

# The Mayor Reports

From the Town

## of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Each week, Gordon Ratcliff, Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, discusses issues of current interest to ratepayers in the municipality. Residents wishing replies to particular problems, may contact the Mayor personally, or write 'The Mayor', c/o The Tribune, Main St., Stouffville.



**Question:** What is planned for the area from Stouffer to North Street, now under construction?

**Answer:** This will be a 98 lot subdivision of single family dwellings. It is being developed by Baycrest Homes Ltd. and will incorporate a new concept in street lighting in Stouffville. Eighteen feet spun concrete standards with 125 watt luminaires directly on top will be alternated, on either side of the road, 100 feet apart. This we believe will provide adequate, non-glare lighting. The wiring, of course, will be underground to conform with our new bylaw and the transformers will be pad types with low profiles. The park dedication for this subdivision will be located on the west side of Stouffer Street and south of an extension of Hawthorne Ave. The developer expects his houses to be ready for fall occupancy.

**Question:** The South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority has asked Council to designate areas on municipally owned lands that require stream clean up. Have you done this?

**Answer:** Yes, we recommended that the stream through the park at Vandorf be rehabilitated. It was felt that the stream at Souffville park didn't require a clean-up as this had been done last year.

**Question:** How much has Whitchurch-Stouffville requested from the Region in capital debenture issues this year?

**Answer:** Council applied for a debenture issue of \$200,000 for the year 1973. No projects have yet been approved by us, as yet, that would require funds through this debenture. Because we apply doesn't necessarily mean that we will use the money. Similarly, the amounts we assign projects in estimating debentures are flexible. Funds can be diverted from one program to another.

# Trustee sees resentment from aroused resident

Dear Sir:

Our interview seems to have aroused some resentment from L. Muir who feels that Mr. Woodger should also have been interviewed after the fire.

Perhaps he should, but it must also be kept in mind that he was not readily available at that time and the deadline for the news was rapidly nearing. I am certain that there was no intention to belittle the efforts put forth by the staff nor neglect them in the hour of need.

I have expressed the greatest praise for the staff of Ballantrae Public School whenever the school has been mentioned. I have told Mr. Woodger himself and many others over the past few months that he and his staff deserve a medal for their sincere efforts to maintain the standards of education in the face of many diverse problems and inconveniences experienced this year.

Parents have had to be patient too. As an educator, I can appreciate the feelings of the staff working against these odds with the knowledge that it would end soon. No doubt their first words when they heard about the fire were, 'Oh, No!'. I know they were mine. Yes, I knew how they felt!

When I said, 'We'll feel the pinch for a bit, but I think we can get by', I was really lumping my feelings, those of the staff, and the feeling of the board together by saying in effect that the loss of the building most certainly will be felt...we shall experience severe disappointment because success seemed within

our grasp but, in true fashion of educators we will improvise and develop a system that will bridge the gap once again with the help of all concerned. In time of need many avenues open to provide help that would ordinarily be unnoticed. That is, water from the neighboring swimming pools, volunteer help, etc.

There may even be a few who have been left out still who deserve some recognition but they may belong to those who receive their reward through the simplification of their knowledge that they had a hand in to do their bit.

I am hoping that reconstruction will begin as soon as possible in the hope that government approval will be forthcoming sooner than would be the case for new schools since this is a replacement.

We are indeed indebted to L. Muir for filling in the additional facts.

Sincerely

J.C. McMurray

Trustee for Whitchurch-Stouffville.

## Theft

**GORMLEY**—An RR2 Gormley man told York Regional Police Monday, that four pieces of cast iron furniture were stolen from the front porch of his house.

Patrick Ottoway reported that between Sunday evening and Monday night, a love seat, table and two chairs, were removed from the porch. Mr. Ottoway valued the furniture at \$150.

## Museum opens

**UXBRIDGE TWP.**—Members of the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society were in attendance when the Quaker Hill Museum opened, May 19, for its second season.

Last year, over 1000 people visited the site and the Society are hopeful it will continue to be a popular attraction to local residents and visitors to the area.

The museum's latest acquisition is the old carriage house which was moved to there, from Uxbridge, a few weeks ago. It will eventually house the venerable Goodison thresher, owned by the late Arthur Hamilton, R.R. 1, that harvested local fields for many years.

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