



Stouffville Firefighters responded to their fourth alarm at Don Mills Steel and metal last week. The fire started when a welding torch ignited some oil which covered the ground near some transformers. The transformers caught

fire. It was the fourth call this year at the establishment. Fire Chief Walt Smith said that he has recommended that the town charge the company for the calls.

— Don Bernard.

W-S Museum

Washroom search ends in jail sentence

NEWMARKET — A Scarborough man was sent to jail for one day and ordered to pay a \$500 fine for breaking and entering the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum last November.

John Glen Maloney, aged 22, pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge C. P. Opper in Newmarket Provincial Court last week. York Regional police testified they caught him in the museum.

Municipal building to be leased

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Council has agreed to lease the old municipal offices to Durham Region Police at the rate of \$4,000 per year.

The building, located on Spence St., is presently used by the police, but most of the building has been empty since the municipal offices were moved to the new quarters on Bascom St. The offer, which as yet has not been accepted by the police, calls for the township to provide utilities and janitorial service.

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Supreme Court of Canada. "You can't enforce the bylaw until this is decided," said the solicitor.

Council agreed to send a copy of Mercer's letter to the Minister responsible, Lee Bernier.

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Pit to expand in face of opposition

UXBRIDGE — Whether or not anybody in Uxbridge Township likes it, the John B. Regan Co. is going to be allowed to increase its gravel operations.

The company, which extracts 450,000 tons per year from its pit in the fourth concession, applied for an increase to almost triple that amount. The township refused to support this application to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The matter came up again last week when council received a letter from Robert Mercer, a resident of the gravel-pit area. Mercer objected to the increase, and suggested the company is presently not complying with either the provincial Pits & Quarries Act or the township's regulatory bylaw.

"The Clerk and I talked to two people from the Ministry," said Mayor Carl Putebaugh. "I can tell you that they're going to increase the tonnage... I don't know by how much."

The mayor added that the officials were in sympathy with the township's desire to tax the extraction of gravel, but didn't know how it could be done.

"You're obviously aware of the very large lobby the aggregate producers have," said township solicitor Alec McLennan. He explained that the province does not have the power to levy indirect taxes, but though

something might be done if the Assessment Act were amended.

McLennan also reminded the council that the township regulating bylaw is still before the courts. It was challenged by a gravel company supported by the Aggregate Producer's Association, some time ago. The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the township, but the gravel interests are now seeking leave to appeal to the

Gate lifted, tools stolen

BETHESDA — Thieves lifted the gate off its hinges March 11 and managed to make off with \$350 worth of equipment from Parkway Materials Ltd.

Unknowns removed the gate, then prided open an office door. Stolen were assorted hand and power tools. When they left the gate was put back and the padlock was not disturbed.

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