



Baraven Developments Ready To Sign Town Sub-division Agreement

Mr. Sneller, consulting engineer for Baraven Developments and solicitor Mr. Conlin, appeared before Stouffville Municipal Council on Thursday night to make preparations for a sub-division agreement covering the development of the Cain property east of Summitview School.

Solicitor Conlin stated that no building could be anticipated before late fall or spring, and reeve Lehman assured the visitors that the improvements in the town's water system should be completed by that time.

Since all the land in this area, including part of the A. E. Booth farm south of the school playground, has been zoned for residential, it was deemed advisable to lay a trunk sewer line south of Main St. to the disposal plant. Such a line would require an easement over the

Town Council Not Happy With Engineers Handling of Sewer Job

Alleged delays, slow cleanup of work, and most recently, a threat of law-suit, have combined to make Stouffville municipal council quite unhappy with the handling of the present sewer contract by their engineers, Hisey & Barrington. These matters all came to the forefront of Thursday night's council meeting.

"It seems we've tried everything to get this job along," declared reeve Lehman.

"They've got to be given an ultimatum," replied councillor Parsons.

"The contractor has promised time and again to have a machine on Stouffer St. and hasn't showed up," said deputy-reeve Wagg. "They can't be depended on."

"It's the engineer's job to see that they do the work, isn't it?" said councillor O'Boyle.

"They won't be done till fall, the way they're going," said councillor Laushway. "I would order the engineers not to give them any more levels, until some of this work is cleaned up," he added.

Deputy-reeve Wagg said the engineers promised to have someone on the job here all the time to get this work done — they haven't done it. No, and we're paying them extra for it, replied councillor Laushway.

Clerk Ralph Corner laid before council an account of \$1,158 from the engineers for extra fees covering the arbitration.

"I don't know why we should have to pay out money like that to get them out of a jam," declared deputy-reeve Wagg.

Councillors Parsons and Laushway agreed that the matter should be discussed further when other matters are ironed out. Council agreed to acknowledge the engineers' letter only.

Threatens Suit

A communication was received from Mr. John Poole, Stouffer St., who threatened legal action if this street was not opened immediately.

"That street's been that way for months; we can't hold these people up forever," said councillor Laushway.

"I've tried every way with the engineers and the contractor to get this fixed, but nothing's been done," said deputy-reeve Wagg.

After further discussion, council agreed that the engineers should be given specific instruction in the morning that unless Stouffer St. was repaired immediately, the town would go in and do the work and charge the cost to the contractor.

Council agreed that although the arbitration had gone in their favor, and April Construction had received all the monies due them, the progress of the work was still no better than before and drastic action would have to be taken.

Whitchurch '59 Budget Moves Past Half Million

The total tax levy for 1959 in Whitchurch Township has moved past the half million dollar mark and totals \$575,709.79. This is \$122,500.13 above last year's figure. Almost all rates have increased. The township general rate for farm and residential property has been increased from 18.7 to 21.25 mills and the commercial rate has been upped from 22.72 to 25.3.

Secondary school rates also show increases. Aurora high School rate has moved from 7.33 to 11.13, Stouffville from 4.62 to 9.12 and Newmarket from 9.24 to 10.85.

Added to these rates will be the public school levies. It is interesting to note that of the 21 public school sections, including union sections in Whitchurch Township, 12 have some debt service payment to make.

The township taxes are due on July 15th, and a discount of 3% is allowed if the two installments are paid on or before this date. A penalty of 3% is added after Dec. 1st on all unpaid accounts.

Five Tenders To Raise Twp. Pheasants

Markham Township Council is in receipt of five tenders for the raising of 500 pheasants to be released in the township. One tenderer was not considered as he was not a resident of the municipality. Some tenderers provided a guarantee and some did not. Deputy-reeve Dean and council Watson were named as a committee with power to act in considering the two most favorable tenders.

Councillor McNeill said that he had a ratepayer suggest that the bounty on fox be raised to \$10. He suggested that the present fee had eliminated a large number and an increased fee would help get the remainder.

Council considered it would likely bring in too many foxes from other areas, and decided on no change.

Members agreed to a price of \$1,135 to Fraser Gee for three quarters of an acre of land on the 3rd concession. The land is required to straighten the road where it intersects with 18th Avenue.

Canada produces 30,000 tons of pulp and paper every day.

Jailed For Attack On Youth

Seventeen-year-old Bill Johnson, Harold St., Stouffville, was the victim of a vicious assault Saturday evening. The attack occurred on the property of Mr. Herbert Cossey, 9th con. south of Main St. The two hoodlums, both from Uxbridge, Albert Sutcliffe, 24 and Geo. Miller, 19, were nabbed at the scene by Police Chief Frank Edwards of Stouffville. They were lodged in the cells at Buttonville and later charged with having beer in a place other than their residence.

Johnson was southbound on the 9th con. when a car, driven by Miller, is alleged to have run into the rear of the Johnson auto. According to reports, he ran into him again when the lead car pulled into the Floral Co. parking lot. When Johnson stepped out, he was kicked and beaten. No reason was given for their actions. Both men were strangers to the victim.

After calling the police, Mr. Cossey came to the injured youth's aid. Chief Edwards arrived in a matter of minutes and transported the men to the cells. They will appear in court on Wednesday of this week.

Boys with Matches Blamed For Main Street Blaze

Three young boys playing with matches have been blamed for a fire that destroyed a large frame barn on the property of Mr. Harry Bourne, Main St. in Stouffville, late Sunday afternoon.

The blaze was spotted by a nearby neighbor, Mr. William Miller. Mrs. Miller summoned the local fire brigade to the scene. Within minutes the entire structure was ablaze. A northwest wind kept the fire from spreading to an adjacent home owned by Mr. C. Sprague.

The blaze was formerly owned by Mr. Henry Dickson, 40 years ago, a village blacksmith. His late son, Walter, added another section to the structure. It was purchased by Mr. Ken Cain and recently sold to Mr. Harry Bourne who plans to sub-divide the land nearby. The building was partially covered by insurance.

Stouffville firemen were at the scene for more than five hours on Sunday evening, and returned again on Monday as residents feared a second flare-up. One member fireman narrowly escaped injury when a part of the building collapsed.

Beauty on Display

Recent warm rains and sunny days have turned many gardens and flower beds into scenic village beauty spots. One of the most colourful of these is a plot of yellow tulips on the property of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Button, O'Brien Ave. Pretty 11 year old Frances Farr, Church St., enhances mother nature's spring display.

Request for Street Extension Causes a Brisk Council Exchange

A flurry of verbal exchanges between members of Markham Township Council on Monday night, came as a result of a request for the extension of Henderson Ave. as a through St. to John St. which leads into Thornhill.

Reeve Clark, in speaking to the request suggested that council for the present, continue Henderson Ave. to Elgin St. and provide a jog to Johnston Ave. This would provide temporary relief.

However, Planning Director Forrest stated that in order to prepare the area for the increased residents which would come into the place in the near future he considered the Henderson Ave. route as necessary in order that this traffic not be forced onto Yonge St. or Bayview. He said that the jog was not good planning in a through route.

"This Planning Board has cost council some \$10,000 in the last few years and no progress has been shown," declared deputy-reeve Dean.

Councillor Mumberson quickly jumped to the defense of the Planning Board. He took exception to the deputy-reeve's charge, and said, "Mr. Dean knows very well that the lack of progress has been due to Metro, not the Planning Board."

Mrs. D. Strickland spoke for the deputation as well as Mr. K. Richon and Mr. Granger. The School Board in that locality is establishing a new school and wish the road opened in order to gain access to the school.

The route was debated at some length as the proposed route would affect several residential properties. Mr. Granger said it would come to within five feet of his house.

Planning Director Forrest said that the 66 ft. street would leave a narrow piece of land without depth and it might be wise for council to buy the en-

Election Officers Named For June 11 Balloting

Stouffville will have five polls to handle the balloting in the forthcoming provincial election on June 11th, one less than in the federal election of last year. There are approximately 1700 eligible voters in town.

The poll at the westend will be in the Masonic Hall; the deputy-reeve returning officer will be Mrs. Marion Murphy and the poll clerk, Muriel Tunney; Davis' Store, Mary Davis DRO and Mrs. Don Lewis Sr., PC; Council Chambers, Mrs. Stan Schmidt, DRO and Mrs. Walter Smith PC; Summitview Public School — (double poll) — Jack Garrett PC and Mrs. Don Lehman PC, Bernard Tunney DRO and Mrs. Joan Ca-

dieux PC.

To date there has been little stir in town over the election, and for that matter anywhere in the riding which holds some sixty thousand voters. While there are a number of vital issues which seem apparent to observers, little has been made of them to date.

It is interesting to note that in the last provincial election in 1955, Stouffville gave the Liberal Candidate Jos. Dales a majority of 51 votes. The CCF candidate picked up 63 votes. In the total vote for the riding, MacKenzie was elected by a majority of about 2500 votes. The totals were 10,173 to 7,628.

Lot Plans Required In Whitchurch Twp.

Mr. T. Rodgers, chairman of the Whitchurch Township Planning Board, attended the regular meeting of council on Thursday night. He drew to council's attention the difficulty in issuing building permits where there was lack of information regarding the size of the property. He suggested that each application be accompanied by a sketch plan which would give the Board an opportunity to see that every property contained the required number of feet.

Council agreed to the suggestion and passed a resolution that the building inspector be instructed to require a lot plan before issuing a building permit, and the public be advised of this fact.

Enlarge Lake Lots

Mr. Rodgers also drew attention to lots at Musselman's Lake where there was no registered plan, and when the building bylaw came into force, it prohibited the use of many lots. Davies Drive was particularly mentioned. The bylaw did not

Heater Explosion Threatens Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Skinner, Market St. in Stouffville, was threatened by a fire on Saturday night when a coal jacket heater in the cellar exploded. Fast action by a local brigade confined the fire damage to the basement.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner and family were watching TV in the living room when the ex-

Receives Award

Donald Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Neil Smith, received his 13th Badge at the Father & Son Scout and Cub banquet in Stouffville Tuesday evening. Some one hundred boys and their dads attended the affair. The award to Scout Donald Smith, is the highest scout award and it was particularly fitting that District Scout Master Horace Jaques should be present for the presentation. Dave Stallard of Stouffville is the assistant District Scout Master.

Norm Hill was chairman for the banquet and Walter Winn who heads the Cubs, and Jack Barkey, the local Scouts, also took part.

Entertainment was provided by a town musical group composed of Ted Cadieux, Bob Hassard, Lorne Roadway and Wm. Dedlow.

Supplementary Appropriation Bylaw For Paving and Resurfacing Streets

Stouffville municipal council has passed a supplementary road appropriation bylaw for \$10,500 to cover the cost of paving and surface-treating some streets in town this summer. The bylaw has now been passed on to the Dept. of Highways for approval.

Streets included for surface-treating are those in Starvale sub-division, Rose Ave. to Burkholder and Fairview, Elm Rd. from the 9th con. to Fairview and 11th con. to 12th con. at a cost of \$2500; Orchard PK. south will be paved to meet that of the sub-division, \$2500; and Civic St. from Main St. to the theatre building will be paved with curbs at \$3000. These prices are estimates of the work prepared by the engineers.

Snow-Plowing Costs

An interesting summary of snow-plowing costs over the past five years was given by the treasurer and revealed that these have increased more than four times. Cost was \$597 in 1955 and \$2422 in 1959 to date. In 1956 the cost was \$561, in 1957 \$896 and \$1493 in 1958.

House Numbering

Council, after some discussion, agreed to proceed with the house numbering project studied earlier in the year. A firm of experts who had presented a systematic plan of numbering is being asked to appear at the next council meeting. Funds for the project were provided in this year's tax budget.

School Section Hearing In Whitby on June 10

The annexation bill by S.S. No. 17 Altona, for a portion of land included in S.S. No. 16 the Glasgow School, will be aired in the Whitby Court House on Wednesday, June 10th at 2 p.m. Pickering Twp. council was notified of the hearing by Public School Inspector Mr. A. Archibald. Council will not submit a brief on the issue.

The Altona Section would gain \$51,000 in assessment from property in Uxbridge Township. They would receive an additional 10 pupils. The present assessment in the Altona section is only \$180,000, one of the lowest in Pickering Township. A meeting in the Altona school in February voted 18-2 in favor of the extended boundary.

Mr. Robert Mills of Bloomington had the misfortune to fall while working in the barn, and break his arm in two places.



Lucky Winner

Beverly Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Little of Dickson's Hill, was the lucky winner of the Tribune's Missing Letters Contest last week. She holds her lucky entry and a portion of the mail that was sent in by local readers. The response to the contest has far exceeded all expectations.