

Trustees vote to limit mill rate increase

YORK — York Region public school trustees will attempt to limit their 1976 mill rate increase to 10 per cent.

In unanimously accepting the recommendation from the finance committee, trustees Monday night voted to ask staff to prepare a preliminary draft budget allowing for a maximum 10 per cent increase in the mill rate.

Monday night's motion was a revamped version of action approved by the finance committee during a meeting here Oct. 30.

During that session, the committee approved a resolution calling for a 10 per cent limit on the overall budget increase.

Following Monday's decision, finance committee chairman Joy Horton explained the change in the motion.

"Fundamentally our concern is what it is going to cost the local taxpayer," she said.

The committee opted to limit the mill rate increase "rather than set the dollar figure and see where the mill rate comes out," Mrs. Horton added.

Monday's motion exempts any cost of community use of school from the 10 per cent guideline.

The move came at the suggestion of education director Sam Chapman.

He described as "unreasonable" any move to cut classroom and administrative areas to provide public use of school facilities.

Trustees were told that net costs of community use of schools amounts to an estimated \$200,000.

"If we don't exclude (community use of schools) we're going to have to cut our costs right away," Mr. Chapman warned.

Under the exemption approved by trustees, staff will immediately trim 1975 spending to provide a surplus going into 1976.

"What that will do to save funds is to reduce our leakage from the 1975 budget," he said.

Monday's motion also called for board staff to report ways of implementing any cuts needed to maintain the 10 per cent guideline and highlight problems arising from the 10 per cent restriction.

The board's move gained support from a delegation of municipal representatives who appeared before trustees earlier in the meeting.

Spokesmen for King, East Gwillimbury, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham asked the board to maintain a hold-line stance in its 1976 budget.

Mrs. Horton reported similar support in letters from municipal officials in Newmarket, Aurora and Richmond Hill.

Jennie Bangay second

Turnout poor, Harry Bowes wins

STOUFFVILLE — Although voter turnout was lower than in 1974, Whitchurch-Stouffville ratepayers gave overwhelming support to Harry Bowes in trustee elections Monday.

Mr. Bowes, a retired businessman, garnered 963 votes. The surprise of the election involved the second place finish for Jennie Bangay. The 20-year-old student picked

up 486 votes. Former trustee John McMurray was third with 277.

In 1974, Colin Barrett defeated Mr. McMurray by a 1,409 to 735 margin. Total votes cast last year numbered 2,144. Monday 1,726 voters trekked to the polls.

Mr. Bowes told The Tribune that he expects to be sworn in at the York County Board of

Education next meeting next Monday.

He felt the victory was due to his past experience in community groups and organizations and people felt, "I could accomplish something in the future."

The results were not a surprise to him. "I knew she (Miss Bangay)

was running a strong campaign and would place second," Mr. Bowes said.

He said that Whitchurch-Stouffville has had no representation for the past three months. "I hope to work hard to make up for lost time."

"There are some local issues we should try to get started on," he said.



HARRY BOWES easy election win

Suburban proposals considered

STOUFFVILLE — Planning Board last week heard three alternate proposals for development of a 30 acre parcel of land south of town and to the east of Loretta Crescent and Watson Dr.

Solicitor Don Kimura, of Bernard Aron Associates, the property owners, appeared as a delegation.

The three alternatives were outlined by Gerald Courey, a planner with Marshall Macklin Monaghan Ltd.

The first proposal called for 126 lots, each about 6,000 square feet, and estimating about 500 residents. This scheme assumed full services and an R1 zoning.

A scaled down version of the first plan was envisioned in the second scheme. This plan called for 39 lots, a population of over 150 people, and to be located on 10 acres. The eastern portion of the land would remain rural according to Mr. Courey.

The third plan used a suburban residential classification which has never been used in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

This proposal would utilize one acre lots with septic tanks (See SUBURBAN P. 8)

Longtime local firm is sold

STOUFFVILLE — William T. Rennie, who owned and operated Rennie Transport Ltd. for 30 years, has retired.

Ron Larmer of Markham has purchased the business. The deal was completed Oct. 1 of this year.

The name of the company will remain the same. Jim Rennie will stay on as dispatcher to co-ordinate the operations of the firms' 17 trucks.

Mr. Larmer had served as vice-president of Taylor Transport Ltd. of Markham before purchasing the Stouffville firm.

Awards, scholarships at SDSS graduation

STOUFFVILLE — Awards and scholarship winners will be in the spotlight tomorrow evening (Nov. 14) during the

Stouffville Dist. Secondary School annual commencement.

Nineteen Ontario Scholarships worth \$100 each will be awarded to — Carolyn Chase, Susan Christie, Linda Dyson, Susan Eidt, Joseph Gibson, David Harris, Kimberley Hinton, Karen James, Danuta Kamocki, Eric Knabe, Linda Laffleur, Rosemary Marzinotto, Randall Melhuish, Shirley Morgason, Margaret Nauta, Colleen Phoenix, Bruce Rodin, Nancy Roper and Thomas Wells.

A total of 50 graduates will receive their Secondary School Honor Graduation Diplomas and 109 students will receive Secondary School Graduation Diplomas.

Commencement is underway at 8 p.m.

Lines down as wind fells tree

MUSS LAKE — Stouffville firefighters and Ontario Hydro repair crews were busy Monday as high winds downed power lines throughout the area.

Around 8:30 a.m. firemen rushed to Valley Rd. where a tree had blown over and pulled down power lines. The wires, "were sparking all over the place," according to Fire Chief Walt Smith.

A blaze in the tree branches was quickly extinguished.

As winds mounted during the day, there were many power interruptions, according to an Ontario Hydro spokesman.

Around 8 p.m. a tree blew over and severed power lines in the area of Vivian Rd. and the 6th Conc. Power in that area was off for some time.

Police report no injuries due to winds, but a number of cars were dented by flying tree limbs.

Fracas brings police

MARKHAM — Police were called to settle fights at a football game Saturday between Markham District Secondary School and Newmarket High School.

Police arrived at MDSS about 3:30 p.m. and broke up a fight in which Nicholas Cole, 20, and James Cole, 18, both of Parkway Ave., were allegedly involved.

According to police the two brothers again engaged in a fist fight with some other youths

after being separated the first time.

The two were arrested and taken to 27 Division where police heard evidence that Nicholas Cole had assaulted 17 year old Lorraine Rowland of Newmarket before the initial outbreak of fighting.

The senior brother was charged with causing a disturbance by fighting and common assault while James Cole was charged with causing a disturbance.



Orchard Park students from grades 4 to 7 last week were treated to a demonstration of folk and homemade musical instruments. Ken Whiteley (right), a member of the Original Sloth Jug Band who has performed at Mariposa, spent the day at the school and worked with the students in small groups. He performed on a wide assortment of instruments ranging from an Appalachian dulcimer, to a mandolin, to a washboard. He demonstrated a

number of homemade instruments and at the end of the period he had the students try their hand at making music. In this picture Derek Duggan is shown "getting it on" with a washboard bass. Other students are from left to right: Wanda Couperthwaite, Andy Brooks, Ron Boake, Terry Alberti and Barry Smith. More pictures page 7.

—John Montgomery

Rezoning granted by planning board

East end plaza likely to go ahead next year

STOUFFVILLE — Planning Board last week passed a by-law granting Success Building Corporation a C1 (highest density commercial) zoning for the plaza they will build at the corner of Main and Stouffer Streets.

Rezoning the property presented a slight problem as the property and intended uses fit neither C1 or C3 designations.

The solution adopted by

planning board was to allow for the higher zoning but putting restrictions on the more obnoxious uses permitted by C1.

C1 allows two apartments per commercial unit but the by-law specifies only a one to one ratio. Some things allowed in a C3 zoning, such as car sales, taxi or bus stands, parking lot and printing plant are specifically prohibited.

Passing of the by-law

completes the town's work with regard to getting the plaza underway and it will now be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for final approval.

The plaza, which will likely be built next summer, features 17 rental apartments, and a maximum of 17 commercial units. The commercial units are designed so the renter can incorporate several of the units if the business requires more than the minimum floor space.

The 10th line plaza, to include a twin theatre, will very likely be started next summer as well.

It has already been forwarded to the OMB and approval could come at any time. It has been held up because there was one objection to it. This objection has been withdrawn.

This development, to be called Harding Gate Plaza, will have a maximum of 14 stores, excluding the theatre, in the first phase.

The second phase is expected to house a chain supermarket.

These units are also designed so several can be incorporated into a single store.

Airport decision will raise taxes: planners

YORK REGION — Tax increases due to cancellation of the Pickering airport, will be "minimal," according to Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Gordon Ratcliff.

He was responding to a planning report, presented at the region's planning committee last week, which said that slower development in the region will result from the airport cancellation.

assessment in the southern part of the region would reduce the number of jobs projected by the year 2,000 by 10-15 per cent, according to the planners.

Planning Commissioner Murray Pound estimated that 15,000 service jobs, planned for a commercial corridor between the two airports, will be lost.

Scrapping the airport could mean higher costs for municipal

services and public transit, the report stated.

Mayor Ratcliff said that growth in the southern part of the region, "will not be so spectacular" without the airport, and agreed that extra charges could result, especially for roads.

The federal and provincial governments would have paid for some of the road structure to service the airport. The region will likely have to pick up the tab, the mayor told The Tribune.

Chief Administrative Officer Jack Rennie told planning committee that the airport decision would delay work on the region's official plan for another six months. The OP work is already two years behind schedule.

At the committee meeting, Markham Councillor Bob Adams rejected the report's suggestion that the airport cancellation will mean expansion at Malton and lead to development pressures in

Vaughan which would threaten agricultural and recreational lands.

Mayor Ratcliff said in an interview that if the airport goes through, there will be "tremendous pressure" for development and that the southern part of the region would become "an extension of Toronto."

The mayor said that he would rather accept some increased costs than the airport.

Legion plans special service

STOUFFVILLE — Although Tuesday was Remembrance Day and students and government employees enjoyed a holiday, the Stouffville legion plans its memorial service this coming Sunday.

The service itself is at 2:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Members of the Legion, accompanied by the Richmond Hill Centennial Pipe Band, will parade to the cenotaph in front of the municipal offices.

The wreaths will be laid and the last post played. Prior to the service, members of the Legion will gather at Stouffville Cemetery (around 1:30 p.m.) to pay tribute to service personnel buried there.

The service at the Legion Hall is under direction of the local branch's padre, Rev. J.L. Carder. Other local ministers will take part in the service.

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