

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff

Local opposition scuttled dump site

STOUFFVILLE — Council recently passed a resolution to discontinue studies to determine if a 50-acre site at Highway 48 and Vivian Sideroad was suitable for use as a municipal dump.

This week Mayor Gordon Ratcliff took a few moments to explain council's actions. At the time the resolution was passed there was no comment from any member of council.

"There was doubt whether it would qualify for a landfill site with the water table being so high," commented the mayor, adding that this was never actually determined as, "the preliminary investigations were never really completed to the degree required by the consulting engineer."

"You'd have to recognize there was tremendous opposition to it in the locality," said Mr. Ratcliff, acknowledging that the

vehement resistance of residents had influenced council's decision to abandon the proposed site.

The mayor expressed concern that any proposed site in the municipality would meet with the same kind of opposition and he said consequently "there are no sites in the municipality under active investigation."

He said council would now wait for a regional study on garbage disposal which is expected to be released in October. The region has commissioned the study but they have never passed any resolution indicating they would accept garbage disposal as a regional responsibility.

"We have to face the fact we are in a very sensitive environmental area here with the Oak Ridges Moraine," explained Mr. Ratcliff, "Perhaps there are no suitable sites in the municipality."

Residents promised further meetings

STOUFFVILLE — About 20 residents of the St. John's Side Road area attended a meeting of Planning Board last week to express their concern over a proposed subdivision.

Councillor Eldred King, in the chair, explained that the Area Services Branch is presently conducting a study on the proposal, which was submitted by Yorkwiche Investments. He said that Board members had invited residents of the area in order to hear various opinions.

"This is not your last opportunity to state your views, it's just the first," he said.

He added that the development requires amendments to both the Official Plan and the zoning bylaw, and further meetings will be called before those changes are made. King then invited the developer to present his plans.

Conroy Dowson, a planning consultant retained by Yorkwiche, displayed maps and diagrams to illustrate the plan and possible alternatives.

Dowson explained that the proposal covers a 30-acre parcel, on which 15 houses are proposed. The land lies on the north side of the St. John's Side Road, east of the 6th Line. An unusual feature of

the plan was "common open space" which would surround the entire property, as well as each individual lot. The consultant said the land is poor for agricultural purposes, with no streams nearby, but maintained it would be suitable for housing and septic tanks. The houses, he said, would be of the Estate Residential type.

George Collins, the first questioner, raised the problem of water supply. He said there have been many problems with his well, and wondered what kind of impact this development would have. Other residents expressed similar concerns, and

of them said their wells are more than 100 feet deep. Planning Board members pointed out that water supply is one factor that must be studied before building can commence.

(An unfavourable report on the availability of water has, in the past, proven the death of other developments.) Some residents questioned the idea of including stables and riding trails on the property. The original plan would have a trail going around the parcel through the common land. Mr. C. Milani, president of Yorkwiche, defended this idea; he

added, however, that it would depend mainly on the people who buy the houses. There was some indication this part of the plan might never become reality.

There was considerable resentment expressed over the idea of 2-acre lots, since the area is now mostly divided into 10 or 20-acre parcels. Smaller lots "will destroy the whole community", one lady charged.

On the question of assessment, the Planning Board chairman felt the development could be a benefit to the whole area. The town needs assessment, he said, and this view was generally supported by other councillors.

Heart attack mishap

UNIONVILLE — Longtime Markham barber, Henry Harrison, 75, died Thursday of a heart attack behind the wheel of his car.

He was southbound on Kennedy Rd. and his car swerved across the centre line at Highway 7 and collided with a truck driven by Fredrick Bijl of Oshawa.

Mr. Harrison, who in recent years lived in Toronto, was dead on arrival at Scarborough Centenary Hospital. An autopsy revealed he had died of a heart attack prior to the accident.

He operated a barber shop in the Tremont House on Main St. in Markham for a number of years and was a regular attendee of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

New number for rental

CLAREMONT — Earle Pilkey, facilities co-ordinator for the Town of Pickering, will be the man to call for bookings at the Claremont Community Hall.

Those wishing bookings or inquiries on using the hall should contact Mr. Pilkey at the town offices at 839-5121, Ext. 79.

Annual Turkey supper Reserve April 23 now for the annual Turkey Supper at Dunbarton Fairport United Church, 1066 Dunbarton Rd. Meals will be served from 4:30-8 p.m. with take-out orders available. Price is \$3.75 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Call 839-1881 for tickets.

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