

Letters Burton House could stand in parking lot, Trant says

On Thursday night, April 19, Councillor Tom Gove chaired the public meeting at the Thornhill Community Centre with tolerance and tact.

Members of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill, concerned about the fate of the Burton House sitting astride the main

access to a proposed plaza, got a courteous hearing.

It was encouraging to see such strong representation from Council and to hear the Mayor support a proposal to appoint a committee to study alternative solutions to the demolition of the Burton House.

I hope the original structure, the brick house, may remain where it is.

Councillors Carole Bell and Ron Dancy both objected that you couldn't leave it in the middle of a parking lot. But if the worst comes to the worst, I can't see why not.

Even if all the trees are cut down and the parking lot flows right up to the front steps, the Burton House will still look good in that wasteland.

Vice-president answers Mini-Skool accusations

Enough is enough. On three separate occasions in the past year, Ross McClellan (NDP) Bellwoods has managed to grab sensational headlines for himself by accusing the Metro Mini-Skools of wrongdoing.

Until this most recent attack, we dismissed Mr. McClellan's actions as those of a political opportunist using any information, even though that information may be inaccurate, to embarrass proprietary day care in general and Mini-Skools in particular.

His current and most vicious attack, however, has gone too far.

He has stepped beyond the bounds of decency. Previously, he focused his campaign on the financial aspects of our business — areas that were easy to defend with audited statements and records.

Neither of these attempts was successful in undermining the relationship we have with the families we serve.

This time he's shifted his attack from numbers to the quality of care we give our children.

His statements have tarnished our reputation, are unfounded, and unforgivable.

Unfortunately, all we can hope to do at this time is try to set the record straight.

First of all, you must question the source of his information. Four staff members who resigned not because of conditions at the Skool, but because of a policy change requiring them to work an eight hour shift instead of seven.

HOSTEL

The Kinette Club of Richmond Hill is in receipt of a letter asking for help by Project HOSTEL (Housing Opportunities for Short Term and Emergency Lodging), outlining that help is needed in York Region in times where families can turn to in the event of deserted, abused, fire and-or violence for emergency short-term housing.

Isn't it great that perhaps any of us out there would have a place to turn to in a time of emergency?

We feel that support from service clubs and the general public is required in order to get Project HOSTEL off the ground.

Hopefully, Project HOSTEL will be opening its doors for those in need in the very near future.

Sue Hill, Kinette Club Richmond Hill

Upset by this change, this small group (whose length of service ranged

from one to five years) resigned without notice and attempted to enlist the support of other staff and our parents.

When this action failed they turned to Mr. McClellan.

The allegations which he decided to outline in the house without any personal investigation are grossly exaggerated and entirely unfounded.

An examination of our attendance records and employee time records would have proven we fully comply with provincial staff and child

ratios.

Even a cursory look at our facilities would have showed him a clean, safe, healthy environment, especially designed for young children.

Our posted menus or a visit at lunch time would have invalidated the claim of inadequate food.

A phone call to the Department of Social Services would have informed him that our centres are inspected regularly and that we are in compliance with provincial regulations.

He would have found out that, in fact, the centre in question was examined in depth as recently as last week.

As a company, we own and operate nearly 90 centres in Canada and the United States serving nearly 20,000 families each day.

The service we provide is second to none in Toronto or any other city where we have Mini-Skools.

To be subjected to this kind of continuing unwarranted and irresponsible harassment is a sad reflection on Mr. McClellan.

Roger N. Williams, Vice-President Marketing, Mini-Skools, Ltd. Mississauga

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Dancers raise over \$3,000

The Kinsmen Club of Thornhill would like to express their very sincere thanks and appreciation to all dancers and sponsors for the success of the 28-hour Disco Dance-a-Thon held April 8 and 9 at J.J.'s Disco in Coleman's Restaurant, Markham Place Shopping Centre.


Over \$3,000 was received in pledges for our battle against Cystic Fibrosis.

Dancers completing the 28 hours of non-stop dancing were: Neil Reed, Vera Kizoff, Barb Gilbert, Pat Troyon, Paul Ngo, Myrna McMullen, Bob Bromby, Judy Turgeon, Angie Carnovale, Brian Ward, Doug McKenzie, Dave James, Donna Oehrlein and our one casualty Ted Castle who survived nine hours.

A very special thank you to the management and staff of J.J.'s Disco who made this all possible.

W. David James, President, Thornhill Kinsmen Club.

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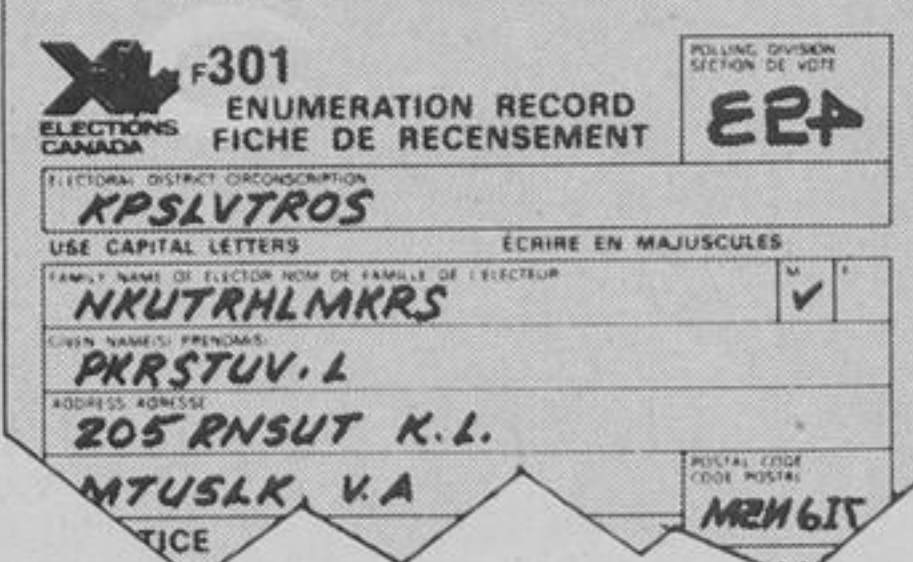
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DON'T HAVE A FORM F301?
It means you have not been enumerated and your name will not appear on the voters' list. Unless you act now you lose your right to vote and, in order to do so, it's your responsibility to get your name added to the list of voters. So phone the Returning Officer for your constituency. His number is listed below.

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