

Reject airport expansion

MARKHAM TWP. — The proposed extension of a north-east runway at Buttonville Airport has been turned down by Markham Twp. Council.

The vote, at a meeting Monday, was unanimous. Both deputy reeve Anthony Roman and councillor Jim Jongeneel expressed the fear that a longer airstrip would increase the port's potential of accommodating larger planes, possibly jets.

Councillor Eldred King said any expansion of the airport's operation would prove no benefit to residents in the community.

The decision was greeted by a rousing cheer from the more than 40 ratepayers crowded into the chambers.

To close Bloomington school

WHITCHURCH TWP. — It's now official — the two room public school at Bloomington will not open in September.

The decision, announced by the York County Board of Education, April 13, followed a meeting with interested parents.

Children that would have been enrolled there in the fall will be transported by bus to Orchard Park School in Stouffville.

An earlier decision to also close Hillcrest School, conc. 6, Whitchurch, has been reversed.

Had this occurred, the Board would have required a portable addition at the Highlands School, to accommodate the enrollment of additional students there.

Lake man guilty of fraud

STOUFFVILLE — A Musselman's Lake man was fined \$200, spent one day in jail, and was ordered to make restitution in full following conviction on a charge of uttering heard in Richmond Hill Court, April 17.

Thomas McCracken, Stouffville, R.R. 2, entered a plea of guilty.

Evidence introduced revealed that McCracken had cashed a cheque valued at \$2,800 in the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Stouffville, August 6 of last year, after altering the document.

He had sold his car, valued at \$5,000, for that amount, while he still owed \$3,800 on the vehicle. The cheque was made out to himself and the Traders Finance Company.

McCracken erased the name of the finance company, endorsed the cheque with his signature, and cashed it.



\$150,000 fire destroys storage plant

Damage has been estimated at \$150,000 in a fire, April 16, on the property of Tower Food and Freezer Service, Hwy. 7, east of Don Mills Road. The cause has been attributed to the burning of grass that was allowed to spread out of control. Brigade units, that battled the blaze for two hours, were able to save the main house and a nearby garage.

—Peter Harris.

Village of Stouffville

Fire losses low in 1969

STOUFFVILLE — For its size, the Village of Stouffville established one of the best fire protection records in Ontario during 1969, according to a recent report made public by the Fire Marshal's Office, Provincial Dept. of Justice.

During this 12-month period, the loss due to fires amounted to only \$1,080. The brigade answered 9 calls.

In areas surrounding Stouffville, the total is much heavier — in some cases, staggering.

For instance, the Town of Ajax, \$19,490; Town of Aurora, \$29,671; Twp. of Markham, \$360,093; Town of Markham, \$15,170; Town of Newmarket, \$10,807; Twp. of Pickering, \$247,554; Village of Pickering, \$69,099; Village of Port Perry, \$93,124; Town of Richmond Hill, \$57,846 and the Town of Uxbridge, \$128,158.

School fires, one in Whitchurch (\$88,173) and another in Markham Twp. (\$100,024) raised their loss

figures considerably.

In the Town of Uxbridge, the fire at Moore's Hardware Store caused \$126,846 damage. In Uxbridge Twp., a blaze at the Prescott farm resulted in a loss of \$55,000.

One of Pickering's worst fires was at the T.L. Wilson and Sons Ltd., turkey ranch near Whitevale.

University scholarship

RINGWOOD — An honor student of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School will receive a \$5,000 annual post graduate scholarship that could total up to \$20,000 over four years.



James Mehaffey

James Mehaffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mehaffey, Ringwood, has been selected for this academic award by the National Research Council of Canada.

Now in his final year at York University, he plans to study for his Master of Arts Degree at either the University of Toronto or McMaster, Hamilton.

Jim, the valedictorian in the S.D.S.S. graduating class of 1966, was awarded an Ontario Scholarship along with classmate, Herbert Otto of Ballantrae.

Cesspool of liquid waste

There must be a better way - Lewis

STOUFFVILLE — Giant cesspools of liquid waste — and thousands of gallons more, trucked in daily. That was the scene described by Bob Lewis of Bloomington when he met with Stouffville Council, April 9. And the site, in Whitchurch Twp., is little more than one mile from the town's water reservoirs and much closer to some private wells.

The contamination threat that this property poses plus suggested solutions will be discussed in full at a public meeting in the auditorium of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, April 28 at eight o'clock.

Residents in the area affected, including Stouffville, are urged to

attend. Mr. Lewis said that while government officials continue to minimize the dangers of pollution they also give no guarantee that

'Union Villa'

To lay cornerstone

UNIONVILLE — Hon. John Yaremko, Provincial Minister of Social and Family Services, will officiate at the laying of the cornerstone for 'Union Villa', Saturday, May 2 at two o'clock.

The two million dollar project, a future home for senior citizens is well underway. It is anticipated that the first residents will move in by August of this year.

The location is west of Kennedy Road and north of Hwy. 7.

contamination will not occur. He estimated that it was not unusual for 50,000 gallons of waste to be dumped there every day — sometimes more. "It has to go somewhere — either into the air or into the grounds," he said. He noted, that for industry, it was a very economical means of disposal. He likened the risk to a game of Russian roulette.

Mr. Lewis pointed to the futility of taking tests. "If it ever gets that far, it would mean Stouffville residents would have one or two months to move out. If we stand our ground, then hopefully, the government will take some action. There has to be a better way."

Fire destroys scout chalet

WHITCHURCH TWP. — A fire, of unknown origin, destroyed a chalet on the property of Woodland Trails Scout Camp, conc. 6, Whitchurch, Saturday afternoon.

The building, with accommodation for 30 boys, contained bunk beds as well as kitchen and heating equipment.

More than 100 men were at work on the grounds at the time, preparing the site for the summer season. The blaze, however, was too far advanced to save the building or its contents.

Stouffville firemen were called as a precautionary measure.

Must organize - businessmen told

STOUFFVILLE — Before a downtown redevelopment scheme can become a reality in Stouffville, traffic bypass routes must be constructed to both the north and south of the centre core.

This was the opinion of Planning Board, April 14, during a discussion of the subject with Main Street business owners and store managers.

Members recommended that a firm, conversant with such ventures, be hired to present several proposals for consideration at a later time.

Several suggestions were put forward including an improved route from O'Brien Avenue along Burkholder Street and north to Main.

Another was the continuation of Somerville Street, east through the bowling green and park, joining Park Drive near the rink.

To the north of Main, two routes were suggested,

both with an exit and entrance in the area of the present Midtown Garage. Reeve Ken Laushway said this road could go all the way to Hwy. 47 or, if desired, cut back to re-join Main Street East.

It was the feeling of the Board that the total cost should be borne entirely by the businessmen with no portion assessed against residential properties. It was also learned that no government grant is now available for this purpose.

Board Chairman, Wm. Kamps said the whole idea of the meeting was to bring issue out in the open.

Reeve Laushway agreed. He urged the businessmen to get together and form an association. He recommended a survey be taken to learn the feelings of all merchants on the matter. He promised the full support of council.

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Reject piece-meal build-up

STOUFFVILLE — The construction of four homes in part of a total plan containing 40 lots, has been turned down by Stouffville Planning Board.

The property, owned by Orsi Developments Limited, is located on the south side of Sunset Boulevard, east of the Anglican Church.

The four homes would front on the east-west road with a large barn now situated there, to be demolished. This section of the street would be widened to a full 66 feet.

In opposing the application, reeve Ken Laushway recommended a plan for the entire area and not some kind of piece-meal deal. Member Reg MacKay agreed, suggesting that allowance be made for the extension of both Victoria and Clarke Streets.

Member Ken Wagg said that once an over-all plan is submitted, the Board could consider the construction of four homes as a first phase.

Day of decision May 5

YORK CTY. — An announcement, that could shape the future of both Metro Toronto and York County, is expected, when Premier John Robarts addresses a meeting in the Queen Elizabeth Building, May 5.

Reeve Ken Laushway of Stouffville will attend.

Among other things, it is anticipated that some new light will be shed on the proposed development of 'Century City' a project that, up to now, has drawn little comment out of Queen's Park.

It is rumored too, that a new route for Hwy. 407 will be announced, swinging it north rather than south of Markham Town.

We'll all be a little wiser in two week's time.

Seek gravel site

UXBRIDGE TWP. — There's a slogan that goes: Water-Water everywhere, but not a drop to drink.

In the Twp. of Uxbridge, the problem is not water — but gravel. With pits located on every side, the council is in the market for a site of its own.

One offer already considered contains about 24 acres at lot 15, conc. 5. The owner, Aylmer Carter, Claremont, R.R. 1, attended a meeting, April 13.

Reeve Robt. Nesbitt said the property contained sufficient gravel to last about eight years.

Members agreed to visit the location with Mr. Carter and discuss the matter further.

Refuse bounty on wolf dogs

UXBRIDGE TWP. — No bounty is paid on cross-bred wolves, it was revealed at a meeting of Uxbridge Twp. Council, Apr. 13.

Reeve Robt. Nesbitt said two such animals had been shot recently. One, he said, was part Labrador and the other part German Shepherd.

He noted that wolf-dogs are both cunning and fearless, thus causing even more havoc among sheep flocks and other livestock.

Stouffville Area wins more support

Markham mayor urges Hydro route identity be retained

MARKHAM — It was hands across the border Monday night as Alma Walker, Mayor of Markham Town lent her support to a recommendation that would retain Stouffville as an identifiable area within the new Region of York.

Established boundary lines, as set out on a map prepared by a select committee within the County, drew sharp criticism, both from Mayor Walker and supporting members of her council.

The map, to which she referred, placed Stouffville in an expanded Whitchurch area, extending all the way up to the boundary of Georgina and North Gwillimbury.

"Stouffville, like the Town of Markham, is an historically significant community that should not be tucked away in the corner of some larger area," she said.

Hydro route not final

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The exact route a new tower line will take through a section of Uxbridge Township, has not been finalized, an official of Ontario Hydro informed council, April 13.

The representative, indicated that discussions on the project had taken place at Planning Board level. He said a further meeting was planned, and council would be informed of the decision.

"Stouffville, like the Town of Markham, is an historically significant community that should not be tucked away in the corner of some larger area," she said.

She criticized the committee's proposal, saying the map did not represent the decision of the majority.

In a strongly worded resolution, the council voiced its objection to the report, charging it did not reflect the true picture of the submissions made. Copies have been sent to County Council and the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Similar concern has been expressed by Ken Laushway, reeve of Stouffville. A resolution, rejecting the boundary lines as now established, has been forwarded to Mr. McKough by Stouffville Village.

Budget night - tonight

STOUFFVILLE — Thursday evening (tonight) is budget night in Stouffville — the occasion when finance chairman councillor Tom Lonergan reveals what's in store for village taxpayers in 1970.

Don't be optimistic. For it's predicted that the average home, assessed at \$20,000, will be charged about \$513, an increase of \$61 over 1969.

Townships discuss amalgamation

MARKHAM TWP. — The benefits of amalgamation will be discussed at a joint meeting of Markham and Vaughan Township Councils, Tuesday evening, April 28 in the Langstaff Secondary School.

The time is 8 p.m. Ratepayers of both municipalities are invited.

While the discussion will centre around the linking of the two townships into one, the amalgamation of the two police departments will also be considered as a separate issue.

Vaughan council has already expressed favor with the proposal. Approval is required from the Ontario Municipal Board.

Reeve Stewart Rumble said other municipalities within the Southern Six could sit in on the talks if they so desired. Councillor Jim Jongeneel said the Town of Markham had been approached but had shown no interest in the plan.

Slow down development

STOUFFVILLE — Ken Wagg, a member of Stouffville Planning Board has suggested that the proposed construction of close to 1,000 homes within a period of three years should be slowed down and phased over a longer period — perhaps five years.

The Tombasso property west of St. Mark's School contains 450 lots. The Delverton Plan includes 531 to be staged as follows: 194 lots in 1970, 188 in 1971 and 149 in 1972. The site extends from Ninth Line North through to Hwy. 47.

"That's a lot of development in only three years," observed Mr. Wagg, "we may be rushing it a little". He recommended the build-up be phased over five years instead.

The Board has scheduled a meeting with York County Planning Director Conrad Dowson, April 28 at 10 a.m.



Pioneer Girls earn hikers badge with ten mile walk

Eight members of the Stouffville Pioneer Girls participated in a 10-mile walk, Saturday, to qualify for the club's hikers' badge. The route was to Willow Springs Camp near Lemonville and return. Enjoying a breather at the camp site, before heading home are (left to right) - Caryn Phoenix, 14, Diane Mintz, 14, Sheryl Crowder, 13, Loetta

Brndjar and Merial Haggarty (leaders), Ruth Burland, 13, Susan Fockler, 12, Brenda Morden, 13, Sherry Jones, 12 and Barbara Elson, 13. Absent are Becky Herbert and Grace Gordon. The organization is associated with the Stouffville Missionary Church.

—Jas. Thomas.