

Commercial industrial sought

Council cool to one proposal

STOUFFVILLE — A commercial proposal and a commercial - light industrial proposition, submitted to Planning Board by Ed Fockler of Whitchurch - Gormley Realty Ltd., have been forwarded to the town planning consultant.

Mr. Fockler asked that three parcels of approximately five acres each, in Ballantrae, be considered for highway commercial (C2) zoning.

The properties are all on the east side of Highway 48 and are north of the Aurora sideroad. Each parcel has a frontage in the neighborhood of 500 feet.

"I think this is a fair request," commented Mayor Gordon Ratcliff. "We have applicants and have no place to send them."

The mayor introduced a motion, which passed, that the planning consultant consider this zoning in the secondary plan for Ballantrae.

The second proposal was that an 80-acre piece of land on the north-east corner of Woodbine Ave. and the Gormley Rd. be considered for rezoning to commercial - light industrial.

The property has very little frontage "as most of it has already been developed as highway commercial."

Mr. Fockler told the board he feels there is a great need for small lots with this type of zoning. He claimed the industrial subdivision now being developed by Horst Liebeck is not suitable for small businesses as there is a minimum lot size of five acres and the price is \$30,000 per acre.

A two-phased development is planned, said Mr. Fockler, and they have not asked for any specific number of lots as of yet. "We would like to move ahead with whatever the town needs," he told The Tribune.

The lots would vary from just under one acre to slightly over two acres and the eventual number of lots would depend on the Planning Board's recommendations.

"The industrial acreage is adequate (in the municipality) at this time and that is why the proposal was rejected earlier," commented chairman Eldred King.

"If you could bring somebody forward who would be willing to develop part of it immediately we would reconsider it," Councillor Becky Wedley told Mr. Fockler.

President of the realty company, Anton Jensen, said he has had people show an interest in the site but could not name any specific companies.

"This is another area such as Ballantrae where we should have a small commercial park," said Mr. Ratcliff. "We have requests for both places."

The mayor said it would be an important corner with the advent of Highway 404 but he expressed some concern about allowing industrial uses. He felt it should mostly be restricted to highway commercial.

Councillor Art Starr agreed something should be done with that corner but he said he dislikes the plan presented.

The board voted to have a feasibility study of the site carried out, at the developer's expense.

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A number of Stouffville residents were treated to his music this past summer at the Save Stouffville Committee Corn Roast, when Bill played with the Nipissing County Boys.

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Bill Clark has a long history of fiddling to his credit. He grew up with music, took a few lessons and finally toured the country with various bands.

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Besides his musical skills, Bill is an accomplished carpenter, metalworker, mechanic and mason. One of his activities has been the restoration of equipment for display at the Brougham Museum. He is one of the directors of the museum.



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Davis Dr. proposal Estate subdivision refused by board

STOUFFVILLE — Planning Board last week deferred making any decision on a subdivision proposal for Vandorf until the conservation authority flood plain mapping has been completed.

Gary Silver, speaking for the Colicchia Group, owners of 35 acres at lots 16 and 17, conc. 3, requested approval in principle from the board.

The property, on which the company proposes to place 39 lots with a minimum area per lot of 20,000 square feet, abuts the Vandorf Park and the property line of proposed Highway 404.

Mr. Silver said his company intends to leave a 145 foot buffer along the highway boundary.

Chairman Eldred King told Mr. Silver he would have to await the flood plain mapping but he asked if the plan could be put in circulation and forwarded to the conservation authority for their official comments.

A company executive who was also present complained they were already waited for "a year and a half" and that they had spent a considerable amount of money.

Councillor Merlyn Baker asked if they would be willing to put in a percentage of low cost homes but Mr. Silver would not make a commitment, saying it is up to the owners.

It was decided to hold the proposal in abeyance until the mapping, which is now overdue, is concluded.

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The draw was made Saturday at the Lions Dance at Ambassador Lodge at Preston Lake.

Other lesser prizes were awarded as well. John Wilson won \$50 for his being the first ticket drawn; while George Harmon won \$100 as the second last ticket drawn. John Houston took home \$50 as his was the third last ticket drawn.

Other \$25 prizes went to Ken Schell, Jim Burns, John Harris, Sue Buchanan, Beeton Boys, Ella Hook, Larry Grove, Keith Betz, Wilfred Bradley, Mario Petramala, Eldred King, Peter Krahl, Ralph Jones, Blair Smith and Anne Marie Hetherington.

Ed MacAloney sold the most tickets and received \$50, while Bert Taylor picked up \$25 for selling the second highest number of tickets.

Man hurt in crash

STOUFFVILLE — One man was injured and his truck sustained \$4,000 damage in collision Saturday afternoon on the 9th line just north of Stouffville.

A truck driven by Caradog Gibbon, 62 of 9th Conc., was southbound on the 9th line when it skidded into the northbound lane and collided with a car driven by David Edward Fieldhouse, 18 of Woodbridge.

Mr. Gibbon was taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital with cuts and bruises. Mr. Fieldhouse was uninjured.