

Vandorf study meeting slated for April 10

VANDORF — A public meeting will be held Thursday, April 10 at 8 p.m. in the Vandorf Hall to discuss the Vandorf Study.

The study, commissioned by Whitby-Stouffville Council, presents a number of proposals for setting boundaries for the hamlet. The report has been circulated to the residents of Vandorf.

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Committee undaunted

Pool group proposes lottery

MARKHAM — Unwilling to give up their objective of a 65 meter indoor swimming facility for Markham, the "Pool for '75 Committee" has proposed the holding of a lottery to raise additional funds.

Bill Rutledge,

Rougecrest Dr. informed members of Council that service clubs in the area would support such a scheme but approval of a lottery permit had to come from the Town.

Earlier, the Markham Parks and Recreation Department had recommended the

smaller 25 meter pool, due to the cost of a larger one.

Mr. Rutledge said the service clubs favored the 65 meter facility since it could be used by everyone, including the handicapped.

"They're all willing to work hard to put a lottery over the top," he said, "but if you don't decide on the larger pool, you won't get one iota of support."

Councillor Ron Moran agreed to the need, but questioned an expenditure of two million dollars on one pool when other organized sports were also in need of financial support.

"It comes down, not to need, but to dollars and cents," agreed Councillor Carole Bell. "We are committed to a pool in the area," she continued, "but we'd like to link a lot of things to it, including a health club. I'm not sure

Tentative approval given 404 proposal

YORK REGION — Approval in principle of proposed Hwy. 404 between Sheppard Ave. and Hwy. 7 has been granted by York Regional Council.

The region had earlier rejected the Ministry of Transportation and Communications' design and had requested several changes.

They asked the following be incorporated: six through lanes divided by a median rather than a four lane arterial road for the section from Sheppard Ave. to Steeles Ave., rather than a two lane

roadway between Steeles Ave. and Hwy. 7 they requested four through lanes with a median, and grade separations at Finch Ave., Steeles Ave. and Hwy. 7, rather than standard intersections controlled by stop-lights.

The revised government proposal included all the region's requests.

According to the Engineering Committee, report the ministry intends to arrange public information centres this month to afford citizens the opportunity to consider the proposal in depth.

Minister greeted by hostile councillors

YORK REGION — Pressure is being brought to bear on York Region to accept housing under the Ontario Housing Action Program.

Minister of Housing, Donald Irvine appeared before York Regional Council last week to repeat his request originally made last September that council support OHAP and adopt a resolution to that effect.

No resolution to that effect was passed or even introduced and several councillors opposed the program.

Mr. Irvine said his ministry is confident more than 40,000 units will be brought into the program in the next three years and that 5,000 will be started this year "but most of this activity has passed York by. Not one OHAP unit has been started in York."

He criticized the region for their failure to

complete the Regional Official Plan by December 1 when it was scheduled for completion and he urged those areas already committed for growth not be delayed because of the Official Plan.

He said interim

connections to expansions of the Aurora, Markham and Newmarket sewage treatment plants would provide capacity for about 16,000 units within 15 to 18 months. "Within three to four months, this growth must be committed," he said.

Proposed dump draws opposition

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affected our water," claimed another.

Davis fielded as many questions as he could, but was forced to admit he didn't have all the answers. The engineer revealed that no other site is being actively tested.

"This is a very preliminary study," said mayor Ratcliff. "If we find that the ground water is going to be contaminated, we won't proceed."

He added that there is no pressure now for a quick decision, since council has recently signed an agreement for garbage disposal, which expires at the end of 1976. The contractor, he said, would probably be dumping in Scarborough or Pickering.

Councillor Becky Wedley observed that councillors have never formally voted on the landfill site. The mayor agreed, and refused to disclose the other two locations that had been considered.

"This would affect our future purchase, if we decided to buy," he said. He did admit, under intensive questioning, that all three sites were in the same general area, and all are in Ward 2.

Council members were generally agreed that the Town should take care of its own garbage within its own boundaries, and the residents did not dispute this strongly.

Several people expressed concern over the possible increase in traffic, and others predicted that a mountain would rise on the property. In rebuttal, it was pointed out that hauling local garbage would only take five or six trucks per day, and Davis estimated that a year's supply of garbage would cover seven acres to a depth of one foot — plus covering material.

An uproar greeted the mayor's statement that the Vivian site was in "one of the lowest population areas of the municipality." Other sites were named, and one man yelled,

"If you'd taken a survey to find the least likely spot in town, you really hit it."

Former councillor Jim Wong, who was largely responsible for the public meeting, made a lengthy presentation and submitted a petition with 150 names, opposing the Vivian site.

"There has been bad public relations work here," he said. "I feel the people should be con-

sulted first; otherwise, they feel deceived."

As to population, Wong estimated there are a minimum of 132 houses in the immediate area of the site. He quoted extensively from two reports issued by the Region, pointing out that the Vivian site is in a very sensitive area of the Gak Ridges Moraine.

"Council's main concern with the Bremner dump was that it's on the Moraine," he said. "How can you justify this site?"

He also quoted from a report to the effect that a contaminant from a landfill site will seep through the soil and into the water table. Reminding the mayor of his earlier statement that no site would be selected if it would contaminate water supplies — Wong said,

"If that's your stand, then we can go home right now."

The former councillor received the warmest round of applause of the evening. Councillor Art Starr took exception to some of his remarks.

"There's no place in town where we could approach the people in advance and get general approval," he said.

"Would you say the people shouldn't be consulted?" asked one man.

"I feel they should be when we have something to talk about," replied Starr.

Councillor Marilyn Baker said that Mr. Wong's comparison between the new proposal and the Bremner site was "very unfair," since the new site would not contain the massive quantities of industrial waste that have been put in the present one. He also complained about "very unfair publicity" that the town's project has received.

"We have no unfair intentions, we have done nothing underhanded," he said.

Baker, too, said that he would not tolerate any site where landfill would contaminate water supplies.

The meeting, which lasted two and a half hours until the mayor terminated it, was apparently not satisfactory to everyone. The mayor assured those present that there was no possibility of dumping anywhere until a long process has been undertaken to gain provincial approval; residents will be notified again, he said, long before a decision is made final.

Falkner Ave. proposal

Thumbs down on club

CEDAR VALLEY — Planning Committee turned thumbs down on Thursday to a country club proposal on Falkner Ave.

The proposal involved establishment of a club on the property of Fritz Wagener. Robert Ryan spoke on behalf of the applicants.

He said that the club was approved in principal in 1973 before the minister's freeze was put

on the area. The freeze was lifted last year and the owner wants to go ahead.

Mr. Ryan said that the maximum membership would be 300 people on a total area of 30 acres. Activities would include fishing, swimming, tennis and a small stable, for "sports-minded" families.

Councillor Art Starr revealed that it is a permitted use in an

agricultural zone. Councillor Cathy Poje insisted that 300 people would generate too much traffic in the area and "would be in constant conflict with the neighbors."

Her motion to not approve the project was passed.

"If you can get a signed agreement from the neighbors, then it would change the situation," she said.

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