

Meeting called to start work

STOUFFVILLE — A public meeting open to any groups or individuals interested in participating in the planning for Stouffville's 1977 Centennial celebration will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m. Latcham Hall.

The meeting, to be chaired by Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, is being held to set up a centennial committee to plan events and possibly select a major commemorative project.

Council set up the meeting on the urging of Lion's Club President Dr. Bill Murphy. Last week's meeting marked the second occasion on which Dr. Murphy appeared before council on this matter.

Dr. Murphy suggested former Mayor, Ken Laushway, as a possible member of the as yet to be formed committee. Dr. Murphy was asked if he was suggesting Mr. Laushway head up the committee.

"We are considering Mr. Laushway as a representative from the Lion's Club," replied Dr. Murphy.

"He would be a very capable person," to take charge of the committee, remarked Councillor June Button.

Dr. Murphy explained the Lion's are anxious to have the project set because, "We would probably start directing funds in that direction now."

It was decided to hold the meeting at Latcham Hall as council anticipate a larger turnout than the council chamber is capable of accommodating.

Drowning claims Stouffville man

STOUFFVILLE — Tragedy seems to be stalking the Snow family of O'Brien Ave.

Sunday, the body of William Snow, 41, was found on an island in Lake Simcoe, with an overturned canoe a mile away. He had been last seen Friday evening around 4:30 p.m. when he went canoeing at his cottage on 8-mile Point near Orillia.

He was reported missing and the body was found on the north shore of Georgina Island

Sunday afternoon. On May 6, 1972, the Snows' eldest son Bill Jr. was killed when he was hit by a car. The lad was preparing for the Lions' Bike-athon when struck down.

The funeral was Tuesday morning at O'Neill's Funeral Home with interment at Stouffville Cemetery. The family has requested that money be donated to either the Lions Club or the Markham and District Family Life Centre in lieu of flowers.

Anita and E.L. Snow moved to Stouffville seven years ago from Willowdale and became deeply involved in community affairs. At the time of his death, Mr. Snow was the chairman of a Lions Club committee working to build a recreation complex at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. He was born in Toronto and was vice-president of Trend Flooring of Toronto. He had worked there 12 years.

in the United Church and was a member of the Couple's Club. He took part in Music Mania working the lighting for the show. He also taught Sunday school, and was active in helping the Boy Scouts.

He had married the former Anita Gasunas on June 6, 1953 and they had four children. Survivors beside his wife include daughter, Martha, D. 20, and sons Peter, 8 and Jamie, 3, and his mother Mrs. Charles Wass of Stroud.

Boy hangs in 'accident'

CEDAR VALLEY — Police believe a 15-year-old Cedar Valley youth hanged himself accidentally while swinging from the rope in a shed near here.

Edward Smith, of Cedar Valley, is dead. He was found hanging by a rope in a shed at the rear of a house at 4:15 p.m. Monday.

A 10-year-old friend of the youths found him and had the presence of mind to cut the rope and call the police. The body was hanging from a rope dangling from a beam and was looped around the left side of his neck and under his armpit.

The shed was used as a clubhouse by local children. He was pronounced dead on arrival at York County Hospital by coroner Dr. John Devlin.

Police feel it was accidental, and an inquest will likely be held.

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Off-street parking talks begin

STOUFFVILLE — Following a public meeting Tuesday night, between council members and downtown businessmen, council will proceed with negotiations to purchase property for off-street parking in the core of the former village.

When negotiations are completed council will pass a by-law, assessing the costs of the properties and expenses incurred to convert the properties into parking areas, against the 60 businesses along Main St., between Lloyd Ave. on the west and Park Dr. on the east.

Commented Parking Committee Chairman, Councillor Eldred King, "If 66 per cent of the owners representing 50 per cent of the assessment

objected to the by-law the Ontario Municipal Board would not deal with it." Mr. King said if there were less objections the O.M.B. would have to make that decision.

All objections, aired at a public meeting, held following the passing of the by-law, would be forwarded with the by-law to the O.M.B.

Council is considering the purchase of four sites, providing 100 spaces, at a total cost of over \$300,000. These properties are: Bank of Commerce property at the corner of Main and Market Sts. for a total cost of \$40,750; Moyer property at Church and Commercial Sts. at a cost of \$92,881; Vanstone property on the south side of Commercial St. for \$11,441 and British Petroleum next to the Stouffville Bakery at an estimated cost of \$25,394. These prices include the cost of demolishing buildings on the properties and the cost of excavating and paving them.

Councillor King told the 26 assembled businessmen the town would purchase the B.P. property and this will not be charged back to them. Only commercially zoned properties will be assessed for the cost of acquiring the properties.

Of the 12 property owners present at the meeting, nine voted in favor of the proposal, two voted against and one abstained. Five tenants voted in favor and one voted against.



This picture was taken seconds after the Wooller, with arms upraised is Matt Leslie, Center-Stouffville Dist. Secondary School volleyball team, clockwise from him are Bob Hoover, Brian Moffat, Gary Fockler, and Bruce Rodin. At right is junior team member Russ Davidson. SDSS teams swept five years running. At left is team member Jim

Stouffville youths hurt in car crash

CLAREMONT — Three Stouffville youths were hurt Friday night when the car, in which they were riding, overturned just east of Claremont.

Durham Regional Police report that the car was east-bound on the 9th of Pickering and flipped over on its roof. The accident happened just west of Sideline 28.

David Legault, 16, of 10th Line was taken to Scarboro Centenary Hospital, where he was reported in satisfactory condition Tuesday. Brian Hughes, 17, Rose Ave., was admitted to hospital, but had been released by Tuesday. James Yake, 22, Second St., was treated and released.

Police said the car flipped over, ending up on its roof, facing north.

Webb parents speak out

Keep the school open

GOODWOOD — Parents of students at Webb School made it clear Thursday that they would resist any attempt to close the three-room country school.

they might have to put up with portables for a few years.

"The board has no policy to close schools," but would like to formulate policies for the future.

Out of the more than 50 people at the meeting, 40 were from the Webb School area.

George Will, a parent, warned against centralization for its own sake and Ted Richardson said, "my children attend a beautiful school, it only has three rooms and its called Webb School."

"Size is not synonymous with quality, we can go overboard with it," Mr. Richardson said.

Frank Hendy voiced the same concern.

About 40 parents turned out for the meeting at Goodwood Public School. The meeting had been called to gauge ratepayer ideas on the future of both Goodwood and Webb Schools.

Durham Region School Board chairman Alex Williamson presided over the meeting and told the people that the possible closing of Webb School is "some time away," but that plans must be formulated now for the future of the Uxbridge Township area.

He said that if the community wants to see the Goodwood School expanded

Increased grant requested

Parade given go-ahead

STOUFFVILLE — The Kinsmen Club will receive a donation from the town of \$1,200 to help subsidize the annual Christmas Parade.

The parade, which is organized by the Kinsmen, will be held Saturday, Nov. 30, beginning at 2 p.m.

The Kinsmen requested \$1,500 from council up from \$800 in 1973. Councillor Art Starr termed this "an unreasonable increase," and introduced a motion for \$1,200 donation.

A letter, signed by Parade Chairman Murray Ferguson explained the huge increase in cost. "I feel you should know that we are not in as favorable a position this year with regard to the price of bands. They have always given us a break, but due to the uncertainties of the Markham parade, we are not in quite as good a bargaining position."

Mr. Ferguson, who appeared before council, said the parade has always been run the same

day as the Markham parade and as the bands only had to come up from Markham to play, Stouffville received a special rate. He also explained the price of bands has gone up due to increased transportation costs.

In 1972 the parade cost \$1,400 and last years came in around \$2,000. According to Mr. Ferguson, this year's parade which will include seven or eight bands and one or two majorette corps, is budgeted for \$2,800.

The rest of the cost of the parade will be paid for by approximately 140 businessmen in the area.

Mr. Ferguson said the \$300 cut in the amount requested from the town, "will mean maybe one less band."

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff received a personal invitation to take part in the parade. An unidentified member of council added, "in a red suit."

Town helps locate recycling depot

STOUFFVILLE — An attempt is now being made by the town to locate a suitable site for a recycling depot.

The group of people attempting to establish the recycling depot asked council for permission to use the double garage on the Bank of Commerce property at Main and Market Streets on a temporary basis.

Council is currently negotiating to purchase this site but they rejected the request for use of the property.

"It would be unfair at this time to mislead Mr. Garbutt (the author of a letter making the request of council) if that property is purchased it would be for the sole purpose of parking facilities," said Councillor Eldred King, Chairman of the Parking Committee. "The garage would be demolished."

"Couldn't it be used on an interim basis?" questioned Councillor June Button.

Replied Mr. King, "We don't own the property," and he said they would know more following the public meeting to be held

with the merchants to discuss off-street parking proposals.

"We should encourage people to conserve and recycle waste material," commented Councillor Merlyn Baker. "Couldn't we look for another site?"

The matter has been forwarded to the Public Works Committee.

Dump hearing set

STOUFFVILLE — The Ontario Environmental Board hearings into the operation of the York Sanitation dump on Highway 48, will get underway this coming Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are in Latcham Hall.

The dump has been the centre of considerable controversy. Council last week past a bylaw that would close the dump by April 1, 1975. The outcome of the OEB hearings could well indicate whether the bylaw can effectively close the dump.

Location found for family counselling

STOUFFVILLE — Markham and District Family Life Centre will have a full-time counselling program in Stouffville, it was learned last week.

The centre will be using the Mother Goose Nursery School premises on 10th Line S. for counselling two afternoons a week. It is free of charge, courtesy of Pat and Glen Byer who own the property.

Tuesday afternoons from 1-5 p.m., counsellor Pat Burke will be on hand for interviews. Those interested should phone the family life centre for an appointment.

On Thursday 1-5 p.m. there will be an open door policy when people may come in without appointment for help. Mary Smith will be counsellor for those sessions.

Local attorney, Gord Ness, has donated an hour of his to help between 3 and 4 p.m. to provide legal counselling.

Candidate declares in Ward 2 race

BALLANTRAE — Tom Wood has announced he will seek the council seat for Ward 2. The Tribune learned Tuesday.

Mr. Wood said that the main issue is the need for representation.

"We need someone on Council who is willing to work with the other members," he said.

Incumbent councillor for that ward, Jim Wong has said he will not run for ward councillor. The other candidate in Ward 2 is Becky Wedley.

Mr. Wood has been president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers Association since its inception and is chairman of the Preserve Our Water Resources (POWR)

Charges laid for loose dogs

STOUFFVILLE — The Ontario Humane Society intends to crack down on dog owners who have only been receiving warnings (thus far). All owners will be charged by the OHS if their dogs are found running loose.

A spokesman for the OHS told The Tribune that owners ignored the warnings, especially in the Stouffville and Musselman's Lake areas. Summonses will be issued each time there is an offence.

"It seems we are getting a lot of dogs running loose, especially in the Musselman's Lake area," the OHS spokesman said.



Tonight is the annual Halloween festivity that takes some preparation. Here students at the Toon Harding Nursery School are preparing this pumpkin for its big night. The youngsters are (left to right) Sarah Cowan (four years old), Mathew Jones (three years old), Jason Bloye (six years old) and Douglas Cottage (four years old). Many children will be soliciting for UNICEF and people are asked to give to help the underdeveloped nations of the world. — John Montgomery.