

**Obstruction charge dismissed**

**Willinsky threatens to sue**

NEWMARKET — A former York Simcoe candidate in the last Federal election, was acquitted in Newmarket Provincial Court last week after being tried on a charge of obstructing police.

Dr. Michael Willinsky who was the unsuccessful Liberal Candidate claimed after the trial, that the charges brought against him by York Regional Police, had hurt his chances of success in the June elections.

Dr. Willinsky has declared he intends to sue York Regional Police

Chief Bruce Crawford, the constable who arrested him, Constable Steven Horvath, and the police department. Mr. Willinsky alleges malicious prosecution.

His troubles began last June 11 when he haled a York Regional Police cruiser in order to ask for property protection for campaign signs.

Instead of a friendly word with the policeman, Mr. Willinsky found himself watching as the constable attempted to arrest a drunk, and according to the 35 year old doctor, observing some

rough treatment by the police.

Constable Horvath testified Dr. Willinsky tried to prevent him placing 18 year old Paul Bayford of Aurora into the cruiser in order to take him to Police Headquarters.

Constable Horvath denied using force in attempting to get the youth into the cruiser. He claimed the youth was so drunk he did not need to use force.

He told the court that Dr. Willinsky came up to him and asked why the man was being arrested, then told constable Horvath "There is no need for this" Constable Horvath said Dr. Willinsky insisted the man was doing no harm.

Constable Horvath said he asked Dr. Willinsky to get away from the cruiser several times, and added that he finally pushed him out of the way.

Constable Horvath said the youth, who had offered little resistance up to that point, refused to get into the cruiser so forced his arm behind his back to get him into the car. The constable claimed he used only enough force necessary to do the job.

Dr. Willinsky told the court he thought it might have been better if the youth had taken home rather than arrested.

An off duty Metro Policeman who came upon the scene stopped to ask whether constable Horvath needed help.

Albert Lowson told the court — he did not see Dr. Willinsky obstructing constable Horvath.

Constable Lowson said that he asked the officer if he needed help,

and when he replied that he was all right, he left the scene.

Mr. Bayford, said that constable Horvath hurt him as he twisted his arm getting him into the cruiser and he said he made two statements to police following his arrest. One at Police Headquarters, the other several days later at home.

In the first statement the youth told police Dr. Willinsky stood in the way as Constable Horvath attempted to get him into the cruiser. In the second statement he denied this and claimed Dr. Willinsky had not interfered. The youth said he did not know what he had written in the first statement because he was drunk.

Dr. Willinsky testified that when he tried to approach constable Horvath about the election signs, the constable paid no attention to him, when he protested the constables actions, Constable Horvath told him to "f— off." He said constable Horvath threw Mr. Bayford over the trunk of the cruiser and forced his arm way up behind his back.

Dr. Willinsky said he decided to go to Police Headquarters in Newmarket to complain about the officer's conduct in using excessive force, he added that his campaign manager Joe Tully of King, Township warned him that it might hurt him politically.

Following the trial, Mr. Tully said he believes the charge against Dr. Willinsky cost a lot of votes in the election.



This biker is one of many who have been using the conservation area north of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School as a practice course. While no by-law prohibits their presence, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Conservation

Club which administers the area would like to restrict the area to pedestrian use.

**Conservation area to be off-limits to motorcycles and snowmobiles**

STOUFFVILLE — Motorcycles and trail bikes have become a fairly common sight lately in the conservation area just north of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

While there is no by-law prohibiting their presence there, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Conservation Club, which administers the area, would eventually like to keep the bikes out altogether.

"We don't have regular patrols," said Jim Doble. "We fully intend eventually to have it completely off-limits for anything but pedestrians."

At the moment, he said, they have been patrolling the area on weekends and three nights weekly. He pointed out that club members have no powers to enforce anything except the game and fish act, although they might ask bikers there to co-operate.

The club plans to install fences around the area eventually that would permit only pedestrians.

When spring comes, Mr. Doble said, they plan to begin planting and laying out trails in the conservation area.

Anyone wishing to advise the club of violations of the fish and game act in the municipality may call the following members: Jim Doble, 640-3738; Dennis Sainsbury, 640-1142; Bill Richardson, 727-3249; Bill Walls, 888-1998; or Harold Botham, 895-9248.

**Revenue from auction down, Chief reports**

NEWMARKET — The latest auction sale held by York Regional Police at Vandorf, netted the Department \$2,398.

Chief Bruce Crawford told the Board of Police Commissioners last week that the auction did not make as much money as previous sales have done. The Chief reported however that all bicycles offered for sale at Vandorf, were sold in good time.

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