturing. The other pieces are a sector profile, an overview of the community, and a statistical page.

According to Ms. Ikavalko, it has been designed for industrial promotion in the "purest economic development sense." The package will be given to investors and intermediaries and is not intended as a general handout.

Ms. Ikavalko said only 500 copies of the package were printed to be both environmentally conscious and cost effective.

"In order to keep material current we are very conscious about how we use our material, so rather than having storerooms of it we have a short run," Ms. Ikavalko said.

Pat Olive, Durham's commissioner of economic development and tourism, explained that the material was budgeted for in 2007 and is the first major re-vamping of materials.

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Ajax-Pickering MP a popular guy on Parliament Hill

PICKERING — The Hill Times has named Ajax-Pickering MP Mark Holland the favourite “up-and-comer politician” for the third straight year.

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The write-up quoted comments de-

scribing Mr. Holland as “feisty,” “unafraid” and “a great communicator.” One called him bright, articulate and “a constant thorn in the Conservatives’ sides.” Another said “he seems very passionate about his job as one of the official opposition’s chief bulldogs. Definitely going to be in cabinet some day.”

Mr. Holland is currently the Liberal opposition critic for Public Works and Procurement.



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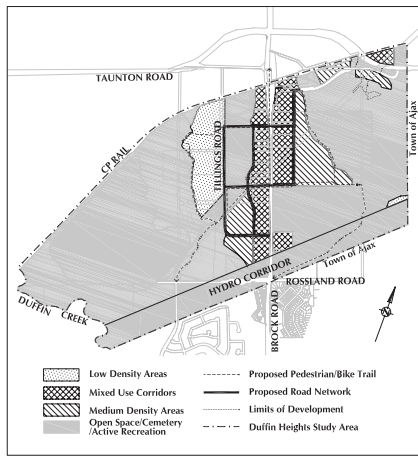
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Class Environmental Assessment and Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) Category 'B' Class Environmental Assessment

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION
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Study Location:



Duffin Heights is an Urban Neighbourhood identified in the City of Pickering Official Plan. Policies within the City of Pickering Official Plan require an Environmental Servicing Plan (ESP) prior to development occurring in the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood. Sernas Associates, on behalf of Mattamy Homes Limited, Coughlan Homes, and the Ontario Realty Corporation have conducted the Duffin Heights Environmental Servicing Plan (ESP).

The ESP addresses the following components needed for development to occur:

- Proposed road needs;
- Proposed road alignments;
- Natural Heritage System (NHS) crossings;
- Community Facility needs; and
- Development Limits.

The above plan depicts the preferred road locations and preferred land use and recommended development limits for the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood. In consultation with agencies and the public the recommendations of the ESP required the following Community Facilities to support the development of the Neighbourhood – 2 elementary schools, 4 Village Greens, 1 Neighbourhood Park and 4 stormwater management ponds.

Class Environmental Assessment (EA)

Components of the ESP requiring future approvals under the Environmental Assessment Act have been completed in accordance with Phases 1 and 2 of Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, June 2000, for Municipal Roads Projects.

Alternative roads and road alignments, Community Facility needs and Development limits have been evaluated based on the following:

- Engineering and Public Safety
- Social/Cultural Environment
- Natural Environment
- Economic Environment

The ESP has been prepared to document the study activities, conclusions and recommendations. The ESP is available for public review at the City of Pickering Planning and Development Department from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. For further information about the ESP please contact Lynn Collins at the telephone number and address listed below or by e-mail. We welcome you to review the ESP and provide us your comments by January 21, 2008. Subject to comments received by this date the City of Pickering may proceed with the necessary Official Plan Amendments and Tertiary Plan changes in order to implement the preferred transportation network and land use plan.

ORC Category 'B' Class Environmental Assessment (EA)

ORC has landholdings within the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood. These landholdings may be transferred or sold as development occurs within the Neighbourhood. ORC is required to carry out a Category 'B' Environmental Assessment prior to the sale or transfer of their lands. The Municipal Class EA is intended to address the requirements of Category 'B' of the Environmental Assessment for ORC for the disposition of their lands within the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood. This ORC undertaking is limited to lands for which no previous ORC EA has already been conducted.

Comments or Questions?

Should you have any comments or questions or require further information about the study of assessments, please contact:

Ms. Lynn Collins (Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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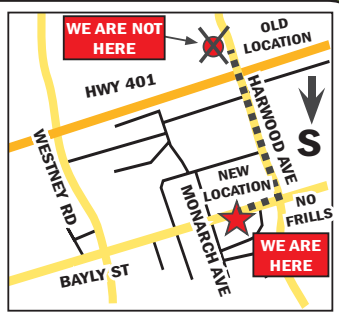
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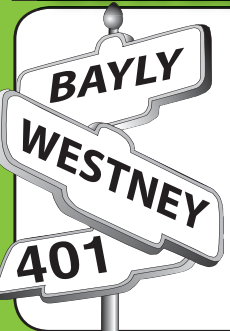


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Holiday season arrives early for local charities

DURHAM — The holiday season arrived early for nearly three dozen charitable and non-profit organizations last week as the Baagwating Community Association handed out more than \$100,000 in donations to the community.

In what has become somewhat of an annual holiday tradition, the Baagwating Community Association (BCA), in partnership with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation which owns the Great Blue Heron Charity Casino, doled out a hair more than \$100,000 to needy agencies across Scugog and beyond its borders.

"This is one of the fun days we have as a board," said Gary Edgar, referring to the work of the BCA, as he opened the Dec. 14 festivities at the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Health and Resource Centre.

Comprised of members of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the BCA was established in 1997 at the same time the charity casino opened.

"We've had a lot of success, thank goodness, with our business," said Mr. Edgar of the casino.

And, as a result, the BCA has been able to make good on its pledge to support both aboriginal needs as well as those

within the Township of Scugog, Durham Region and beyond.

"One of the oldest traditions of the Ojibway is caring and sharing and we continue to do that today," said Mr. Edgar. Prior to the start of the cheque presentations, Mr. Edgar gave a summary of the BCA's past donations, including last year's donation of \$400,000 to the Port Perry Hospital Foundation towards its "Lighting The Way!" campaign.

That donation, said Mr. Edgar, is "one of the top reasons why the campaign has now reached more than \$4 million -- we did it deliberately to let people know it was a good cause." The association has also contributed large donations to the new Durham Region Cancer Centre as well as funded a new science lab at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa.

Among the local agencies receiving financial support last week were the Scugog Island United Church (\$5,000), Town Hall 1873 (\$1,000), the Port Perry Scout Hall (\$2,500), Big Brothers-Big Sisters of North Durham (\$2,000), Prince Albert Public School (\$1,000), Good Shepherd Catholic School (\$1,000), WindReach Farm (\$10,000) and the Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter (\$2,000).



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A helping hand

PICKERING — Rio Warner, Alex Newell, Taylor Paterson, Jonas Anttila, Stephanie Maciel, EmMa Nixon, and Sumana Singh, a few members of the Highbush Public School Primary Choir, gather around the 'hat and mitten tree'. Highbush students and their families gathered over 20 large boxes of food items for their Holiday Hamper Food Drive. In addition, toys, mittens, scarves and hats were given to the Salvation Army for needy

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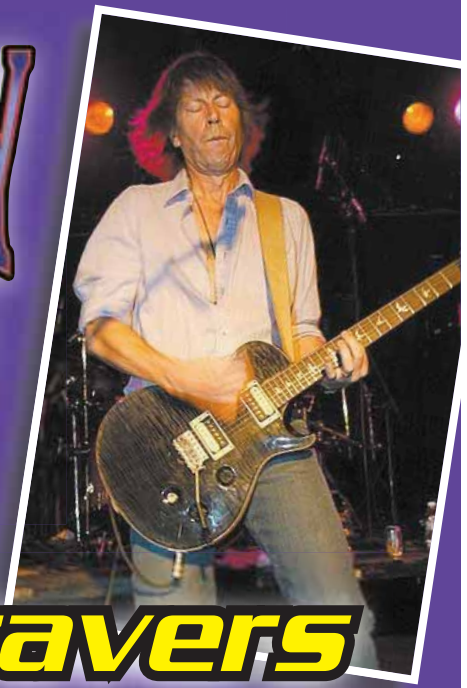
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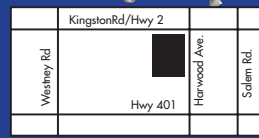
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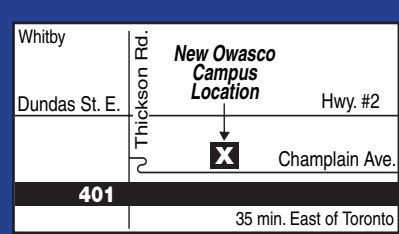
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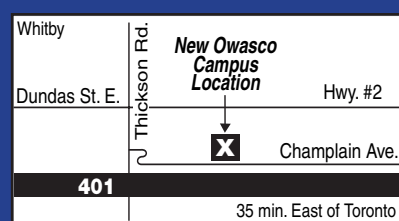
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Racing to the wall

WHITBY — Emma Pellegrino from Dunbarton High School races to the wall during the junior 200-metre freestyle relay. Schools from across the Region participated in the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) swim meet in the Anne Ottenbrite Pool at Whitby's Iroquois Park Sports Centre recently.

Ringette team set to wing it to Finland

Ajax-Pickering squad will play, stay in Tuusula

By Al Rivett
 arivett@durhamregion.com

DURHAM — Players on an Ajax-Pickering ringette team are eager to take their first trip overseas and catch up with ringette friends from afar.

Seventeen players ages 13 and 14 and their families will make the trip to Finland on Boxing Day, where they will spend nine days playing and sight-seeing in the Scandinavian country.

The tour itself, says team manager Steve Bell, came about after the Ajax players billeted from a team from Tuusula, Finland at the annual Silver Ring Ringette Tournament last February. Friendships were forged and, eventually, plans were made for a return visit.

And, the players can't wait to go. "I'm looking forward to seeing the same people we met before and staying with them," says Miranda Pilon, 13, one of the team captains, picking up with friends recently. "Yes, catching up with friends," chimes in Nicole Schorer, 13, an-



Jason Liebrechts/ News Advertiser photo

An Ajax-Pickering ringette team of 13- and 14-year-olds will head to Finland to compete in a tournament in Tuusula, starting Boxing Day. The team returns to Canada on Jan. 5.

other team captain. The team -- consisting of players from four different Ajax and

Pickering ringette squads in the

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Sports briefs

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[Basketball]

Wins continue on the court for ESN Packaging

AJAX — ESN Packaging continued its winning streak after wrapping up a solid 58-47 victory over Dickson in Ajax Men's Basketball League action on Wednesday night.

ESN was led by the superb shooting of Sherwin James with 22 points and Don McEachern with 13.

Louis Davis was top scorer for Dickson with 20, assisted by Luke Luukkonen with 13.

A hard-fought second match saw Michael's Eatery best Phillips, Hager and North 50-43.

Balanced scoring by Bill Manos and John Sneyd, both with 14 points, and Doug Coles with 12 proved to be the difference for Michael's.

Clayton Gall had 22 and Frank Forde eight to lead PH and N.

Big Man David Jackson was virtually unstoppable as his Top Shelf cagers bested North Alliance Press 54-42 in the final game of the evening. Jackson dominated all aspects of the game while knocking down 22 points in an extremely impressive display. Jackson was assisted by Mickey Dill with 10 points.

NAP had good production from Frank Spagnuolo with 15 points and Kitson Wallace with 11.

The league resumes play in the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

[Hockey]

Spartans in seventh heaven with victory

PICKERING — The Dunbarton High School Spartans senior boys' hockey team kept its perfect season alive, but only barely, against a hungry Uxbridge Secondary School Tigers squad.

The Spartans scored a narrow 3-2 victory over the Tigers in Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) action at Pickering's Don Beer Sports Arena on Thursday afternoon.

The win lifts Dunbarton's unbeaten record to 7-0 in regular-season play.

Ian Watters paced the Spartans with a two-goal performance. Alex Clements tallied the other Dunbarton goal.

Adam Cranley and West Huggins scored for Uxbridge.

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Annandale junior curling rink March-es off to provincials

By Jim Eason
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — Perhaps the third time will be the charm for an Annandale junior men's curling team headed to the Ontario finals next month.

Annandale skip Tim March and his team of Rob Bushfield, Patrick Janssen, and Tyler Anderson will make their third appearance in four years at the junior provincials, hosted in Coldwater, Ont. from Jan. 2 to 6.

The March rink's best record in the past at the Ontario finals is 3-4. This is the team's last chance to win as juniors.

To get to the provincials, the March rink won the 'B' side draw at the Pepsi Region 2 playdowns in Beaverton from Nov. 24 and 25.

The March team, coached by Paul Bourque and Alex Bianchi, join eight other region-winning teams at the provincial championship.

The provincial junior men's and women's winners move on to the M and M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors Championship in Sault Ste. Marie from Feb. 3 to 10.

A Burlington junior wom-

en's curling team skipped by Danielle Inglis will have two Annandale members aboard for the provincial junior women's championship, also in Coldwater. Curling with Inglis are Chantal Lalonde at vice, and Tracy O'Leary at second.

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The annual TCA Energizer Junior Bonspiel, which boasts the big prize of a trip to Switzerland, goes Dec. 29 and 30 at Leaside, Tam Heather, and St. Georges curling clubs.

Annandale's Tim March has an altered team entry because his competitive team won it last year. Michael Bryson will curl at the lead position in place of Tyler Anderson who will compete with a team from Manotick.

More information can be found at <http://www.toronto-curling.com/Junior.htm>.

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The reigning world curling championship team of Glenn Howard at skip, Pickering resident Richard Hart at vice, Brent Laing at second, and Craig Savill as lead competed as members of Team North America in the Continental Cup in Medicine Hat, Alta. recently.

The competition involved four different curling disciplines each worth a designated number of points. In total, North America won over the European champion teams with 290 points vs. 110 and captured the third of five annual competitions to date.

Each member of the winning side received \$2,000 and the losing side each got \$1,400.

Next, the Howard team travels to Scotland for the Ramada Perth Masters from Jan. 3 to 6.

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Toronto is slated to host some of the world's best curling teams in a pre-Olympic tournament at the Air Canada Centre in October, 2009.

If enough seats are not pre-sold, however, the location is in jeopardy. A good Christmas present for curling fans is to save \$100 and order an advance five days, all 15 draws, package for \$150.

There is a special for juniors to have the full event tickets for \$50.

The amounts are fully refundable until Oct. 21, 2008.

Call Paul Bourque at Annandale 906-683-3210 or your club TCA representative for details.



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All business

OSHAWA — Sydney Mohamed from the Ajax Pickering Wado-Kai strikes a pose during a tournament at the YWCA hosted by the Oshawa Wado-Kai Karate club.

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Death Notices

Community notices appear on milestonesdurhamregion.com in enhanced, colour format with guest book. Family and friends are encouraged to share their congratulations, thoughts and prayers online.

FORESTELL, Charles Robert "Bob" - Suddenly on Thursday December 20th, 2007 in his 55th year. Beloved fiancé of Nancy Dunn. Loving father of Christian, Ashleigh, and Michael Dunn. Dear son of Bernard "Bun" and Luella Forestell. Sadly missed brother of Linda Forestell and Marilyn Russell. Uncle of Steven and Shelley. Bob will be missed by Diane, John, and his family, friends, and colleagues at the Ministry of Social Services. Friends may call at **OSHAWA FUNERAL HOME**, 847 King St. West (905-721-1234) for visitation on Wednesday December 26th, 2007 from 6 - 9 P.M. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Thursday December 27th, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Thornton Cemetery. Donations made to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

McLEAN, Catherine (nee Moore) Passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Friday December 21, 2007 in her 56th year. Predeceased by her husband Hugh. Loving mother of Matt (Jen) and Elizabeth (Alan McLean). Devoted grandmother of Ethan. Cherished daughter of Myrna (Bruce Mawhinney) and the late Jack Moore and daughter-in-law of Ronnie and Grace. Dear sister of Peter (Susan), Craig and Kelly (Robin). Cathy will also be sadly missed by longtime friend Andrew as well as many nieces, nephews and other extended family members. The family will receive friends at the **McEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village (Ajax) 905-428-8488 from 2-4 pm on Sunday. Memorial service in the chapel on Sunday December 23, 2007 at 4 pm. Should family or friends so desire, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated. A Book of Condolence may be signed at www.mceachnie-funeral.ca

SLIWOWICZ, Celine Passed away suddenly on Thursday, December 20, 2007. Celine Sliwicz, beloved wife of Dr. David Sliwicz. Cherished mother of Mark and his wife Krista, Paul (of Seattle) and Matthew. Devoted grandmother of Noah. Survived by her mother Kathleen, and sister of Mary, Louis, Anne, John, Philomena and Pat, all of Ireland. Celine will be sadly missed by Nancy, and her many family and friends. The family will receive friends at the **McEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village (Ajax) 905-428-8488 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Church (1148 Finch Ave., Pickering) on Monday, December 24, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. Interment Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens Ajax. If so desired, donations to Share Life would be appreciated by the family. A Book of Condolence may be signed at www.mceachnie-funeral.ca

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Ajax-Pickering ringette squad flying to Finland over Christmas break

◆ Ajax-Pickering from page 29

junior and tween categories -- will play in a tournament in Tuusula on Dec. 29 and 30, where they will be the only team outside of Finland competing. Prior to the tournament, the Ajax-Pickering squad will tune up with an exhibition game against Hyvinkaa, a town near Tuusula, on Dec. 28.

The Ajax-Pickering squad will play tournament games against host Tuusula and Nurmijarvi Seven on Dec. 29 and Rauman Lukko on

Dec. 30. Depending on their record in the three previous games, they could be involved in playoff games on Dec. 30.

Melissa Kay, another team captain, notes the team will quickly have to master a few rule changes that are unique to ringette in Finland.

"I think it will be a different experience because they use different rules. I know that they have a shot clock," says Kay, 13, who's playing for the Ajax Pickering tween 'A' squad this season, along with

teammates Schorer and Pilon.

Bob Kay, who coaches the team with head coach Guy Pilon, says he and the other adults on the tour will also be glad to reunite with the Finnish people who made an impression on them in their last visit to Canada.

"We had a blast when they were over here; they're very nice people," he says.

Kay's certain the Ajax-Pickering club, which contains players in the tween and junior categories, will be more than competitive in the

tournament in Finland.

"When they were here, we tied them in the Ajax tournament, so we should be right on par with them, I think," says Kay.

Kay hopes the exchange of ringette tours between Ajax-Pickering and Tuusula will become a tradition between teams in the towns.

"It's been done before, but I'm hoping it will continue," he says.

In preparation for the trip, the players and parents embarked on a fundraising campaign, which included a number of raffles as well

as receiving donations. The team acknowledges the contributions of Dr. H. Steiman, Lenwat Distribution, K and K Recycling, Wal-Mart-Pickering, the Royal Canadian Legion and New Market Equipment.

Players on the Finland trip are Kristin Bell, Melissa Cho, Erin Daley, Melissa Kay, Renae Mohammed, Sarah Palmeter, Miranda Pilon, Alana Pontone, Beth Porter, Julia Reid, Robyn Salvatore, Nicole Schoer, Tesa Seeley, Taylor Sellenkowitz, Krista Smith, Erika Vander Veen, and Kaitlyn Wing.

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PICKERING — Players with the Pickering Panthers peewee 'A' rep hockey team definitely know about the real spirit of Christmas. Instead of a gift exchange among the players, the team members decided instead to sponsor a Durham Region family that was in need of a little TLC this holiday season. Here, players gather with the gifts they'll give to the YWCA, which will distribute them to the needy family.

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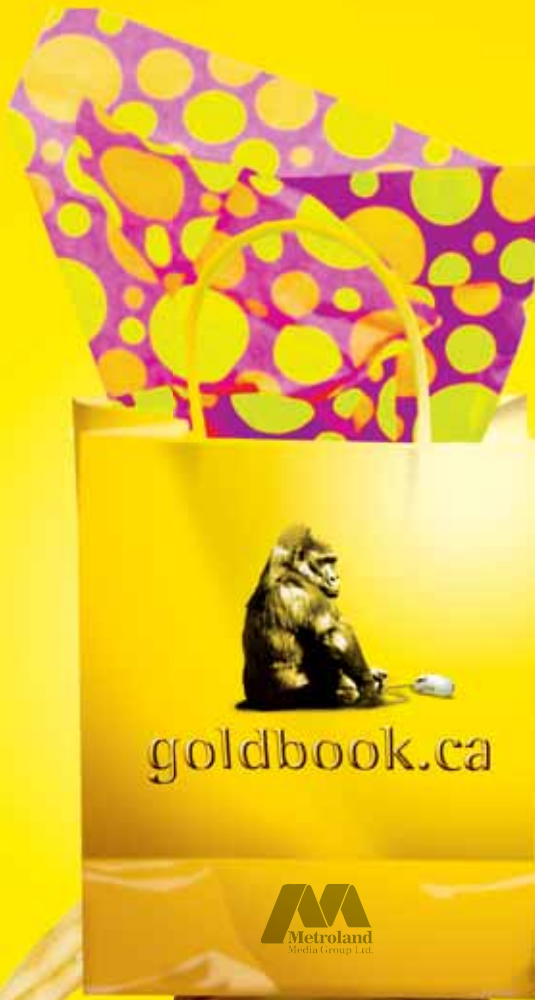
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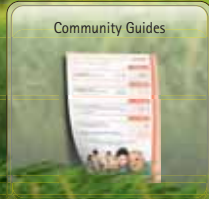
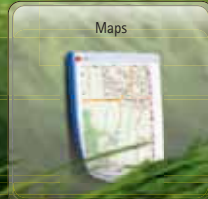
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Reaching goals one task at a time: resolutions can be tough to keep

By Jeff Hayward
jhayward@durhamregion.com

DURHAM — Breaking down your new year's resolution into manageable pieces is a pathway to accomplishing your goal, according to local wellness experts.

Rae Anne Jammer, a professional wellness coach with Pathways Health Promotion based in Port Perry, serves clients throughout North America. She said she sees common mistakes in how people go about achieving personal change. She presented four main points to aid in the process:

- Make sure the goal you're setting is specific. If it's weight loss you want, specify how many pounds you want to lose, in what time frame and how you're going to do it.
- Write it down. Record each step of the process. Very rarely does a goal require only one

step.

- Break down your goal into small manageable tasks so you can constantly gauge your progress and see results quicker.

- Reward yourself for completing tasks. For example, give yourself a night off from doing the dishes. The rewards should be non-monetary as possible.

Annabelle Murray, a certified nutritionist and wellness coach of CreateHealth, based in Uxbridge, said of resolutions, "People often take on more than they can handle with an all-or-nothing attitude." Ms. Murray suggests identifying obstacles ahead of time.

"An obstacle may be as simple as acknowledging that you tend to indulge in junk food when you are tired. So it might be a good idea to throw out those cookies on the top shelf and replace them with healthier options if you have resolved to drop a few pounds."

Goals should be SMART -- Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Trackable, said Ms. Murray. "If you resolve to integrate exercise into your life, you are more likely to be successful if you identify ahead of time the specific type of exercise, when and for how long you will do it, where, and whether it is something that you are capable of following through with."

She agreed with Ms. Jammer to reward yourself in a healthy manner for completing tasks.

Ms. Murray said common new year's resolutions include joining a gym, starting a walking program, keeping desserts and wine to week-ends only, or joining a non-smoking program. "Do it with someone else if possible," she said of taking on a goal. "That way you are accountable."

If you are having doubts whether you can stay on track with your goal, Ms. Jammer suggests enlisting the help of a professional coach

to ensure you're going about it the right way. Otherwise, you may not see the results as quickly as you'd hoped.

Tips for making — and keeping — new year's resolutions

- Goals should be SMART — Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Trackable
- Write down your goals. Record each step of the process.
- Reward yourself for completing a task, but keep the rewards healthy and non-monetary as possible
- Find someone to achieve a goal with, that way you are accountable.

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