



Members of Bernice Mumford's Grade 6 class at Summitview School, along with a couple of male staff members, raised a totem pole in front of the school last week. The class had studied Indian culture while constructing the pole through the year.

Unexpected treat Paving of 6th approved

STOUFFVILLE — Residents of Stouffville and Markham are in for an unexpected treat: a couple of extra miles of paved road.

The paving of the 6th Concession (Kennedy Rd.) from 18th Avenue to Stouffville Rd., was approved at the last meeting of regional council. It had not

originally been included in this year's projects for the Engineering Dept., and this drew some flak from councillors.

Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller observed that perhaps the engineering budget had been "padded". The report from the committee, submitted for council approval, noted

that several projects done this year have actually cost less than anticipated. This was attributed to a "very favourable tendering market", and expected price increase have failed to materialize. The saving to date has amounted to some 13 per cent.

As a result of this saving, the report concluded, it is planned to do the work on Kennedy Rd. this year, rather than defer it another year.

Mayor Schiller's accusations of "padding" were met with strong denials from members of the engineering committee.

"We were very fortunate to save some money this year," said councillor Gordon Rowe. "There's nothing sinister about it."

Stouffville Mayor Gordon Ratcliff spoke in favour of the new project. "I received complaints about that unpaved stretch just last weekend," he told council. "There's very heavy traffic on there, a lot of gravel trucks."

After some further debate, the report was adopted. The Commissioner of Engineering will now call tenders for the work and submit them for council approval.

Farmer passes away

Retired Whitchurch farmer, Orval W. Degeer, passed away at Newmarket Nursing Home on Friday, June 27. Mr. Degeer farmed for many years on the 9th concession, and in addition, was employed on the road department of the township. His wife, the former Agnes

Wilkinson, predeceased her husband. Deceased is survived by two sons, Mervin and Elmer, and a brother and sister Osborne and Lucy. The funeral service was conducted at O'Neill Funeral Home on Monday afternoon. Interment was made in Church Cemetery.

Roman acclaimed

MARKHAM — Markham Mayor Tony Roman has been unanimously acclaimed Progressive Conservative candidate for York Centre riding which takes in Markham, Richmond Hill and Thornhill.

Mr. Roman will contest the seat currently held by Liberal Donald Deacon, who will not seek re-election.

majority," he predicted. He has been a member of Markham Council for the past 10 years.

Town invited to assist with co-ordination of local assets

STOUFFVILLE — Full use of community services is an ideal towards which the town and the Board of Education hope to move.

Present at the last council meeting was John McMurray, former trustee and now a member of the Board's Consultative Committee, which is addressing itself to this question.

Conversely, he explained, the Board would have access to municipally owned property such as parks.

On a motion by Mayor Ratcliff is to councillor Cathy Joice, appoint a representative council agreed to support the three resolutions.

"What is this going to cost?" asked councillor June Button. "Whether it's Board money or town money, it still comes from the taxpayer."

McMurray explained that, if the system works as planned, it shouldn't cost anything. Facilities will be shared and duplication will be avoided, he said; in fact, it could save money all around in the long run.

Councillor Becky Wedley asked whether the people of this area could use school facilities in another municipality. She referred especially to indoor swimming pools, which don't exist here. McMurray said he would investigate this, but could see no objection to the idea.



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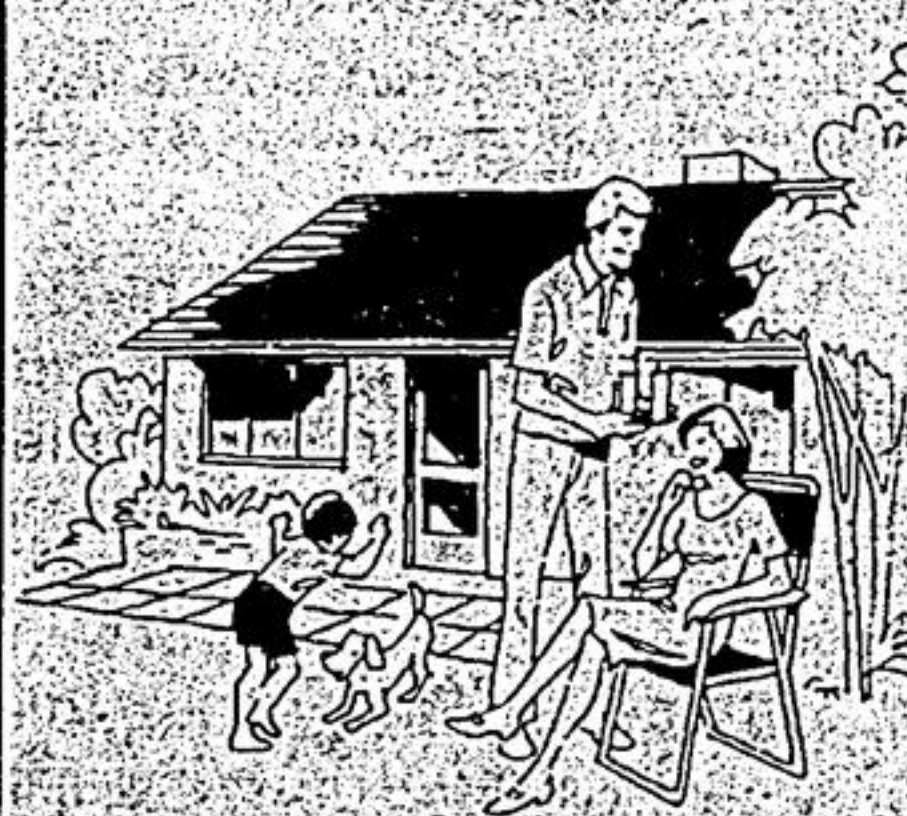
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