

Official village crest

Designed by local artist

STOUFFVILLE — The Village of Stouffville has an official crest.

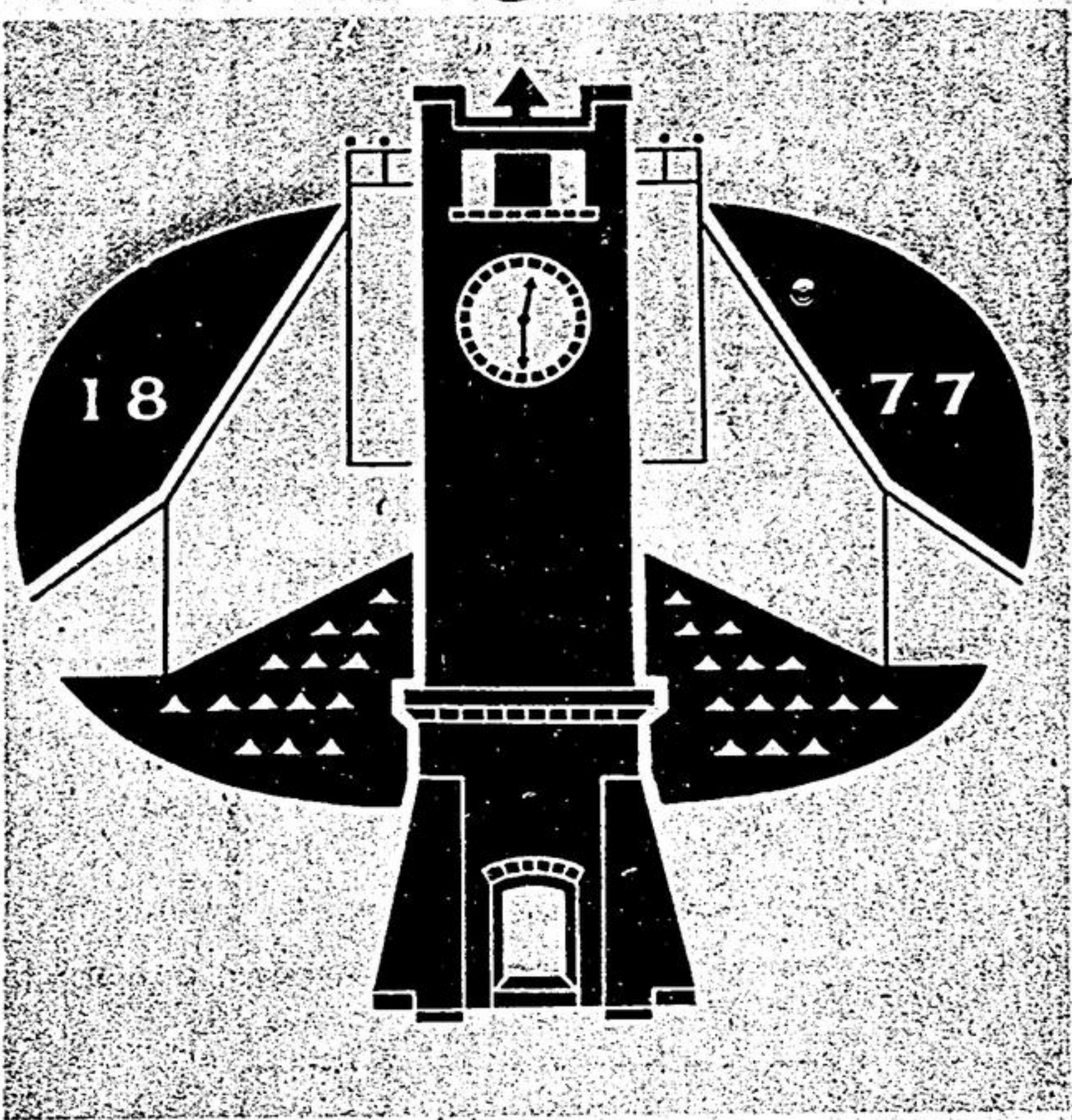
Designed and sketched by local artist, George Foord, Main Street West, it has won the approval of municipal council.

The clock tower dominates the foreground serving as a central symbol. Back of it, is the new flood control dam with the suggestion of sparkling water.

The 1877 date of incorporation is so indicated.

The crest will, where ever possible, be used in two colors — the tower in red and the lozenge shape, enclosing the dam, in blue.

It will appear on all stationery as well as municipally-owned buildings and vehicles.



The Village of Stouffville crest incorporates the clock tower as a dominating foreground structure with the flood control dam at back.

—Sketch by George Foord

Ponderosa home-owners want properties repaired

Call public meeting to air complaints

STOUFFVILLE — Residents within Stouffville's 140-home Ponderosa Development, have been called to a public meeting, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Mark's School, to air complaints concerning reports of faulty workmanship on their properties.

The decision to meet en masse, resulted from a discussion among several owners, Sunday evening, at the home of John Brunke, 520 Elm Road.

All related long lists of problems that included everything from cracked walls to warped basement beams. Each also told of attempts to contact the builder with little success.

The majority of houses have been up less than

one year. Many fear, that with the arrival of spring, conditions will become much worse. "You haven't seen anything yet," commented one of the group. Another said his list of complaints was so long, he'd have to mail it in by parcel post.

The organization, that calls itself "The Ponderosa Grievance Association", plans a door-to-door campaign to make people aware of the action proposed.

All said they liked the area and wished to retain permanent residence in town. They noted however, that certain defects had occurred in their homes that they wished corrected at the contractor's expense.

Hydro rate increase likely

STOUFFVILLE — Hydro rates will increase in Stouffville this year.

The unpleasant prediction was announced by reeve Ken Laushway at a meeting of the Public Commission, Jan. 20.

On Jan. 1, Ontario Hydro upped its cost to the

municipality by six percent. Reeve Laushway said that while the local Commission had absorbed the previous price hike, it would be impossible to do so this time.

December accounts presented for payment reached a record \$17,589.

Old fire truck inadequate — chief

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville council has been advised to give consideration to the purchase of a new fire truck.

The recommendation from Chief Walter Smith, was contained in a report covering fire calls answered by the department during 1969.

Chief Smith said the 1960 model truck could adequately serve the town, but the new one would be better for calls into the country. Mr. Smith suggested that the spare vehicle, now 24 years old, was serving no useful purpose.

Reeve Ken Laushway observed that should Stouffville's boundaries be extended under regional government, additional fire equipment would be required.

Under a new 1-year agreement with the Townships of Whitchurch, Markham and Uxbridge, the rate agreed on by Stouffville for fire protection will be \$120 for the first hour and \$90 for each additional hour. The standby charge is unchanged at \$800 for Whitchurch, \$500 for Markham and \$400 for Uxbridge.

Too late for tax relief

WHITCHURCH TWP. — A request for tax relief on the property of Willow Springs Camp near Lemonville, has arrived too late, Whitchurch Twp. Council agreed at a meeting Jan. 19.

However, the members will attempt to gain more information on the case before reaching a decision. The site is owned and operated by the Canadian Sunday School Mission.

In a letter, the Superintendent, Richard Ohlman noted that fees were kept to \$20 per week in an effort to encourage young people to utilize the facilities. He pointed out that special tax consideration was given the Parkview Home in Stouffville.

Councillor Merlyn Baker said he had personally visited the Camp and spoke highly of the work done there.

Council agreed that the application should have been processed through the Court of Revision when all other cases of its kind were heard. None could see any alternative but to file an appeal later this year.

Stouffville Legion

Discuss membership for non-veterans

STOUFFVILLE — The admission of non-veterans as members of the Stouffville Legion, a suggestion put forward by the Provincial executive that, if adopted, would affect all branches, is expected to arouse argument here.

President Arthur Dixon told The Tribune that the issue would be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Further debate will be held at the Ontario Convention in May.

Mr. Dixon said that a poll of 20 other Legion branches had indicated opposition to the scheme.

The Stouffville Legion has a membership of about 75 veterans plus a very active ladies' auxiliary group. Mr. Dixon said that if all veterans in the area would play an active part, the membership would exceed 400.

Ringwood post office

The end of an era



Postmark — Ringwood.

RINGWOOD — The end of this week marks the end of an era for an estimated 40 residents of Ringwood.

The community Post Office, serving the area since before Confederation, closes down on Saturday. The location is Ken Phillips' Store.

History recalls the name of George H. Silvester as the first Postmaster in 1856. He was succeeded by his son, Fred. Others to follow were — A. W. Lehman (1909); Joseph M. Grove (1915); Roy B. Grove (1930); Mrs. Wahneita Grove (1955) and Ken Phillips from 1956 to the present day.

A total of 478 post offices have been closed throughout Canada during the past year and another 308 are scheduled to be shut down under Postmaster Eric Kiernans' program of reform.

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Plan school sites

STOUFFVILLE — If two major residential developments on the north side of Stouffville are permitted to proceed, three new elementary school sites will be required plus an addition to the present high school property, it was learned this week.

The information follows a meeting in Stouffville, Jan. 22 that included representatives of the York County Board of Education, the York County Separate Board, Metro Planning Board, Stouffville Planning Board and members of Council.

Residential build-up is contemplated by Stouffville Development Ltd., to include 84 acres west of conc. 9 Between concessions 9 and 10, an additional 134 acres is on the drawing board owned by Dulverton Holdings Ltd.

Homes on these properties could produce 982 elementary and 231 secondary school pupils.

The sites would be serviced by an enlarged sewage treatment plant to be financed by the developers.

Board of Education spokesmen commended Stouffville's planners and council on their foresight in arranging the meeting. They said it marked the first time they had been consulted at such an early stage.

Public-high school integration system proves successful

Conduct poll among teachers — students



Top speaker

Bill Bogers, R.R. 4, Stouffville, will advance to the next round of competition in the Lions Club oratorical. He placed first at a contest held in the Masonic Hall, Jan. 12.

STOUFFVILLE — In September, the York County Board of Education gave its approval to an experimental program whereby elementary pupils of Grades 7 and 8 would be partially integrated into the secondary system of Stouffville High School.

With five months of the school year now complete, both students and teachers have had sufficient time to assess the benefits of the move. They can also point to some of the problems.

A detailed 5-page report on the project was aired before a meeting of the Board by principal W. E. Duxbury, Monday. He has concluded that the majority of pupils are satisfied with the arrangement as it now stands. The teachers, too, he says, feel the system is workable, although not ideal. A similar questionnaire was sent to 54 parents, seeking questions and comments. Out of this number, only 11 were returned. None was highly critical, Mr. Duxbury said, and most opinions were favorable.

For the students, the principal said, the strongest complaints concerned too little time available in the gymnasium and too short a period for lunch. Advantages noted were the numbers of special subjects available and the use of a rotary system that provided a variance of teachers.

Three parents observed that for children living in the country, a school day extending from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. was too long. Two suggested that under the new program, elementary pupils tended to feel older than their years.

"Although not ideal," Mr. Duxbury concluded, "I feel the plan is quite satisfactory and workable for any length of time. The fact that we have very few real complaints, seems to indicate that the experiment is successful."

Co-operation urged in school cost levy

STOUFFVILLE — While the council of the Town of Markham has refused to pay its quarterly share of the York County school levy by March 31, Stouffville, has adopted a much softer approach.

Members agreed, at a meeting, Jan. 22, to meet with the trustees and discuss the issue.

In 1969, the education support payment was not requested until Dec. 15. Stouffville's share was about \$400,000.

In 1970 however, due dates have been set for March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 15.

To meet the March date means that Stouffville must borrow funds from the bank since the village budget will not yet be finalized and no tax monies will have been received. Council has already approved one borrowing by law to cover expenditures to that time.

Reeve Ken Laushway said he doubted very much if the School Board would have its own budget finalized by March 1. In fact, he said, the requisition, pertaining to Stouffville, might not come until the 1st of April.

Councillor Ethel Mole

Assault charge

STOUFFVILLE — The proprietor of Stouffville's Mansion House Hotel, remains in custody pending appearance in Richmond Hill Provincial Court, Jan. 30, on three charges of assault.

Norman Casamiri, 143 Main Street West, has been charged with two counts of indecent assault on a female and one count of common assault.

The charges were laid through the Stouffville Police Department on a private complaint.

Liquid industrial waste deposits inviting disaster — commissioner

Re-open Whitchurch site

STOUFFVILLE — Members of the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission have expressed concern and shock over the Provincial Government's announced decision to re-open the Bremner Disposal Site to loads of liquid industrial waste, most of it from Metro.

The decision was revealed at a meeting of the P.U.C., Jan. 20. Spokesman for the Department of Energy and Resources was John Heaman.

Commissioner Ken Betz took issue with the official. He charged that with water run-off to both north and south, the Bremner property was one of the worst in the area for this purpose. He noted that a small measure of liquid waste could be accommodated through evaporation. But to create permanent 'pools' of sludge was inviting disaster.

Mr. Heaman explained that the closing of the site had put several firms in a serious position, with no other place in which to deposit their refuse. Some, he said, threatened to close down and lay off their staffs.

Mr. Heaman said drill test holes had been made in the area adjacent to the property and it was found that no seepage had occurred at

a depth of 20 feet. He noted that the water table serving the Village of Stouffville was at a depth of 120 feet. He concluded that Stouffville's supply was in no danger of contamination.

Reeve Ken Laushway countered a recommendation that the village make its own test drills, north of the reservoir, to ascertain the possibility of pollution. He said that if contamination at this source was confirmed, it would then be too late to remedy the problem.

Mr. Heaman assured the members that Queen's Park was endeavoring to come up with a permanent solution and the use of the Bremner site was temporary. He said that an incinerator was proposed for the Metro region, but could not be completed for at least 6 months or longer.

Commissioner Betz was not impressed. He said since other municipalities had refused to accept this waste, the Whitchurch site would be taxed to an even greater extent than before.

Mr. Heaman said his department was faced with no alternative. He noted that when the Bremner property was closed, a serious situation developed. He said loads were then being dumped almost everywhere and in one case, deposits had flowed into an open stream.



Kin family wins \$1,000 jackpot

This pile of money totals one thousand dollars. It is the amount won by Mrs. Russell Holder, Elm Road, Stouffville in the Kinvestment Lucky draw, sponsored by the Kinsmen Club and held Jan. 21. Dreaming up plans on how to spend the sudden windfall are (left to right) — Michael, 8, Cathy, 5, and Debbie, 10. Their father is a Kin member. —Jas. Thomas