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Council views Library plans "too expensive"

To sell Fifth Line school

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The Fifth Line Public School in Uxbridge Township is to be sold. Ontario County Board of Education has announced the sale of the building and lot, by public auction, June 1, at approximately 4 p.m.

Two others will be sold in the same afternoon, including Atherley School, Hwy. 12 in the Twp. of Mara, and Point Mara Public School, north of Beaverton, also in Mara Twp. The Fifth Line School is comparatively new by comparison, having been built in 1958. The building is 2,479 square feet and situated on a site of 2.35 acres.

STOUFFVILLE — "I'm sure members of Council are all convinced, we need a new library, but I'm not convinced we need one with so large an area that the average taxpayer can't shoulder the extra mill rate. You have to take a realistic approach on that," June Button, chairman of Whitchurch-Stouffville Finance Committee, informed the Library Board delegates, May 8.

They appeared before council with a request that an 8,000 sq. ft. area be approved for the library unit, rather than the 6,000 sq. ft. designated in the recreation-library complex proposal already submitted through a committee of local service groups.

Board chairman, Jim Sanders, also asked approval for a \$288,000 cost ceiling on the library project and that construction begin in August.

He explained the surveys of other facilities and projection of local needs had confirmed the Board's view that it would be advisable and more economical to build a larger unit at the outset. He agreed, however, that there were no statistics on how many area residents were now using other library services in preference to the local one, and Mayor Gordon Ratcliff

speculated that even a new one, updated facility in Town might not entice these people away from their familiar library routine.

Although the Board has already stated support of a library in a complex, Councillor Merlyn Baker questioned the delegation on an alternative in accommodation that had been suggested by their own planning consultant as an interim measure. "I wonder if moderate expense on the present post office, when it's vacated, would not suffice for a number of years?"

(Mr. Langley subsequently contacted the Department of Public Works and was informed that it would take 18 months before the new Stouffville P.O. is in operation and June '75 before the old building is vacant.

Although councillors Cathy Joyce and Jim Wong spoke in favor of making the initial stage of the facility large enough for future growth, Mayor Ratcliff concluded that he felt the library area should be kept at 6,000 square feet.

"As more development comes to Town it can be expanded. I don't see how the money you have budgeted can be shouldered by this community," he told the Board.

Need fire truck for Ballantrae

BALLANTRAE — The residential community of Ballantrae is too far removed from Stouffville, to be adequately served by a volunteer fire brigade stationed there.

This is the feeling of Ward 2 councillor Jim Wong. So he's suggesting that rather than sell the old Fargo pumper, now used as a spare, and soon to be displaced, the truck be retained intact and re-located at Ballantrae.

He intends to submit the recommendation in writing to Town Council.

Mr. Wong said that in addition to the personal protection provided, property insurance rates would level off and perhaps decrease.

Councillor Wong is the first to admit, however, that one fire truck doesn't constitute a fire brigade. So he's calling on volunteers, (men and women), to serve in this capacity. Interested persons are asked to phone him personally at 473-2115, or the President of the Ratepayers' Association, Tom Wood, at 640-5680.

Ratepayers protest Town deer hunt

STOUFFVILLE — The Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers' Association has come out strongly against a Town-authorized deer hunt, this fall, and has agreed, with guidance from proper authorities, to contribute time and money, to feed the animals this winter, if their species is in danger of extinction.

At a meeting, May 9, opponents of the hunt, looked on the venture as a threat to public safety, since areas, once considered as rural, are rapidly building up.

They also felt it would contribute to trespassing on private lands, unless owners posted, and policed their properties.

A resolution, approved by the Association, has called on Council to rescind its motion of March 27, and cancel the hunt.

Should the recommendation be rejected, the organization offers the following suggestions: (1) That each hunter produce a letter of authority, properly witnessed, from owners or tenants of property, giving him authority to hunt on their lands, and (2) The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Conservation Club be responsible for policing the area, to ensure no hunting is done on property other than that to which the owners or tenants have extended written authorization.

Over 500 persons pedal for \$13,500

STOUFFVILLE — The Lions-sponsored Bike-a-Thon, Whitchurch-Stouffville's largest one-day community event, was completed smoothly and safely Saturday, with 509 persons taking part.

When all pledges are in, the financial return should total \$13,500.00. At 4:30 p.m., cyclist number 476 completed the 30-mile ride.

Aside from a few sprinkles of rain, the weather was excellent for the trek. York Regional and Provincial police provided protection at all intersections, and the service was much appreciated by organizers. Co-chairmen were Colin Barrett and Steve Kettle.

Richard Yoemans was the first across the finish line at 10 a.m. The first girl was Sandra Ramer, age 13. The final finishers were two nine-year olds, Julie Skeats and Kim Thomson. Norma Card and Joan Toman, Rupert Avenue, completed the circuit on a bicycle built for two. One lad missed a turn at 17th Avenue and the Markham townline. He rode three extra miles before realizing his mistake. Former mayor Ken Laushway joined the procession again and was back home by noon. He has personally raised close to \$2,000 for the Cancer Society in the past three years.

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Vandalism and theft

STOUFFVILLE — A bazaar, escapee of vandalism and theft, is reported by York Regional Police, on the site of the already hard-hit Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club, Hwy. 47, north of Stouffville.

Within the space of about 30 minutes, it is alleged that five youths entered a temporary pro shop and scattered the goods about the grounds. Later, it is said they drove several electric golf carts across the greens, crashing them together. One of the machines was dumped in a nearby pond.

Facing numerous charges following their arrest are Timothy Dickinson, 16, Ninth Line North, Stouffville; James Hopper, Fairview Ave., Stouffville; Wayne Peck, Elm Road, Stouffville; Randy John Smith, R. R. 3, Sutton; and John Hepburn of King, all 17 years of age.

Damage has been estimated at \$2,000.

A car, thought to have been stolen from Giles Chev. Olds in Stouffville, May 12, was found abandoned on the 10th Concession.

Bus Safety

STOUFFVILLE — Within recent months, concern has been expressed throughout the Whitchurch-Stouffville area, related to safety standards on school buses, operating within the Region.

Supervision of children aboard these buses has also been questioned.

On May 24, at 8 p.m., a meeting, sponsored by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers' Association, will be held in St. Mark's School, Stouffville, to discuss the issue in full.

The public is urged to attend.

Fire loss \$8000 on game farm

GOODWOOD — Fire, attributed to an over-heated incubator, destroyed a barn at the Goodwood Game Farm, conc. 3, Uxbridge Township, Sunday morning, along with 50 pheasants and more than 600 eggs.

Brigade volunteers from Uxbridge were summoned to the scene, but the blaze was out of control when they arrived. The loss has been estimated at \$8,000.

Rumors of arson have been ruled out by investigating officers of Ontario Provincial Police.

Airport land sale could help Century City property owners

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The federal government has indicated a willingness to pay approximately \$2.6 million as total compensation for all interests in 1,100 acres of land owned by Century City Developments Limited.

The greatest portion of this property is located in Uxbridge Township, and will be expropriated for the proposed Pickering International Airport.

News of the offer was made public this week by Revenue Properties Limited. Century

City is a 76.5 per cent subsidiary of the parent firm.

A spokesman for Century City said the valuation figure is under study. Approximately \$1.6 million of the monies offered by the Government must be used to pay encumbrances and real estate taxes on expropriated lands.

The 1,100 acres represents part of 6,600 acres owned by Century City in the Uxbridge area. The Government has also offered to purchase an additional 500 acres at a price to be negotiated.

Youth grant-\$8,305

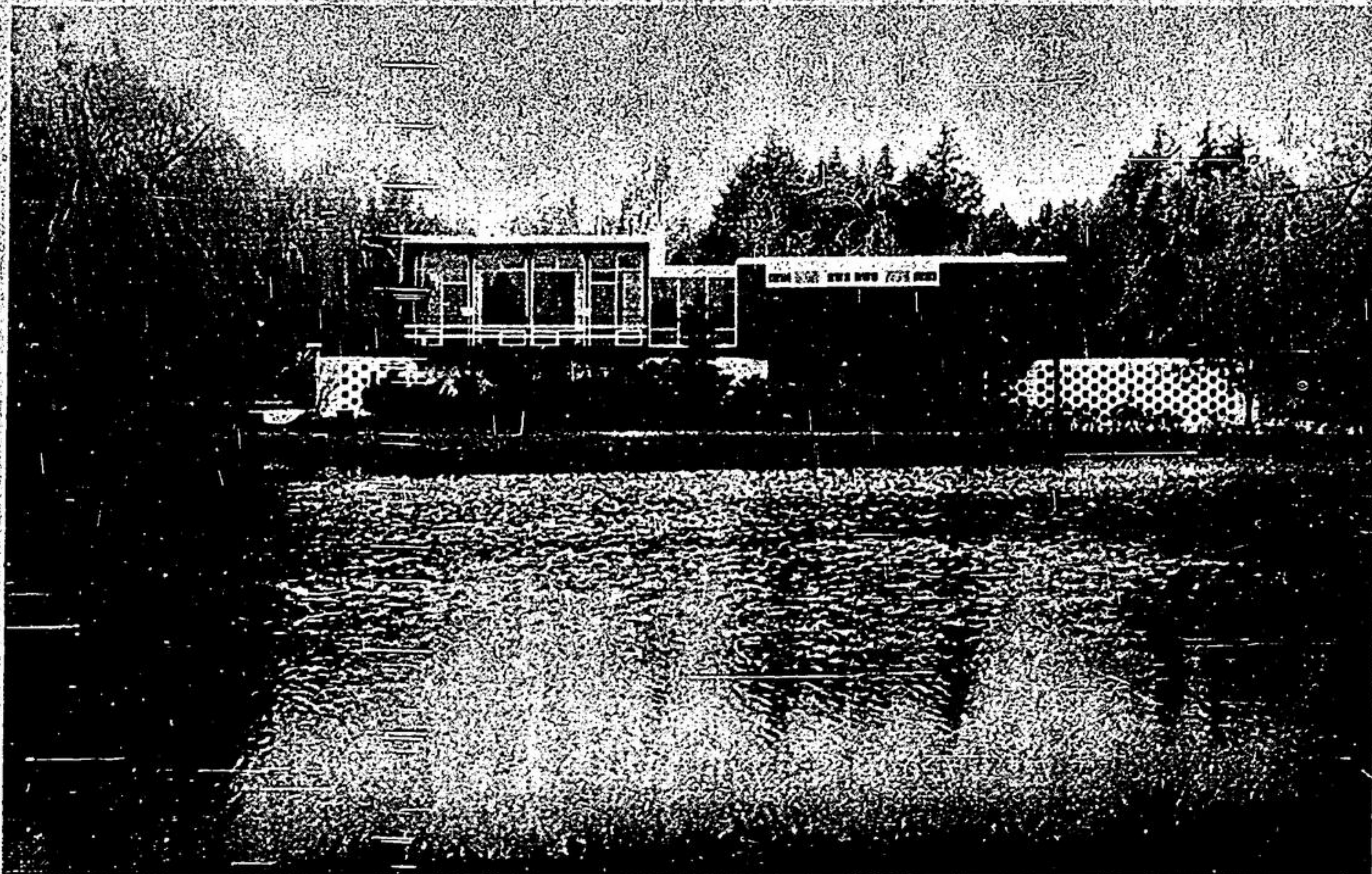
STOUFFVILLE — A grant, in the amount of \$8,305.00, has been approved for Stouffville, under the federal government-sponsored Opportunities for Youth.

Seven students, including Roy Budd, Tenth Line South; Carol Vague and Kim Greenfield, will be employed this summer, painting and repairing homes of senior citizens and the handicapped, in the community.

The owner or tenant must purchase the supplies. There is no charge for labor.

The application was made through Roy Budd, a 1st year student in engineering, University of Toronto. Approval was received two weeks ago.

The project will begin at the end of May. Participants are anxious to make contact with people wishing to make use of this service. The number to call is 640-2746.



The Markham and District Family Life Centre is sponsoring its annual 'Tour of Homes', June 15, with visits to several residences in Whitchurch-Stouffville. One of these is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carter, Bethesda Road, Stouffville, R.R. 4. Jim Thomas

Plan tour of homes

STOUFFVILLE — "Tour of Homes", a popular fund-raising project of the Markham and District Family Life Centre, has directed its route into the area of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Seven residences will be visited, June 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Hosts include Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reiminger, Bethesda Road, R. R. 4, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Ian Munro, conc. 7, R. R. 4, Stouffville; and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ogden, also of Stouffville, R. R. 4.

Visitors will stop off at several places in the Unionville area too.

The homes to be seen represent varied and interesting styles of architecture and furnishings. All are in beautiful settings.

Tickets for the tour (adults only) are available in advance from Crothers Pharmacy, Markham; Alken's Pharmacy, Stouffville; at each of the homes; or from the convenors. The cost is \$3.

"Tour of Homes" is one of several fund-raising programs sponsored by the Family Life Centre, a community-based, non-profit organization established in 1968.