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The future tends to be uncertain when you live beside a proposed airport if it is planned by the federal government.

Take Stouffville, for example.

Ever since Pickering was first announced three years ago, the residents of that area have received conflicting reports.

The only thing they know for sure is that their land has been frozen for the entire period.

First they were told by Ottawa that noise from the new airport would not affect them. But then the Airport Inquiry Commission found differently.

In their report, they stated that Stouffville would be within an undesirable noise level and they recommended that if the Pickering project should be developed that all land within the area going

well beyond Stouffville, should be expropriated.

On April 22, I asked C.M. Drury, minister of public works who is now in charge of airport land acquisition, if it was the government's intention to expropriate the Town of Stouffville as recommended in the Airport Inquiry Commission report.

He replied, "There is no present intention to expropriate the Town. An offer has been made for those who want to leave to regard the government as purchaser of last resort, but there is no intention to expropriate."

Drury's response triggered loud protests from Stouffville residents who pointed out that no such offer had been made.

Thursday, I asked Mr. Drury to indicate when the government's offer had been made, to whom it was extended and in what form.

He replied, "The indication I gave in the House was, perhaps, imprecise in that the details of the offer have not been worked out, but the government will be prepared, as a purchaser of last resort, to offer to purchase houses from citizens who wish to move away by reason of noise levels."

I then asked the minister to be more precise as to exactly when the government will be making this approach to the residents of Stouffville.

He replied, "I think more in the way of details and more in the way of knowledge as to possible noise levels in the future should be worked out before the offer is communicated. Those who wish to avail themselves of this will want to know against what kind of tests they will be operating."

Confusion appears to

about with respect to this airport development. The government has announced that the airport will be developed but only with one runway.

Yet, the Airport Inquiry Commission Report stated emphatically that, "There should be no partial or limited opening of the proposed Pickering Airport."

They then added, "If a decision is made to proceed with the proposed Pickering Airport, it will take at least eight to ten years from the date of that decision to plan and construct all necessary airport facilities and ground access."

The government believes that they will do it in half that time.

Recently government representatives met with municipal and other officials to explain the airport development. When they unveiled their plans, local representatives were startled to see three planned runways.

Following stern questioning as to why there should be three runways instead of the one announced by the government, the civil servants weakly replied they still had not altered their plans from the original.

Speaking in Toronto, Prime Minister Trudeau chose to defend the Pickering Airport decision and stated it would disrupt the lives of only some 2,000 people.

It is still not clear where Mr. Trudeau classed the 5,000 residents of Stouffville when he used his 2,000 figure.

With the general decline in Canadian and international airline growth, it is difficult to understand why the government feels it is necessary to proceed with Pickering, the only airport of its kind to be developed any place in the world.

I asked Jean Marchand, the minister of transport, if consideration is being given to "delaying construction of the Pickering Airport for at

least a year so that this declining growth pattern may be taken into account rather than running the possibility of building an airport with no one to use it."

He replied, "I do not know what the situation will be next year. I think we have taken all precautions because we are only building one runway and it will be ready in a few years. In the meantime, we will be in a position to judge if we should go ahead or stop."

In the meantime, the government will have spent almost \$400 million. A costly tough-and-fee approach in a time of economic uncertainty.

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Refuse application for Hill lot again

In a well-researched, well-documented appeal, Silvio Tachella, Rumble Avenue, spent an hour in a futile effort to have Richmond Hill Council reverse a decision of its planning committee to refuse his application to create an additional residential lot facing on Emerald Isle Court.

Tachella's property stretches from Rumble Avenue to Emerald Isle Court with an existing two-bedroom house on the Rumble frontage. Total area is 9,409 square feet.

He proposed to create a 5,000 square foot residential building lot on Emerald Isle Court leaving the existing building on a lot of 4,409 square feet on Rumble Avenue. The minimum lot area is 5,000 square feet.

He cited several cases in other areas of town, where such deviation had been considered a minor variance and had been approved, in support of his application.

Several residents of the area spoke on his behalf. Edward Spence presented the arguments of his neighbors who opposed the application because, although the minimum lot size in the area is 5,000 square feet, the

Schiller not member of committee

Mayor Dave Schiller of Richmond Hill is not a member of the committee planning York Regional Council's three-day get together with the executive staff May 22-24, as reported in last week's Viewpoint column.

The mayor said he turned down the appointment and also was against the idea of the meeting, which is to be held at a spot still to be selected.

Idea of the get together is to help staff and council meet on a less informal basis, so they might operate on a more compatible plain.

Weston member holds Edgeley WI meeting

Mrs. Ann Brolley, Lipincott Street, Weston, entertained the Edgeley Women's Institute for their May meeting, with the newly elected president, Mrs. Alice Darlington, presiding.

Mrs. Doris Beanland who was chairman for the summary day on the course "Baked in a Pie" held at Victoria Square, presented Mrs. Jean Agnew with her badge for leader of the course.

She gave a good report of the day, reciting the poem she had composed and gave as Edgeley's part in the program.

Roll call for the meeting was, "My plans for summer holiday", and was well responded to.

Visiting the Western Provinces and West Coast seemed popular this summer.

Owing to a break down in the projector, plans for seeing slides had to be postponed.

Mrs. Beanland who attended the officers con-

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ference at Waterloo University gave an excellent report on the conference and conducted a quiz on the hand book as presented there.

She closed her report with quotations from the address of newly elected Provincial President Mrs. Herbert Maluske of Chesley, "to think kindly, act kindly, speak kindly".

Mrs. Alice Darlington was elected delegate to the County Rally at Sharon, June 16.

Mrs. J. Snider, PRO, gave a report on next year's program suggestions as presented by the members at a previous meeting.

Door prize for the evening was won by Mrs. Lila Snider. Courtesies of the evening were given by Mrs. Peggy Riordon.

The program planning meeting will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Alice Darlington, Netherford Road, Maple on Tuesday.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brolley and Mrs. Aitchison.

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and encourage all families in the Province to strengthen their homes and to set aside special times to do meaningful things together as a family.

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