

Proposed Zoning Plan Of Village Creates Little Contention with Public

Little critical opposition was raised to the proposed Master Plan for the Village of Stouffville, when it was presented at a public meeting in the Legion Hall on Monday evening of this week. The meeting was called to order by Reeve Elmer Daniels and turned over to Chairman Henry Ogden of the local Planning Board.

Western Sand & Gravel Gets Local Gravel Contract

Western Sand & Gravel were the successful bidders when tenders were opened on Thursday evening by Stouffville Municipal Council, for the annual supply of road gravel. The price is 75c a yard delivered. Four firms placed tenders for the gravel. Road chairman Wagg stated that he expected a thousand tons would do the job this year. The exact amount required will not be known until some decision is given by the Municipal Board in May, as to whether or not the town may proceed with the balance of the sewer system. If the go ahead is given, many of the streets will be torn up and less gravel required.

Dogs
Dogs running loose are still posing a problem for town council. Reeve Daniels stated that he didn't think there should be any relaxing by police on the matter. Summonses are to be issued to known owners if their canines are found to be habitual offenders.

Roads and Walks
A maintainer is expected in town sometime this week to grade the town streets and to scarify where necessary. A survey is to be made immediately on town walks preparatory to contracting for the laying of some new cement this year. No sidewalk work was done in 1955 and there is considerable work ahead.

Assessment
A motion advanced by councillor Harry Walters was passed by council and provided for a meeting with the county assessor this Thursday evening, to discuss measured assessment.

The annual Stouffville District High School May Queen Prom, will be held on Friday evening, May 4th. The dress is semi-formal. The public is cordially invited to attend. The 1956 May Queen will be one of the following finalists, Barbara Hewlett, Anna Cole, Pat White, Pat Skinner and Marilyn Hood.

Stores will be open in town next Tuesday evening, May 1st, according to an announcement by the local business men.

Areas laid out were too small, not all were easily accessible, or available. Mr. Ogden pointed out that some of the areas laid out for industry could be enlarged if required.

Plan to Build 2,000 Homes at Bond Lake

A 2,000 home subdivision is being planned for the area surrounding Bond Lake, in Whitchurch Township. The Economy Construction Company has taken an option on 600 acres of land owned by Mr. R. C. Gamble. Dr. E. G. Faludi of Town Planning Consultants Ltd., will draw up the plans. The spring-fed lake is expected to provide water for the development and a self-contained water system will be installed to service the homes. The Company will meet with the Township Planning Board very soon to discuss their plans.

For many years, Bond Lake has been a favorite picnic spot for both Toronto and district residents. The Lake takes in some 50 acres of area on the east side of Yonge Street, south of Oak Ridges. The development includes lots 62, 63 and 64. At the present time, children in the district attend both Oak Ridges and S.S. No. 13 Public Schools.

Whitchurch Tp. Council Feels Old-Age Pension Subsidy is Unfair

Whitchurch Township Council viewed with displeasure, the Provincial request for the municipality to pay 40 percent of a \$20 a month subsidy for all old-age pensioners within the township. In a letter from the Department, it was stated that they would pay \$12 per person per month and the municipality if agreeable, would pay \$8.00. Constable Dick Mulholland stated that there were approximately 200 residents in the township who could qualify for the subsidy. "Several have already made application," said Mr. Mulholland.

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"The proportion from the Province and the Township is unreasonable," commented councillor Wallwork. "Both the Federal and Provincial Governments are just passing the buck," stated Dep. Reeve Richardson. Constable Mulholland said that there were many old-age pensioners at Wilcox Lake who had moved out from Toronto because the rents there were too high. He said he knew of one couple who were receiving \$80.00 per month and were paying \$15 of this amount out in rent. "Such a request would amount to a terrific figure in Markham and Vaughan Townships," said Reeve Legge.

Wolf Cub Family Pet at Claremont



Three year old Allan Arksey (left) and brother Murray, eight, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Arksey, Claremont, proudly display their new-found pet — a wolf cub. Mr. Arksey saw the cub on the side of the road near Agincourt while returning home from Toronto recently. He picked it up and took it to the veterinarian at Agincourt where its true identity was discovered. Since that time, the pet has become a very important member of the Arksey household. Its diet consists of milk and raw meat. It is believed that the mother wolf was carrying her offspring near the road when she became frightened and dropped the cub. The young wolf would have died in a short time from either starvation or exposure.

Councillors Consider Remuneration

A brief discussion on remuneration for their services concluded the regular meeting of Stouffville municipal council on Thursday evening. The subject has been broached at several meetings, but no action taken. Reeve Daniels told council members that he was prepared to receive a resolution on the matter. Council members, including the reeve and deputy, are presently receiving \$150 flat rate for their services.

Several members expressed the view that a meeting rate should be paid as is the case in a great many municipalities. It was stated that a change made last week in council pay in Aurora will give the mayor \$1,000, and all other members of council each \$500. Council is presently holding twenty-four regular meetings in the year, with an additional dozen to fifteen special meetings.

BIRTHS

BARKEY—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barkey announce the birth of their daughter, April 16, 1956, at the Brierbush Hospital.

BROWN—Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Brown happily announce the birth of their daughter, April 23, 1956, at the Brierbush Hospital.

BRUCE—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce, R.R.1 Unionville, are happy to announce the birth of their son, April 14, 1956, at the Brierbush Hospital.

GRAHAM—Mr. and Mrs. Don Graham, Markham, happily announce the birth of their son, Kevin Richard, April 23, 1956, at the Brierbush Hospital.

MCDOWELL—Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDowell, R. R. 1, Unionville, wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Carolyn Marie, on Thursday, April 19, 1956, at the Scarborough General Hospital; a sister for Elizabeth and Dorothy.

MOORE—Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Uxbridge wish to announce the birth of their son, Brian Edward, April 22, 1956, at the Brierbush Hospital.

WHITE—Mr. and Mrs. Peter White, Claremont, wish to announce the birth of their daughter, April 20, 1956, at the Brierbush Hospital.

WILSON—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson (nee Nellie Betz, Providence Bay, announce the birth of their daughter, Patricia Nellie, on April 14, 1956, a sister for Eddie.

Local Conservation Authority to Help Preserve Historic Sites

The historical committee of the Rouge Conservation Authority, headed by Mr. Simeon Reesor, has made a number of recommendations to the Authority towards preserving and marking the historical sites of this area. The committee has asked the Authority to have suitable signs erected, marking certain buildings and sites of historic significance in the watershed. The committee also recommends that steps be taken to acquire Bruce's Mill, erected in 1838. Some discussion was given to preserving of Grace Church in Markham. The structure was erected in 1838. Now the congregation is planning a new building and is strongly in favour of preserving the building as a historic site. Officials in Markham Township and Scarborough should be asked to retain as many trees as possible when widening and improving the right-of-way between the two municipalities. Recognition was given Miss Blodwin Davies, a member of the committee, and a resolution was passed through which the Authority expressed interest in the historical research work being carried out by Miss Davies and offered co-operation in her efforts to get a grant from the Bickell Foundation or from some other source. The members of the Historical Committee are, Simeon Reesor, W. H. Westney, Russell Wideman, Mrs. J. Armstrong, Miss Blodwin Davies and John Lunau.

Public School Board Preparing To Buy Site for New School

The Stouffville Public School Board is preparing to purchase a site for a second public school in Stouffville. Sky-rocketing real estate prices and the recommendation of the Inspector have led the Board to the decision that they must act now in order to prepare for a second school to be erected in the near future.

Members of the Board waited on the municipal council on Thursday evening to discuss the advisability of certain sites. The new school, when built, will be in the west end of town in order to serve the most rapidly expanding area of town.

There is presently a potential west of the 9th con. of a hundred and thirty-five homes, sufficient to fill the new school. The area required is five to six acres. Sufficient land must be purchased, the Board feels, to assure an area for expansion without necessitating the demolishing or expropriation of any nearby homes or buildings. The area most favoured by Board members for the school is the northwest corner of town east of the 9th con. Consideration is also being given to land south of Main Street.

The question of availability of services and streets were considered as well as price. In the three years since the new high school was built, land prices have shot up seventy-five percent in some cases. Council is giving consideration to the proposal taxwise, since the full load of such an expenditure rests on the local public school section and no grant is provided by the government. Proposed annexation of certain lands lying north of the present north corporation limit was also discussed. No word has been received from Whitchurch Township Council as to their feelings on the matter of a 200-acre annexation rather than only thirty acres as originally asked. Council members expressed varying opinions on suggested sites and the school board retired to further discuss the move.

Easter Seal Campaign Over the Top

Stouffville's Easter Seal campaign for Crippled Children has gone over the top. The announcement was made by Harold Spofford, chairman of the Lions Club committee in charge, on Monday evening. The 1956 campaign has reached a total of \$1,027.00, largest amount ever subscribed locally for this worthy cause.

The objective set earlier was a thousand dollars. Mr. Spofford was quick to point out in his announcement that contributions are still coming in and are still acceptable.

Lee Sand & Gravel Ltd. Gets Contract

Lee Sand and Gravel Limited were the successful tenders for the Whitchurch Township gravel contract. Five tenders were received for the job. A total of 20,000 yards will be delivered at a price of 90c per ton.

Road Superintendent Ernest Davis stated that all roads in the municipality were passable although there were some muddy sections that hadn't dried out as yet. Council discussed at some length the question of dust control on the Bloomington road during the summer months. Road Supt. Davis said that calcium was not very satisfactory on this heavily travelled road especially if the weather was dry, as was the case last year. Two letters of appreciation were received from township residents, thanking the Road Department for their efficient work during the winter.

Markham Tp. Opens Headford Dump Two Weekends

Headford Dump on the 3rd concession of Markham Township will be open for public use on the weekend of May 4 and 5, also May 11 and 12. This move was agreed at the last meeting of township council.

The township engineer was authorized to call for tenders for the Bayview bridge at Prospect Ave., bids to be subject to the approval of the Dept. of Highways. Council in their discussion revealed that it would be necessary to debenture for this contract.

A. D. Bruce Was Markham Pioneer And Phone Co. Pres. Over 50 Years



Bruce's greatest distinction came as president of the Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Co. Br. Bruce was in his 52nd year as President of the Company and his 53rd as a Director. He recently completed a series of articles on the history of the local telephone company which ran for some weeks in this newspaper.

The late Alex Bruce or "Sandy" as he was familiarly known to his host of friends, had a bright personality, was full of boundless energy which could shame many men, years his junior.

He is survived by a sister, Miss Janet, and a nephew, R. A. Bruce.

Funeral services were held from Melville United Church on Saturday for Alexander Bruce, for over half a century, president of the Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Co., and a Markham Township pioneer. Interment was made in the Melville Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. H. Moddle, assisted by Rev. D. Davis. Pallbearers were: Walter Scott, Clifford Burkholder, Harvey Houck, Harold Carruthers, Garnet Francey and Gordon Reid. Hon. pallbearers were, Edgar Nigh, William Brodie, Henry Miller, Clarence Atkinson and members of the B. & S. Telephone Company. After an illness of only a week this hardy county gentleman, 87, passed away in the same house in which he was born and lived all his life. His parents had settled there after coming from Scotland in 1842. Deceased has followed the miller's trade all his life, and Bruce's Mill is being considered as a special historical site in Markham Township. A faithful Church and Sunday School worker, he was a member of the Melville Church Board and an honorary elder. Mr. Bruce also served as a Bible Class teacher for a number of years. In addition to his keen interest in the history of Markham and his work in this connection, particularly during the recent Centennial celebration. Mr. Bruce