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## Four hurt in mishap

**BLOOMINGTON** — Four persons were injured Sunday in a rear-end collision on Highway 48 north of Bloomington Rd.

Ontario Provincial Police report that a car driven by Gordon Henderson, 21, of R. R. 3, Stouffville, stopped to make a left turn and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Richard Elgert, 30 of Toronto. The mishap occurred at 11 p.m.

Both drivers were injured and two passengers in the Henderson car — Robert Daniels, 21, of Stouffville and Rick Smith, 29, of Stouffville. All were taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital with minor injuries. Damage to the two cars was estimated at \$2,000.



Jamie Campbell of Loretta Cres. is only two years old, but he was able to enjoy the free hot dogs that were given out at the park, Saturday, during the Second Annual Mardi Gras. For more pictures of the event see Page 9. —John Montgomery.

## Truck traffic irks lake residents

**MUSS LAKE** — Truck traffic in the Musselman's Lake area may face further restrictions in the future, following a decision by Whitchurch-Stouffville Council last week.

Cliff Lock, a truck driver himself, appeared before Council and referred to an earlier petition presented to Council. He said that, although truck traffic on the South Lake Rd. has been banned, there are gravel trucks going through there as early as 5:30 a.m. The

problem on the Ninth Line, he said, is different because it is a regional road.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff observed that York Region is supposed to be doing a study on that road, but he has seen no sign of it yet.

It was agreed that a complete ban would be unworkable, since some residents in the lake area drive trucks and should be able to take their trucks home.

Hillsdale Rd., although presently closed, was cited as a possible problem area. Mr. Lock

said there are often many children playing near the road, and it has several blind spots for drivers.

Councillor Becky Wedley suggested banning trucks except for deliveries, and councillor June Button agreed the roads should be restricted to local traffic only. Councillor Eldred King, without disagreeing, suggested that the town seek some advice first.

"When the town had its own police, we used to ask them when something like this came

up," he said. "We should contact the York Regional Police and ask for their views."

Mr. Lock said that he had talked to police officials, who had told him that if a lower speed limit is put on the 9th Line, it would be enforced. The report from the region, which was requested in September and has still not appeared, was discussed further.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff promised to seek some answers at the Regional level.

## Meeting in Ottawa

# Decision expected this week

**OTTAWA** — The problem of the Pickering Airport may just "go away", according to Gave Ness, chairman of the Save Stouffville Committee, following a meeting with federal officials in Ottawa Tuesday evening.

Mr. Ness, in a phone interview from the capital, told The Tribune that the group which met with Energy Minister Donald McDonald and other Liberal MP's from the Toronto area received no assurance that "the cabinet is going to stop the airport."

"Even if they announced that they are going ahead, the project is so big and will take so long and is so complex, that there will be all kinds of time for new developments," he said. "The problem may go away at a later date."

The 90-minute meeting saw briefs presented by Dr. Charles Godfrey (chairman of People or Planes) as well as representatives of the City of Toronto and the Borough of Scarborough. Lorne Almack and Bill Crothers were also there on behalf of POP.

Jim Saunders and Jim Nevins, both members of the Save Stouffville Committee, joined Mr. Ness in Ottawa. Along with Mr. McDonald cabinet members Mitchell Sharpe and Barney Danson were present for the Tuesday meeting.

Mr. Ness said Mr. McDonald stressed that the government had promised the people of Mississauga that Malton would not be expanded and the government could not go back on that promise.

The Stouffville brief emphasized that the people of the town are alarmed by Gibson

commission findings concerning noise levels in Stouffville.

Mr. Ness said he asked that the airport be stopped and if it can't be stopped, it should be delayed. POP spokesmen also called for a delay, Mr. Ness added.

Monday, Mayor Gordon

Ratcliff and Councillor June Button along with Anita Snow, Harry Kennedy and Mr. Ness drove to Ottawa and talked with two assistants to Transport Minister Jean Marchand. They presented briefs at that time.

Mr. Ness said that intent was to represent, "the honest

concerns of the people of Stouffville," and hoped to take a reasonable approach when dealing with the government.

A decision on the airport is expected when the Federal cabinet meets today (Feb. 20) or tomorrow, according to sources close to the cabinet.

## 'No parking' signs to be posted

# Parked cars block turn

**STOUFFVILLE** — "No Parking" signs will be posted on Edward St. in an effort to aid school buses turning off Main St. carrying children to and from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Council last week agreed to enforce its bylaw banning parking on the west side of the

street between Main and Second Streets. Signs will be posted and the police notified.

Blake Williams, director of safety for Travelways, wrote a letter to council stating that bus drivers find it difficult to turn at the corner due to parked cars.

Mr. Williams told The Tribune that if the problem can

be solved on Edward St., "it will make the turn much easier."

At the meeting Councillor Merlyn Baker was hesitant about expanding the no parking zone on the north side of Main St.

"It's difficult enough to park there now, at times," he said. "I don't think we should be obliged to provide a turning place for the buses."

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff added, "the businesses need parking there, although the buses should have room to turn."

Road superintendent Ron Gibson pointed out that the existing bylaw already bans parking along the west side of Edward St. from Main to Second and on the east side the ban extends 50 feet from Main.

He added that there has been difficulty in posting signs there, because there is no boulevard.

## North of high school

# Natural history museum planned

**STOUFFVILLE** — The conservation area north of the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School may become the site of a natural history museum.

Jim Doble, vice-president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Conservation Club, appeared before planning board recently to briefly outline the clubs proposal.

Although the museum is still two or three years away Mr. Doble said he wanted it taken into account when planning board is negotiating for the Dulverton subdivision which will be the next large scale development allowed in the town.

Mr. Doble wants Dulverton to provide an access into the conservation area and parking lot from the main east-west artery they will be constructed as part of the subdivision.

The club is hoping to build the museum between the dam and the railway tracks in the south-eastern section.

"With approval of the Conservation Authority we could act on your behalf," Planning Board Chairman Eldred King told the delegation.

According to Mr. Doble, the Metro Toronto and Region

Conservation Authority are in agreement with the scheme but it still must go through bureaucratic channels before being officially accepted.

The club envisions constructing a museum compatible with the area and that will cost very little money. They hope to build the main structure from logs obtained from the York County Forest and they expect many items to be donated.

"We want to get original log cabins," said Mr. Doble, "there are several in the area that were built by pioneers and are over 100 years old."

They also hope to have a series of scale models showing what this area looked like 10,000 years ago and outlining the changes up to the present.

They have extended an invitation to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum to join them on the site "either now or in the future."

They intend on completing the project without going to council for funding. They would use volunteer help, the clubs funds and if necessary would resort to fundraising projects.

"The only way we can make this work is through local involvement," concluded Mr. Doble.

## Waits for study

# Region defers airport action

**YORK REGION** — Regional Council last week deferred a motion to pass a resolution objecting to the construction of the Pickering Airport.

Council has never passed any resolution expressing either favor or disfavor with the proposed airport.

They did vote to send a telegram to the Federal Government requesting them to defer making a decision on the airport until regional staff has had an opportunity to evaluate the Airport Enquiry Commission report.

"I don't think this is the time to be asking for an additional report," argued Markham Councillor Bob Adams. "It's all in black and white." Mr. Adams had introduced the motion opposing the airport but he was not supported by Markham Mayor Tony Roman who suggested instead the cabinet be asked to defer the decision.

Mr. Adams argued the airport would mean "the destruction of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville" but several regional councillors indicated they still support the project.

Garnett Williams, Mayor of the Town of Vaughan, told council he lives 10 miles from Malton and referred to it as, "just a matter of chasing it from one end of the municipality to the other."

Markham Councillor Ron Moran, who lives at Dickson's Hill, said he might be one of the lucky ones who is expropriated. "Others will be worse off," he commented and added that sleeping in the built-up areas of Markham and Stouffville will be unbearable.

Earlier in the meeting Mr. Moran had asked Regional Engineering Commissioner William Hodgson if he had, "given any thought to the Gibson report with regard to acquisition" of land.

Mr. Hodgson replied he does not have a copy of the Gibson report.

# Four flee burning lake house

**MUSS LAKE** — Lorne Hotton stood and watched helplessly as fire completely gutted his Balsam Dr. home Sunday morning.

His family's possessions were destroyed with only the clothes on their backs salvaged from the blaze which started in the basement beside the furnace.

The Churchill Dr. Ratepayers Association has started a fire fund to help the

family which rented the house and had no insurance on the contents.

Mr. Hotton, said that he was just getting out of bed Sunday morning when his son, Karl, 15, came up the stairs saying there was a fire beside the furnace.

Mr. Hotton said that he thought he could extinguish it with a pail of water, but thick smoke drove him back. He quickly ushered other members of the family outside and then had to crawl on his hands and

knees to get outside.

The fire spread quickly through the house. Stouffville Firemen received the call at 8:16 a.m. and battled the blaze with help from the Aurora Fire Department.

Besides Mr. Hotton in the house, was his wife Grace and son Karl and a daughter, Debbie, 12 and a friend, Doug Smith.

Donations to the fire fund can be made to the Imperial Bank of Commerce in Stouff-

ville. A benefit dance is also being planned to raise money for the Hottons. Donations of clothing are also appreciated and can be given at Sun Valley Variety Store.

Another daughter, Judy, 17, was not at home at the time of the fire, but all her belongings were destroyed as well.

Damage estimate in the fire was \$20,000 on the house and \$6,000 on the contents. While it started in the basement, the cause is unknown.

## Tribune phone interviews

# Majority oppose airport

**STOUFFVILLE** — Eight out of 15 Stouffville residents phoned by The Tribune last week are dead against the proposed Pickering airport. Of the others, one favored the airport, two were opposed, but didn't believe anything could be done to fight it, and four were indifferent.

The residents were chosen randomly from the local phone directory.

Mrs. Ed Hakonson of Main St. East represented most negative reactions when she said she was against it "because of the noise." She and her family has lived in Stouffville for a year and "like it as it is."

The one affirmative vote came from Peggy Vanderligt of Winlane Dr. who said, "I think it would be a good idea. It would mean more jobs — a lot more jobs for construction people and so on." She added that she "didn't know how much noise it would cause."

Mrs. Frederick Totten of Elm Rd. said the decision on the airport was "up to someone up a lot higher than me," and that she wouldn't mind what was decided one way or the other.

Another member of the silent majority who is neither nor on the airport was Gilbert Francis of North Street who said, "it's not that I don't care about what happens to the town — I like it — but that's just the way I feel about it."

A recent arrival in Stouffville, Mrs. Russell Semmens of Boyer Ave., was another who was undecided. "I don't know whether it would help or whether it would hinder," she said. "To tell the truth, it might pep Stouffville up a little bit...A little excitement is always good."

One of the few males in the survey, Robert Phoenix of Manitoba St. said he was "fully against it." He explained that he had been forced to move from

Pickering some time before and he didn't want the same thing to happen again.

Carol Stoodley of Rupert Ave. was also unequivocally against the airport because she "doesn't think it's necessary. It's hard to describe how I feel, I'm so much against it."

Mrs. John Rowan of Edward St. echoed the belief that the airport isn't necessary and added that "it is a waste of agricultural land."

## Stoplight requested

**VIC SQUARE** — The need for stop lights at the intersection of Don Mills Rd. and 18th Ave. (Victoria Square) has been explained to Markham Town Council by Don Boynton a resident in the community.

Mr. Boynton's request was supported by a petition containing the names of 100 families in the area.

The spokesman described "the steady flow of speeding gravel trucks" that use this route and pointed to the difficulty in crossing the highway, particularly for children wishing to reach the local park.

Council agreed that a hazard existed at this location. However, because Don Mills is a regional road the application would require approval at the regional level.



Three hockey teams from St. Mathieu, Quebec, played six exhibition games in Stouffville over the weekend. The Quebec boys lost all their games. Here a player on the St. Mathieu peewee team ponders the action. Stouffville peewees won that one 9-2. Peewee, bantam and midget teams from the Montreal suburb each played two games against Stouffville squads. — Ted Wilcox.