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A SPECIAL MOMENT FOR THE KIDS IN PICKERING



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Children from the Edukids Child Care Centre were out for their morning walk near Pickering City Hall when they came across the flag-raising ceremony for the Special Olympics. Hearing

the music, the kids stopped and clapped along to the tune. For more on the ceremony, see page 7 of today's paper.

Even Durham's top cop can be a victim of crime

Ewles speaks to board of trade

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DURHAM — About six weeks ago, Durham Regional Police Chief Mike Ewles was a victim of crime.

Speaking to the Ajax-Pickering Board of

Trade Thursday morning, the chief revealed his Whitby home was broken into by a 14-year-old young offender.

"He broke into seven homes. Mine was the only one where no one was home," Chief Ewles stated. "It's fortunate no one was home as either he or I would have had to have had something surgically removed."

The youth, he added, had been "caught up in a video game" and was dressed like a knight templar, complete with sword-like

weapons.

Chief Ewles spoke about the change in focus for Durham police, toward crime prevention rather than dealing with the aftermath.

"Policing is traditionally reactionary. We run out, deal with an issue and rush back to file a report. But, what have we accomplished," the chief asked. "We deal with the symptoms. How do we combat crime when we're simply counting statistics?"

Instead, Durham police will try to "get to the root cause of crime," Chief Ewles said. "Our main duty is to prevent crime. We have to be more efficient and effective in everything we do."

The police do analysis of crime statistics to get to the root cause of a crime, he said.

An example was in downtown Whitby, where garbage pickup was on Fridays and

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