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PICKERING STUDENTS DRUM THEIR WAY TO A FUN-FILLED DAY



SCARBOROUGH — Students from Frenchman's Bay and Fairport Beach Public Schools spent their chosen Elective Day at the Bikram Yoga Studio near Port Union Road in Scarborough Tuesday. The kids spent the day learning about Yoga, nutrition and enjoyed a hands-on drumming class with Master Drummer and Percussionist Muhtadi.

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Mental health beds moving from Ajax hospital

Health officials criticized for lack of consultation

By Kristen Calis
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DURHAM — Mental health patients have become victims of the Rouge Valley Hospital System's deficit elimination plan, says the co-chairman of the Friends of Ajax-Pickering hospital.

"Again, everything moves to Centenary," Bill Parish said.

The RVHS Board of Directors approved the Deficit Elimination Plan and Hospital Services Accountability Agreement yesterday. A December, three-member, peer review report criticizing financial mismanagement in RVHS prompted changes to both of RVHS's Ajax and Scarborough sites, especially with RVHS's \$78-million in long-term debt and capital deficiency. Letters were circulated last month warning staff of upcoming cut-

backs. RVHS plans to cut up to 220 jobs over the next three years - 60 from the Ajax site - to help get it back on financial track.

RVHS president and chief executive officer Rik Ganderton said the ball has to get rolling right away.

"We need to do it quickly," Mr. Ganderton said. "We can't afford to do this by death by 1,000 cuts."

Board chairman Tom Atkins said during the past eight years, RVHS has accumulated huge deficits by spending more than it re-

ceives.

"On top of this, our projections show that if we did nothing we would run up further huge operating losses, which we simply do not have the cash to support," he said in a press release.

If nothing was done, projections in the report showed the hospital system would run up a net deficit of \$21 million in fiscal year 2010/2011.

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Training central to provincial budget

Conservative MPP says budget won't attract businesses

By Kim Downey
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DURHAM — Local residents can expect to benefit from a provincial budget that includes millions in funding for transportation and infrastructure projects, and millions to retrain unemployed workers.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan called the "centrepiece" of the budget the investment of \$1.5 billion over three years in a Skills to Jobs Action Plan.

The plan will train unemployed workers for new careers, expand apprenticeships, build more spaces in colleges and universities, and help students with education costs.

Some 20,000 unemployed workers will get long-term training that launches them into new, well-paying careers through a \$355-million Second Career Strategy, Mr. Duncan said.

An additional \$750 million over four years in new business tax relief to lower costs for Ontario's businesses was also highlighted in the budget speech at Queen's Park in Toronto.

The finance minister also mentioned the

need for the Province and federal government to work together, especially to help Ontario workers get their fair share of Employment Insurance benefits.

"We have a plan to cope with the challenges facing Ontario," Mr. Duncan said. "But we could get better results, faster and in partnership with the federal government."

But Oshawa Conservative MPP Jerry Ouellette said the Liberal budget falls short of addressing the needs of individuals and businesses. "We lost 194,000 manufacturing jobs in Ontario and yet they announce a program to assist 20,000 individuals to retrain; what happens to the other 174,000 individuals?" Mr. Ouellette said in a telephone interview. There has to be a plan to attract businesses and "I don't see a plan here," he said, adding more needed to be done to create an environment attractive to business retention. Manufacturing has been hit hard by the rising loonie and the weakened U.S. economy, he said.

Hopefully, Durham College and UOIT will lobby for a "fair share" of the funding to retrain people, Mr. Ouellette said.

Mr. Duncan said the budget will pour more than \$82 million in transit improvements along the Hwy. 2 corridor, part of a multi-year \$17-billion investment.

"It's great that the Province recognizes how important transit is in Durham and they're prepared to support us on this," said Dur-

ham Region Chairman Roger Anderson. "It's greatly appreciated."

The money will mean that in the future, buses will run every 7 1/2 minutes along Hwy. 2. The Province is also funding more infrastructure improvements like roads and bridges and increasing spending on social housing, all issues that needed to be addressed, Mr. Anderson said.

"They have done an awful lot for municipalities," he said. "There's a lot of money on the table. There is an extra \$400 million outside of Toronto and we in Durham will qualify for that." The Province is also boosting funding for job training, education, health care while balancing the budget.

The budget also makes significant investments in health care, education and infrastructure. But Bob Malcolmson, CEO of the Great Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, raised concerns about manufacturing and Hwy. 407 funding.

"The budget doesn't go far enough to address the long-term impacts of the high Canadian dollar on core industries such as manufacturing and, in particular, the auto sector, which in the past has been the leading job and wealth creator in Ontario and Quebec," Mr. Malcolmson said. "That the Ontario government still has not addressed in the budget the funding of Hwy. 407 across Durham Region causes this chamber great concern."

-- With files from Reka Szekely

Durham College gets money to invest in training

By Josie Newman
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DURHAM — A \$1.5-billion Skills to Jobs Action Plan announced as part of the Ontario government's budget will see Durham College receive more money for its investment in second careers strategy, apprenticeship training, and funding for capital renewal of equipment and facilities. "We haven't received precise dollar figures yet, but they do talk about expanding apprenticeship training. That's very important for the college. We're excited about capital funding because we like to have state-of-the-art equipment," said Durham College president Leah Myers, shortly after the budget was tabled in the Legislature.

Of particular importance to Durham College is a plan to expand its skills training centre, located on the Whitby campus, by 40,000 square feet. "We're hoping to add new energy programs and energy retrofits, too," said Ms. Myers. Students at Durham College will also be able to receive some funding assistance when purchasing textbooks -- \$150 per student in 2008, \$225 in 2009, and \$300 in subsequent years.

Hospital officials say emergency rooms will remain open 24/7

◆ Hospital from page 1

RVHS will have a \$6.5-million deficit for 2007/2008, but officials believe the changes will lead to a balanced budget by the fourth quarter of 2008/2009.

Mr. Ganderton acknowledged hospitals that run efficiently receive more government dollars. He said running the hospital more efficiently will include increasing the average occupancy of beds in service and discharging patients earlier who are ready to go home.

"The reason we're able to cut jobs is because we're cutting beds," Mr. Ganderton said.

Twenty mental health beds will be transferred from RVAP to Centenary hospital in Scarborough to have one consolidated mental health in-patient unit, something Mr. Parish sees as a disservice to Durham residents. But out-patient mental health staffing will be increased at RVAP and mental health crisis coverage will now be 16 hours per day at the east site as opposed to the previous 12.

Mr. Ganderton explained Centenary was

chosen simply because "we don't have further bed capacity to consolidate it at the Ajax site."

Dr. Steve Fishman, RVHS chief of psychiatry, supports the plan, saying it will enhance the quality of care for the mental health patients while improving access for outpatient mental health services.

"There will be some inconveniences for families who have to travel to visit in-patients, but since fewer and fewer mental health patients tend to be hospitalized this impact should be minimal," he said in a press release.

The hospital hopes to save about \$25 million over the next three years, with the majority of positions cut through early retirement and voluntary exit incentives, elimination of vacant positions, redeployment to vacant positions and retraining, explains Mr. Ganderton.

"My hope is virtually nobody will be leaving us involuntarily," he said.

He explained RVHS plans to eliminate 72 full-time and part-time nursing positions over the next three years and, as of Feb. 28, 150 nurses were eligible for early retirement.



Staff at the Ajax-Pickering hospital site will be cut by about 60 with officials hoping most of those will be through early retirement.

In total, 13 non-union management positions, 12 non-union staff positions and 195 union positions will be cut.

In total, RVHS will eliminate 36 beds over the next three years. In Ajax specifically, two will be removed from the women's and child program, one from surgery and 20 from mental health. However, eight medicine beds will be added to RVAP, so that means the total loss at RVAP is 15.

The Emergency Room will remain open at all times at both hospitals, and ob-

stetrics and pediatrics will continue at both.

Mr. Parish criticized the lack of consultation with the community on the process, saying public town hall meetings should have been held in Ajax, Pickering and Whitby. He also criticized the timing of the town hall staff meetings.

"Having town hall meetings (for staff) after the decision is made is not enough," he said.

David Brazeau, RVHS director of public affairs and community relations, explained Mr. Ganderton has been vocal about the hospital's situation for the past year.

"Our staff actually for the past surprised by what was announced today," he said.

Mr. Ganderton explained the town hall meeting with staff is only being held after the decision on the plan is made because "a decision has to be made before you announce it."

As for a town hall meeting for the general public, Mr. Ganderton said, "we're looking into that right now."

The plan still has to go to the Central East Local Health Integration Network Board of Directors this Friday for its final approval.

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Back-to-school blitz nabs more than 1,000 speeders

DURHAM — More than 1,000 tickets were handed out to motorists caught speeding in school zones during a blitz conducted by Durham police last week.

Officers also arrested three people for drunk-driving offences during the initiative, part of the service's ongoing effort to combat aggressive driving.

Cops across the region were on the lookout for bad driving as students returned to school after their March break.

Police laid more than 1,380 charges, 1,056 of which were for

speeding.

Another 28 tickets were written for stop sign and red light infractions, and drivers also re-

ceived tickets for failing to wear seatbelts, driving while under suspension and without insurance and other offences, police

said.

Durham police have vowed to continue their campaign to address aggressive driving.

Bandit brandished knife during store robbery in Ajax

AJAX — A knife-wielding bandit made off with cash and tobacco after robbing a convenience store in Ajax Monday morning.

Durham police said the suspect produced a black-handled kitchen knife and robbed a 43-year-old male clerk at the Ragika


convenience store on Ritchie Avenue around 8:45 a.m.

The bandit helped himself to cigars, cigarettes and cash before fleeing the store and running off northbound on Westney Road.

No one was hurt during the

robbery. The suspect is a black man in his early 20s who stands about six-foot-two.

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Sixty-three arrests made in drug operation

DURHAM — Durham Regional Police have made 63 arrests after concluding a six-week drug trafficking investigation that resulted in the seizure of \$40,000 worth of drugs.

The operation, dubbed Project Magnet, began in response to community concerns about drug trafficking in Oshawa, Whitby and Ajax. One area given special attention in the investigation included a subdivision near Durham College and UOIT in Oshawa that has been the subject of numerous complaints from the community.

During the investigation, undercover officers

from the Drug and Gang Enforcement Units bought cocaine and other drugs on the street.

The operation resulted in more than 200 charges against the 63 people arrested, most of them for trafficking cocaine.

Police thanked the community for their co-operation with the investigation, during which officers also seized drugs, including crack cocaine, marijuana and oxycodone as well as cash, guns and ammunition for a total value of \$40,000.

Forty-five of the incidents took place in Oshawa, 14 in Whitby and four in Ajax. Of the 63 people charged,

36 are residents of Oshawa, seven are from Whitby, four were from Toronto, three were from Ajax and the rest were from other locations.

Police urge anyone with

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Budget takes direct aim at unemployed

The Ontario budget brought down by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan will likely do nothing to quell the furious to-and-fro between federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Mr. Duncan's document is long on spending and investment and light on tax cuts for businesses or individuals. Not exactly the prescription Mr. Flaherty has been pushing over the past month.

Then again, the Province is facing uncertain economic times borne out of a high Canadian dollar, soaring oil prices and concerns about the fiscal health of our largest trading partner, the United States.

Combine all that with crumbling infrastructure, worries over retraining laid-off workers and forecasts of extremely modest growth and it's no surprise Mr. Duncan delivered a timid document.

For Durham specifically, there isn't much. The Region will share in the \$60 million purchase of 20 new GO train cars on the Lakeshore line. And, as part of the \$744 million Metrolinx investment for GTA transit, some \$82.3 million will be spent on a Hwy. 2 Bus Rapid Transit spine.

Otherwise, the budget pushes retraining in a big way, an admission of the massive job losses faced by the manufacturing sector over the past few years. The centrepiece of the budget is a \$1.5 billion three-year Skills to Jobs Action Plan. Its goal is to retrain 20,000 unemployed workers to help them find new careers in good-paying fields. There will also be more apprenticeship programs and nearly \$1 billion in investment for post-secondary and skills-training facilities, in part no doubt to help train the growing number of laid-off workers.

Businesses will get some limited tax relief. The minister will provide \$750 million in targeted corporate tax cuts and rebates over the next four years. There are pledges to help cut red tape and a push to encourage businesses to invest in new equipment. It's not a lot but it's something.

Mr. Duncan paid tribute to increased co-operation between the Province and its municipalities, and at a dig at Mr. Flaherty, reiterated that Ontarians receive some \$4,000 per year less in EI benefits than other Canadians.

Overall, the budget is cautious -- not surprising given the times we live in. It's a sensible prescription for the coming year.

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Our readers think...

Phil Nedham recovery 'miraculous' says grateful family of burn victim

To the editor:

To the wonderful people of Ajax.

I felt it was a good time to let everyone know how we are doing. So, I am writing this on behalf of my husband and family. As many of you know, my husband Phil was in a terrible fire in Pickering in August. The months following have brought many challenges to us. Our family has faced the many stages of Phil's recovery with amazing inner strength. However, we would not have gotten through the last several months if it had not been for the support of family, friends (including the terrific group who helped us move our business), neighbours, Grant and Dorothy from fire services, the fellows at Hollywood Automotive, those who helped at our hospital, the ambulance crew that did the run to Rochester, Faith Family Church and other church congregations in our community, school teachers, the great kids at Ajax High School, the staffs at J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate and the CIBC, the mayor's office, the ladies I work with at Hallmark, the News Advertiser, Dr. Noble's office, Total Rehab, Ajax Animal Hospital, the doctors and nurses of Sunnybrook Critical Care Burn Unit and St. John's Rehabilitation Centre. Lastly, and just as important, the friends of friends and the people who have remained anonymous, who simply wished to help to make things easier for us. Without all of these wonderful people we would not have made it through everything we have had to face. My family and I are so thankful to all of you for your generosity and kindness. What an amazing town we

live in.

Lastly, I wanted to let everyone know that Phil has continued to improve at a miraculous rate. I believe that the hundreds of prayers said for him made this possible. He is excelling at a new job and, although he tires easily, is doing well. His hands, so badly burned, are OK. The grafts on his arms and hands took very well and, with the therapy he continues to do several times a day, he has regained the use of both hands. His face and head have healed beautifully and he looks great.

From the bottom of our hearts and with deepest gratitude, thank you.

Marsha Nedham (for Phil, Heather, Amanda and Bryan)
Ajax

Let's increase collection days during busy times

To the editor:

Re: 'Region has vision of clear garbage bags,' March 2.

I applaud our Region's efforts to improve our waste-diversion rate, but chopping the number of garbage bags we can put out and focusing on enforcement are unnecessary and overly punitive strategies.

It is easy to see that hundreds of thousands of Durham residents have embraced our recycling and composting programs when looking at the blue boxes and green bins out by the curbside each day. More than half of my current garbage is made up of recyclable plastics, styrofoam and child's diapers that could be recycled or composted but not in our region.

Improving the program by accepting more recyclable items will help us improve

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This Week

Durham MPP John O'Toole is proposing a ban on handheld cellphones while driving. Do you agree with a ban?

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Barack Obama: 49

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our diversion rate without penalizing large or active families that create higher amounts of both recyclables and garbage.

Cracking down on "scavengers" is also a waste of funds. I applaud our residents who have figured out ways of reusing or otherwise profiting from things that the rest of us throw away. Making recyclable collection more flexible, in particular during busy periods such as the winter holidays, would also improve the waste-diversion program.

When faced with the large amount of recyclables put out during busy periods lots of it is left behind by the collectors rather than taking cardboard that is not folded quite small enough or bundled tightly enough. How about increasing rather than cutting collection days during those times?

Adam Waese
Oshawa

Library costs prohibitive to non-Pickering residents

To the editor:

On March 1, 2008 I paid a library fee of \$25 because I am not a resident of Pickering. Next year this will increase to \$45 and I'm sure the fee will further go up over the next few years.

I am fortunate to be in a position to pay this annual fee. But think about those who are denied the chance to enjoy and share in our vast inter-municipality library resources.

Isn't it strange that in an era where global barriers are being dismantled, Pickering is erecting them, all in the name of the mighty dollar.

Vincent Chen
Ajax

Are You Being Served?

A look at the Municipalities' websites

We asked five college and university students in web design programs to review official municipality websites from Pickering, Clarington, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa. Here's what they found.

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How long it took to find is in brackets (5-minute time limit)

1. How do I sign up a child for swimming lessons? **(4 min)**
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3. Find out what you can put in a blue box. **(2 min)**
4. When is the public library open on Sunday? **(1 min)**
5. How can you file a complaint about a traffic problem in your neighbourhood? **(too long -- time expired)**

Subjective critique, marked on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being excellent.

6. How does it look (overall impression)? **6**
7. Is it easily navigated? **4**
8. Is it well written? **2**
9. Are there good graphics? **2**
10. Is it informative? **1**

Other questions (answer in a sentence or two):

11. What is your overall impression of the site? **The site is very vague and unattractive.**

12. Does the site have useful information or is it mostly PR (self-promoting useless fluff) for the municipality? **The site has little useful information and is mostly PR.**
13. Are there signs the website is stale (events already occurred)? Has it been updated recently? **Yes, it seems to have been updated a bit.**
14. What worked well, and what would make this a better website? **The top banner is interesting but not original.**

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3. Find out what you can put in a blue box. **(30 sec)**
4. When is the public library open on Sunday? **(15 sec)**
5. How can you file a complaint about a traffic problem in your neighbourhood? **(30 sec)**

Subjective critique, marked on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being excellent.

6. How does it look (overall impression)? **8**
7. Is it easily navigated? **9**
8. Is it well written? **8**
9. Are there good graphics? **6**
10. Is it informative? **7**

Other questions (answer in a sentence or two):

11. What is your overall impression of the site? **Clean, easy to navigate**

12. Does the site have useful information or is it mostly PR (self-promoting useless fluff) for the municipality? **Seems to be real events.**
13. Are there signs the website is stale (events already occurred)? Has it been updated recently? **No outdated info seems to be on the home page.**
14. What worked well, and what would make this a better website? **Needs more organized sidebar. Some links take you off site.**

WHITBY



www.town.whitby.on.ca

How long it took to find is in brackets (5-minute time limit)

1. How do I sign up a child for swimming lessons? **(2 min)**
2. Find out what day garbage collection is on a street of your choice. **(2 min)**
3. Find out what you can put in a blue box. **(1 min)**
4. When is the public library open on Sunday? **(time expired)**
5. How can you file a complaint about a traffic problem in your neighbourhood? **(time expired)**

Subjective critique, marked on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being excellent.

6. How does it look (overall impression)? **6**
7. Is it easily navigated? **1**
8. Is it well written? **4**
9. Are there good graphics? **5**
10. Is it informative? **5**

Other questions (answer in a sentence or two):

11. What is your overall impression of the site? **Too much text. I don't know where to look.**

12. Does the site have useful information or is it mostly PR (self-promoting useless fluff) for the municipality? **Too much PR-oriented.**
13. Are there signs the website is stale (events already occurred)? Has it been updated recently? **The information is current.**
14. What worked well, and what would make this a better website? **Simple is best. Think of the residents more than the business, which I think is the target audience of this design.**

AJAX



www.townofajax.com

How long it took to find is in brackets (5-minute time limit)

1. How do I sign up a child for swimming lessons? **(30 sec)**
2. Find out what day garbage collection is on a street of your choice. **(10 sec)**
3. Find out what you can put in a blue box. **(time expired)**
4. When is the public library open on Sunday? **(30 sec)**
5. How can you file a complaint about a traffic problem in your neighbourhood? **(20 sec)**

Subjective critique, marked on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being excellent.

6. How does it look (overall impression)? **8**
7. Is it easily navigated? **8**
8. Is it well written? **5**
9. Are there good graphics? **4**
10. Is it informative? **8**

Other questions (answer in a sentence or two):

11. What is your overall impression of the site? **Not bad, could be improved.**

12. Does the site have useful information or is it mostly PR (self-promoting useless fluff) for the municipality? **It's pretty useful.**
13. Are there signs the website is stale (events already occurred)? Has it been updated recently? **It is updated.**
14. What worked well, and what would make this a better website? **Needs more graphics; site is too boring.**

OSHAWA



www.oshawa.ca

How long it took to find is in brackets (5-minute time limit)

1. How do I sign up a child for swimming lessons? **(1:30 min)**
2. Find out what day garbage collection is on a street of your choice. **(2 min)**
3. Find out what you can put in a blue box. **(1:45 min)**
4. When is the public library open on Sunday? **(2 min)**
5. How can you file a complaint about a traffic problem in your neighbourhood? **(1:30 min)**

Subjective critique, marked on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being excellent.

6. How does it look (overall impression)? **5**
7. Is it easily navigated? **4**
8. Is it well written? **3**
9. Are there good graphics? **7**
10. Is it informative? **3**

Other questions (answer in a sentence or two):

11. What is your overall impression of the site? **Sterile, cold. Could use a theme.**

12. Does the site have useful information or is it mostly PR (self-promoting useless fluff) for the municipality? **Valid and informative content.**
13. Are there signs the website is stale (events already occurred)? Has it been updated recently? **Seemingly up-to-date with current events.**
14. What worked well, and what would make this a better website? **Information is effective and current.**

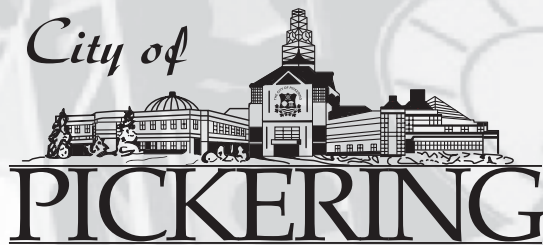
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April 3	Advisory Committee on Race Relations & Equity	7:00 pm

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Notice of Meeting 2008 Current & Capital Budgets and Amendments to User Fee By-law

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering will consider the City's 2008 Current and Capital Budgets at the following scheduled meetings. The City intends to adopt any changes and new user fees as part of the 2008 Budget process and these changes will be considered at these meetings.

Budget Committee Meeting(s)

Thursday, April 10, 2008 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and
Monday, April 14, 2008 (if not completed on Thursday)
(1:00 pm to 4:30 pm)
Main Committee Room
Civic Complex, One The Esplanade

Council Meeting

Monday, April 21, 2008
7:30 pm
Council Chambers
Civic Complex, One The Esplanade

Copies of the proposed 2008 Current and Capital Budgets and related user fees and charges will be available on April 4th at no cost upon request by contacting the Corporate Services Department, City of Pickering, 905.420.4634, or by email at corpser@city.pickering.on.ca.

For further information regarding these meetings, please contact Debi Wilcox, City Clerk, at 905.420.4660 ext. 2153, or by email at dwilcox@city.pickering.on.ca

Dated this 19th day of March, 2008.

Debi A. Wilcox
City Clerk

Gillis A. Paterson
Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer

Tender for Don Beer Arena Rink 2 Renovations

Tender No. T-1-2008

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned department for the above no later than 2:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

The work consists of the supply of the required materials, labour, machinery, tools and appliances for the Renovation of Don Beer Arena - Rink 2, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Jurecka & Associates for the City of Pickering.

A **mandatory site visit** has been arranged for **Friday, March 28, 2008 @ 10:00 AM**, at the Don Beer Arena, 940 Dillingham Road, Pickering, ON. All bidders shall visit the site. Bidders will be required to sign in on an attendance sheet. Only tenders received from bidders who attend the site visit, sign in on the attendance sheet, perform a complete viewing of the site during the scheduled tour shall be considered.

The bidder must **include with the tender submission** a bid deposit of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars **or** a bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total tendered amount available for sixty (60) days from date of tender closing; and an original Agreement to Bond form ensuring that 100% performance and 100% labour & materials payment bonds can be supplied.

After tender closing for evaluation a bidder will be required to provide a copy of their Health & Safety Policy, current Workplace Injury Summary Report issued by WSIB; current Certificate of Clearance issued by WSIB; certificate of insurance - \$5,000,000 Comprehensive Liability including premises and all operations and Waste Management Plan.

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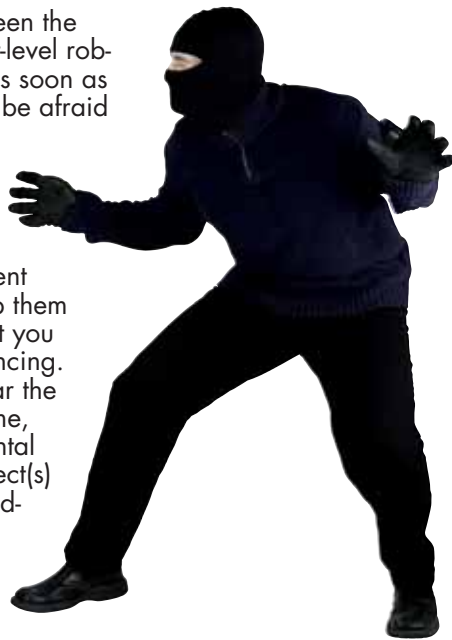
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Robbery is a theft with violence. This includes acts of violence, threats of violence, gestures of violence and intimidation. A street-level robbery, as the name suggests, usually occurs in public, and are robberies of persons rather than businesses. Items commonly sought by the robber are money, iPods, cell phones, electronic games, skateboards, hats and clothing.

In 2007, the Ajax/Pickering Division of the Durham Regional Police received 150 complaints of such incidents. A dedicated police unit was formed to investigate these occurrences and 100 arrests resulted. In the first two months of this year, 20 incidents have been reported and 14 arrests have been made. The success of this police unit is the direct result of the victim reporting the crime and cooperating with the police investigation. It is also the result of the community, parents, teachers and witnesses refusing to accept violence as an acceptable action of the few.

If you have been the victim of a street-level robbery, call 911 as soon as possible. Never be afraid to tell your parents or a teacher of the occurrence, as knowing what you just went through will help them understand what you may be experiencing. Try and stay near the scene of the crime, and make a mental note of the suspect(s) description including their height, weight, hair, clothing and the direction



they fled in. Be prepared to give the police a statement as to what happened and any serial numbers, photographs or distinguishing features of items stolen. If you were injured, police will photograph the injury and your treatment records will be required.

Recognizing the fact that robberies do occur is the first step in avoiding such an ordeal. Know your environment, and travel in well-lit open areas used by the public. Avoid short cuts through parks, pathways, and behind buildings, especially after dark. Plan your travels with a friend or two, and keep items of value concealed. Don't flash your cash in public. Be mindful of who may be watching or listening to you discussing with your friends what you have on your person or at home.

Robbery is a serious criminal offence with consequences that affect us all. For the victim, the stress caused by such an act can sometimes be unbearable even weeks later. Help is available, just call the police and ask for the Victim Services Unit. For the community, action is a necessity. If you witnessed the event, come forward, work with the police and help us ensure that the perpetrator bears some consequences as well.

Sergeant Kennaley is an 18-year member of the Durham Regional Police, currently assigned to uniform patrol supervisory duties from the Ajax/Pickering police office. If you have any questions or require more information, call the Durham Regional Police at 579-1520 ext. 2568 or E-mail him at 777@drps.ca

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Teen home from Hong Kong and suspended from school

By Kim Downey
kdowney@durhamregion.com

OSHAWA — A 15-year-old Oshawa girl who caused an international incident by stealing a pair of sunglasses from a Hong Kong airport store arrived home Wednesday to face a school suspension the next day.

"I am suspended. I went to school (Thursday) and had a meeting with the school principal and we discussed it and the repercussions," she said, adding a further meeting with participants of the trip will be held. After that, she will learn the precise length of the suspension.

rest of the group that included 42 students from three Durham schools, along with chaperones.

All charges were dropped and she was fined the equivalent of \$285 Canadian, which is roughly the value of the sunglasses. Youths normally get fined at least twice that, she said she was told.

The girl said she is just relieved to be home and wanted to apologize for the grief she caused that even baffled her.

"It was unexpected and spur of the moment," she said, adding that she can't thank McLaughlin teacher Chris Barrowclough and his wife enough for supporting her through the ordeal. They posted bond on her behalf to avoid a stay in jail.

She is also grateful that the authorities fast-tracked the case and dealt with her leniently, but admits to being extremely upset with herself.

If anything good is to come from the situation it is that it will prevent others from making the same mistake, her mother said.

"I just wish it was not my kid that was the example," she said. "We're just very relieved she is home and safe."

She and her husband were on standby to fly to Hong Kong but were reassured the case could be dealt with quickly.

"I think people have judged us as parents," she said. "You teach your child right from wrong but you

can't always control their decisions. She's a kid who has done something very out of character that shocked everyone."

The mother said she plans to send a message of thanks to the authorities for dealing with it quickly.


The trip, which originally cost \$4,000, will end up costing much more because of the associated costs of having her daughter and the two adults stay in a hotel, but she is grateful they stayed on. They were able to use the same plane tickets with an added service charge.

Now the family will have a meeting to decide how to deal with it, including imposing restrictions on what the girl can and can't do. For now she is grounded and under "house arrest."

"Relationships need to be healed," the mother said.

"She made a mistake and has paid a price. She will

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They'll be dancing and singing all night

Local thespians in Scugog Choral Society musical 'My Fair Lady'

By Christy Chase
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DURHAM — If you're sick of the snow in Ontario, try the rain in Spain.

As in, that catchy song from 'My Fair Lady', the popular music which is being presented by Scugog Choral Society starting March 27 at Town Hall 1873, Queen and Simcoe streets.

Filled with songs such as 'The Rain in Spain', 'I Could Have Danced All Night', 'Wouldn't It Be Lovely', the musical is set in turn-of-the-19th/20th-century London, England, where two linguistics professors, Henry Higgins and Colonel Pickering, have a wager on whether Higgins can

tutor a linguistically-challenged Covent Garden flower girl, Eliza Doolittle, to become a proper English lady.

There's no doubt of the outcome in this romantic classic but there's plenty of conflict and fun along the way.

"It's like the granddaddy of musicals," said director Michael Roantree, who's active in Oshawa Little Theatre and making a return to SCS.

"It's the one benchmark others are marked against," he said. "It's a very strong story."

There are larger chunks of dialogue than usual, making the play "very demanding." He added he needed to cast experienced actors who can also sing, he said.

"It's beautifully sung by the cast," he said. "When we were auditioning, I was looking for someone for Eliza who could sing the very high note at the end of 'I Could Have Danced All Night'. You can pitch it lower but

I really wanted that note and we got it."

Playing Eliza and hitting the heights is Janice Saywell, of Whitby, who has played in musicals in Oshawa and Port Perry before. This is her first major role.

Prof. Higgins is played by veteran actor Michael Schneider, who's appeared with OLT, SCS and Cadenza Productions in the

past.

Bruce Rogers brings his radio announcer's voice to the stage as Col. Pickering. Todd Appleton, of Oshawa, plays Freddie Eynsford-Hill. Phil Cook, of Pickering, plays Eliza's dad, Alfred Doolittle. Mrs. Higgins is Michele Jones, a local singer. Steve Kreider, local businessman, is Zoltan Karpathy. Judy Anderson, of SCS, is housekeeper Mrs. Pearce.

All told, there are 26 in the cast. Cast members come from all over Durham Region.

The show runs for three weekends, March 27 to April 12, with 8 p.m. curtain, plus 2 p.m. shows April 5 and 12. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students.

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Whooping it up at ringette provincials

DURHAM — Erin McConkey from the Ajax-Pickering Stars belle 'A' squad leads her teammates into the General Motors Centre in Oshawa on Thursday night. Oshawa played host to the Ontario Ringette Provincial Championships and each team was introduced to an enthusiastic welcome.

Former teammates now rivals

Jasper, Johnston and Painter go for ringette gold at nationals in Edmonton

AJAX — Although teammates for many years in the Ajax Ringette Association, three Ajax women will face each other on opposing teams at the 2008 Canadian Ringette Championships in Edmonton from April 1 to 5.

Elyssa Jasper with the Richmond Hill Lightning, Kristin Johnston with the Gloucester Devils and Katie Painter with the Cambridge Turbos will all vie for national supremacy with their respective teams.

As far as playing against long-time teammates, "We're still friends," Painter says, laughing, "But, on the ice, Turbos kick butt."

Having finished their Belle level play in 2007, each of the three was drafted during the summer by teams in the National Ringette League (NRL). Ten teams will contest the NRL championship title, the top four teams from each of the Western and Eastern conferences along with an

Atlantic squad and a host team.

Jasper was selected by the Richmond Hill Lightning, who finished second in the Ontario Division of the Eastern Conference with a 19-12-1 record and secured a spot at nationals with a quarter-final win over the Riv-Sud Revolution of the Quebec division. Jasper scored an overtime winner during this best-of-five series and finished third in scoring for her team this season.

Jasper currently studies at Fanshawe College in London, making for some long commutes to games as Ontario and Quebec play inter-divisional games all season.

Meanwhile, Johnston, who studies human kinetics at Ottawa University, was drafted by the Gloucester Devils, which were glad to see a player of her calibre available in the Ottawa area and chose her for their 2008 squad. The Devils finished third (17-13-1)

in the Ontario Division, but secured a spot at Nationals with a quarter-final series win over the Cyclones de Quebec. Johnston finished second in team scoring for 2008 with 12 goals and 27 assists.

"My line is all first-year players," says Johnston. "Although we all have Team Ontario experience and have meshed well, the influence and guidance of the veterans on the team have really helped us elevate our play."

Meanwhile, Painter, 19, was taken by the Cambridge Turbos with their second pick in the June entry draft. The Turbos are a powerhouse in the NRL with veteran players and members of Team Canada on their roster. Cambridge finished with an impressive 28-1-1 record atop the Ontario Division and downed Quebec rival the Montreal Mission three straight in a best-of-five series to capture the No. 1 ranking from the Eastern

conference.

Painter is currently studying Hospitality and Tourism at George Brown College in Toronto. She is also an assistant coach for the Ajax Ringette Association's petite 'AA' team. The petites recently captured silver at the provincials in Whitby.

"This has been one very busy season," she says. "With school, work, my own practices in Cambridge, games around Ontario and Quebec, as well as practices and games for the petite team I have been on the go constantly."

Painter is happy to be suiting up for Cambridge, including playing for head coach Glen Gaudet as well as playing on the Turbo's top forward line.

"Playing with the Turbos is awesome. Coach Gaudet told me upfront that as the youngest player I would have to work hard to get ice time but has shown confidence in me by using me on power plays and penalty kills at different times during the season. Getting to play on lines with the best players in Canada really helps my game and Jen (Wakefield) and Sharolyn (Wouters) have helped me with my coaching, too."



Kristin Johnston



Elyssa Jasper



Jennifer Wakefield

Sports briefs

MARCH 26, 2008

[Softball]

City association starts season with clinics

PICKERING — The Pickering Softball Association hosts free players' clinics in conjunction with its registration events this spring.

The clinics will provide instruction in pitching, catching, fielding, hitting and discussions about offensive and defensive strategies. Instructors from the Pickering Rec Fastball Association as well as the Pickering Heat rep teams will share their knowledge and experience.

The sessions are on Mondays, March 31 and April 7 at Fairport Beach Public School gymnasium from 7 to 9 p.m. each night and on Saturday, April 12 at the Dunbarton High School gymnasium from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information, log on to the association's website at www.pickeringsoftball.com for further dates.

[Hockey]

Pickering player's NCAA title quest stopped in semis

PICKERING — A Pickering collegiate hockey player fell one game short of playing for a national championship with the University of New Hampshire Wildcats women's hockey team.

Pickering's Jennifer Wakefield, 18, led her second-seeded Wildcats into the NCAA Frozen Four semifinal contest in Duluth, Minn on Thursday night. Despite outshooting the third-seeded University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs by a wide 43-15 margin, the Wildcats dropped a close 3-2 decision at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.

The Wildcats' freshman scored one of the two New Hampshire goals in the losing cause.

Wakefield was honoured with several collegiate hockey awards this season, including Hockey East rookie of the year, the league rookie scoring title (45 points, including 26 goals), and being named a conference all-star and an all-rookie all-star. At the Hockey East playoff tournament, she was also named to the all-star team.

The UMD Bulldogs went on to crush the University of Wisconsin Badgers women 4-0 in the national championship game.

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FORSHAW-PROWSE, Elyce Megan - It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected death of our precious angel Elyce Megan on March 20, 2008. Elyce was born on March 15, 2008 and battled bravely for five days she will be in our hearts forever. She will be sadly missed by her parents Sandra Forshaw, Corey Prowse and three siblings Emily, Conor and Sarah. Loving grandparents Donna Bergles, Lynn and Paul Prowse, Anton and Maria Bergles. Will also be remembered by great grandmother Maria Calandra, great aunt Mary Kelly, great uncle Steve Kelly and second cousins Michelle and Nicole Kelly. Loving aunts Julie Deane, Carrie Bergles and uncles Matt Payne and Dave Deschamps. Will be sadly missed by cousins William, Melissa, Tyler and Ryan. Also missed by Kate Albano, Christen Shepperd and family, many aunts, uncles and cousins on the Wyatt and Prowse family side. The support given to both Elyce and her family at the NICU ward at Sick Kids Hospital was nothing short of amazing and we are profoundly grateful for each person that was involved in her care. The family will receive friends at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village (Ajax) 905-428-8488 on Thursday March 27, 2008 from 10- 12:00 p.m. Memorial Service to follow in the Chapel at 12:00 p.m. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donation to the NICU Ward, Sick Kids Hospital in memory of Elyce Forshaw-Prowse would be greatly appreciated. A Book of Condolence may be signed at www.mceachnie-funeral.ca

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DE SOUSA, Jose - Passed away peacefully on Monday, March 24, 2008. Jose, beloved husband of the late Maria. Dearly loved father of Maria, Rosa, Lucy, Art, Tony, Margie and John. Fondly remembered by 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, family and friends. Predeceased by grand daughter Emily and son-in-law Ken. Friends and family may visit at **THE SIMPLE ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL CENTRE**, 1057 Brock Road, Pickering, 905-686-5589 on Wednesday, March 26th, from 7-9 pm and on Thursday, March 27th, from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, March 28th at 10:30 am at, St. Bernadette's Roman Catholic Church, 21 Bayly Street East, Ajax. Interment to follow at Clarendon Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Rouge Valley Health System, Ajax Site, would be appreciated by the family. A special thanks to Maria and Jose do Rego, and caring neighbours and friends.

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FORSHAW-PROWSE, Elyce Megan - It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected death of our precious angel Elyce Megan on March 20, 2008. Elyce was born on March 15, 2008 and battled bravely for five days she will be in our hearts forever. She will be sadly missed by her parents Sandra Forshaw, Corey Prowse and three siblings Emily, Conor and Sarah. Loving grandparents Donna Bergles, Lynn and Paul Prowse, Anton and Maria Bergles. Will also be remembered by great grandmother Maria Calandra, great aunt Mary Kelly, great uncle Steve Kelly and second cousins Michelle and Nicole Kelly. Loving aunts Julie Deane, Carrie Bergles and uncles Matt Payne and Dave Deschamps. Will be sadly missed by cousins William, Melissa, Tyler and Ryan. Also missed by Kate Albano, Christen Shepperd and family, many aunts, uncles and cousins on the Wyatt and Prowse family side. The support given to both Elyce and her family at the NICU ward at Sick Kids Hospital was nothing short of amazing and we are profoundly grateful for each person that was involved in her care. The family will receive friends at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village (Ajax) 905-428-8488 on Thursday March 27, 2008 from 10- 12:00 p.m. Memorial Service to follow in the Chapel at 12:00 p.m. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donation to the NICU Ward, Sick Kids Hospital in memory of Elyce Forshaw-Prowse would be greatly appreciated. A Book of Condolence may be signed at www.mceachnie-funeral.ca

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WHITE: MYRTLE BLANCHE. It is with sadness we announce the death of Myrtle Blanche White (Loucks) on Saturday March 22, 2008 in her 98th year. Myrtle was predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Stanley Albert White, in 1997. She will be greatly missed by her daughter Yvonne Miller, son-in-law Lorne, and grandchildren Stephen & Cameron Miller, and Lynne Ingram (Dale). Fond memories of Great Nana are left with Jeremy Pilkey (Heather), Jennifer Pilkey, Jeff Ingram (Ashley), Amy Ingram (Troy), David (Danielle), Christine, and Catherine Miller. Great great grandchildren who will miss her are Philip, Madelyn, and Xavier Pilkey and Austen Ingram. Myrtle is survived by a brother Arnold (Jackie) and a sister Velma. She was predeceased by siblings Keitha, Lily, Edith, Gertie, Iva, William, Amos, John, Donald, and Violet. During her lifetime, Myrtle helped Stanley build two residences, co-operating in the actual physical construction as well as decorating the interiors. She was a member of the United Church and was well known in their circles as an innovative craft producer. She enjoyed traveling and spent many months on the beaches of Florida and Texas. A graveside ceremony will be held at Harlowe United Church Cemetery on Saturday May 10, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Many thanks to the staff of the Ballycliffe Nursing Home, Ajax, for their care and understanding during the time Myrtle was a resident. Arrangements: McConnell Funeral Home, Tweed (www.mcconnellfuneralhome.ca)

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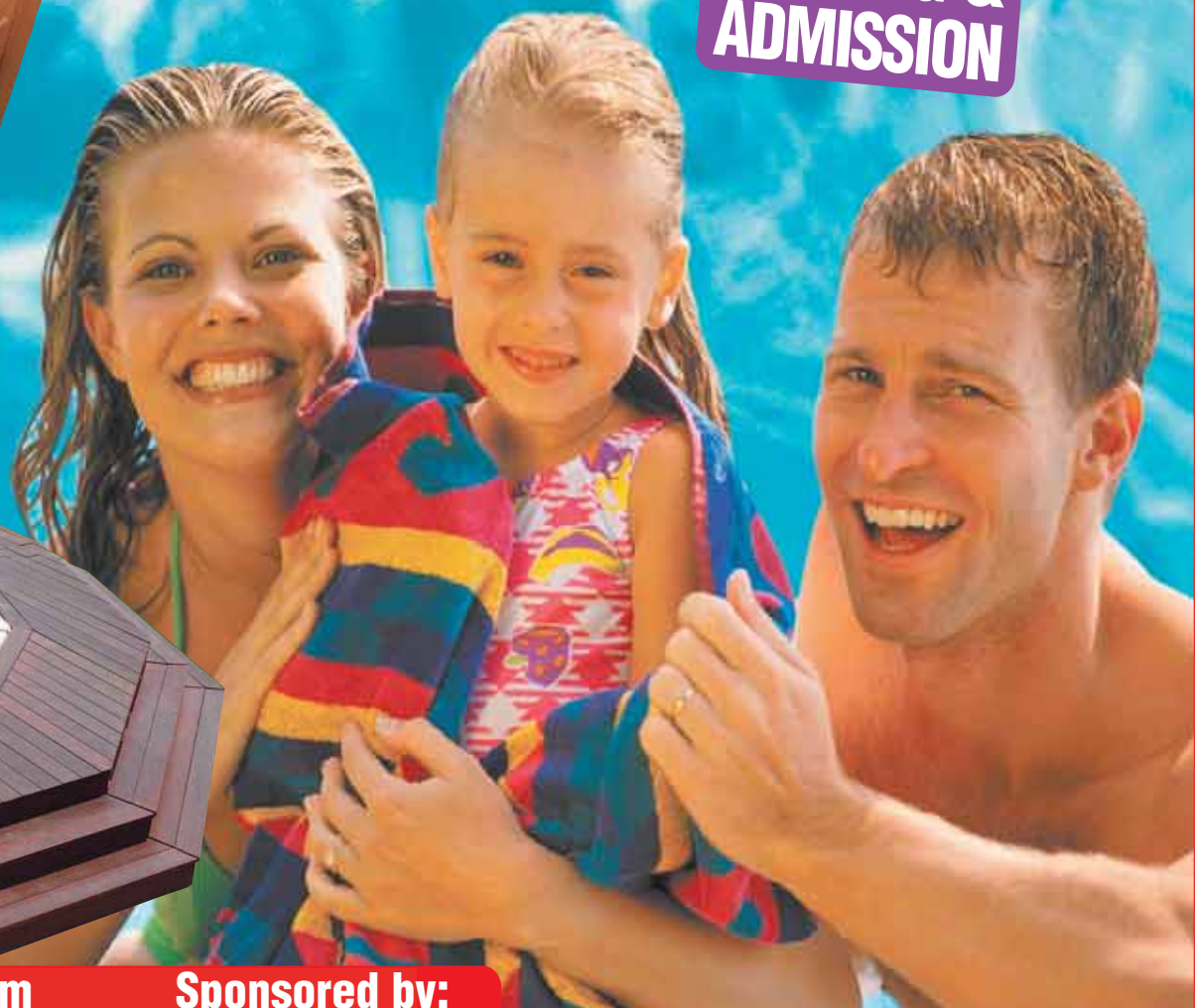
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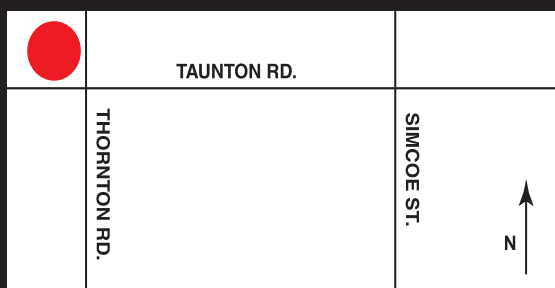
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