

Committee slashes family centre grants

YORK REGION — At a special meeting Thursday, the region's health and social services committee pared \$210,400 in grant requests to \$85,750 to be divided among eight organizations seeking support.

The region's four family life centres, which asked for \$103,200 to carry them through 1976, were allocated \$60,000 and directed to streamline their organization and consider amalgamating the Georgina and Aurora-Newmarket centres.

The Victorian Order of Nurses was granted only \$4,000

of the \$10,000 requested this year. Last year they received \$6,000.

Three local associations for the mentally retarded also suffer in grants this year. The Newmarket association was allocated \$5,500 from the \$10,000 it requested. It was given \$10,000 last year. The Sutton and district association, which also asked for \$10,000, was budgeted \$6,000. It received \$10,000 last year.

The York Central Association asked for \$15,500 to help defray operating costs and \$40,000 towards capital ex-

penses. Although this association received \$55,500 last year, it was granted only \$7,750 for 1976.

Other associations granted funds by this committee were the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (\$2,500), St. John's Ambulance (\$500), the Salvation Army (\$2,500).

Organizations slashed from the grant roster were Big Brothers (which asked for \$6,000), Helpmate Richmond Hill (wanted \$2,000). Information Markham (requesting \$3,000) and Unionville Home Society (asking for

\$5,200). None of these groups were supported last year.

The region budgeted \$100,000 toward grants in 1976, and some funds have already been by the region's administrative committee.

Regional council will be asked to approve committee grants at a meeting in May.

In this year of austerity all agencies seeking regional support were scrutinized thoroughly and expected to eliminate frills.

"We had to be ruthless in

attempting to achieve a reasonable budget this year," noted Aurora Mayor Evelyn Buck, chairman of the committee.

She added she expected the same from organizations asking for regional funding.

Family life centres were particularly criticized as the committee set about apportioning funds.

Not only did the committee challenge this organization's administration but also its value as a duplication of many services existing in the region.



The barbershop quartet shown here provided one of many highlights in Music Mania '76 last weekend. The show attracted 2,100 people for three performances and provided some laughs to boot. The singers here are (left to right) Chuck Harrott, Jerry Waite, Lorne Bowdway and Jim Rehill, combining their voices in smooth harmony. — Don Bernard

MPP wants provincial funding

PICKERING — The provincial government has been requested to provide funds to continue excavation at two archaeological sites on the Pickering airport property.

Durham West MPP Charles Godfrey has sent a letter to Culture and Recreation Minister Robert Welch requesting his department supply the funds.

Dr. Godfrey said that "Ontario's heritage is in imminent danger of being buried and lost," if the work is not continued this year.

Last week it was learned that the federal government funding for the work would not be renewed this year. About 55 people, mostly university students, were employed last summer at the Draper site and later the White site.

The Draper site is said to be the largest Huron village yet discovered. The excavation work is about half complete. A grant of about \$230,000 would be needed to complete the work this year.

Both villages date back to the 16th century.

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Orchard Park approval angers local trustee



HARRY BOWES
He wasn't told

STOUFFVILLE — The matter of a \$283,000 addition to Orchard Park Public School, has been referred to the York County Board of Education standing committee on Building and Planning, The Tribune learned Tuesday.

The addition, which would include a new general purpose room for the west end school, has received draft plan approval from the Ministry of Housing.

It had been included in Monday's school board agenda as a routine item. However, Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes told The Tribune that he was never told of the plans to proceed with the addition to Orchard Park.

According to Mr. Bowes there are a number of schools in York Region which urgently need renovations or additions. One of those, he said, is Summitview Public School in the east end.

Mr. Bowes said that the board staff had set the priorities and "did not let the trustees know."

"They tried to slip it in as routine approval," Mr. Bowes told The Tribune in an interview. "It seems to me the administration has decided Orchard Park should go ahead and not the trustees themselves."

Mr. Bowes said that the matter was not brought up at a

meeting of the planning and building committee April 14 and that at a chairman's committee meeting last week he was not told about the item.

He discovered it under routine business when he received his agenda Friday morning. He immediately requested it be removed from the list of routine approvals.

The parent-teacher association at Summitview Public School has been working to have the building renovated to bring it up to fire regulations. An addition, including a gymnasium and resource centre, is also badly needed, the association feels.

Mr. Bowes said that, next to Holland Landing Public School,

Summitview was most in need of renovation in the region.

He pointed out that Orchard Park presently has a gymnasium and is not grossly overcrowded. Summitview, on the other hand, has two portable classrooms and lacks a gymnasium.

It is also in the east end where most of the major new housing has been added in recent years.

At Monday's meeting, trustees became bogged down in other matters and did not reach the Orchard Park item on the agenda. As the meeting ended, however, Mr. Bowes requested it be referred to the standing committee.

Special meeting at Summitview

STOUFFVILLE — News that the York County Board of Education will approve a general purpose room for Orchard Park Public School has mobilized the Summitview Parent-Teacher Association.

A meeting to discuss the matter will be held next Monday (May 3) at Summitview. That school has not been granted a badly-needed extension.

Main speaker for the evening will be board chairman Doug Allen. Others present will be trustees Harry Bowes and Norm Weller; board staff member Stephen Bacsalmasi; MPP Bill Hodgson; Fire Chief Walt Smith; Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and a representative of the Ministry of Education.

The meeting starts at 8:30 p.m.

Careless driving charge

Car burns after crash

MARKHAM — A 23-year old man has been charged with careless driving and a passenger had a leg amputated after an accident that saw the destruction of an automobile early Sunday morning.

According to York Regional Police, Patrick Kennedy, 23, was the driver of the car westbound on Church St. in

Markham, that careened out of control and struck a hydro pole.

A metal guardrail went through the windshield of the car and out a window on the right side. The car then caught fire and was destroyed, as it hung over a 30-foot embankment.

Mr. Kennedy and a passenger in the front seat, William Breen, 23, were thrown

from the car. Mr. Breen's leg was amputated Monday. Another passenger, Alfred Devenport, 24 of Peter St., Markham, managed to escape from the vehicle only minutes before the car became an inferno.

Mr. Devenport also suffered leg injuries.

Markham Firefighters attended the blaze.



Winter's last bash, Sunday, brought down this Maple tree on the Gormley property of Ray Lamure. The 45 foot tree took off part of the eye trough as it fell. High winds cause the freak accident that pulled the tree up by its roots. Children had been playing near the tree just prior to its fall. — Annegret Lamure

Ballantrae eyesore

Housing plan for wrecking yard site

STOUFFVILLE — If plans now in the works are approved, residents of Ballantrae will soon be relieved of a major eyesore in that community.

Melvin Turner appeared before Planning Board last week with a proposal to remove the wrecking yard on the Aurora sideroad and replace it with three residences.

"It cost a lot of money (to purchase the wreckers) and pretty well to make it pay we have to get three building lots," Mr. Turner told the board.

In spite of this claim Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said three lots would not be acceptable as they would only be 15,000 square feet each and the minimum lot size required for a hamlet is 20,000 square feet.

A regional study conducted recently, according to Mr. Ratcliff, indicated that future developments in Ballantrae may require 30,000 square foot lots.

"This is a little bit of a messy situation and I don't see any other way of getting this cleared up," said Councillor Becky Wedley before introducing a motion that the board support an Official Plan amendment.

The board approved the motion, stipulating they wish to see three houses there, including an existing home.

There was no objection from Mr. Turner.

Water survey needed for Ballantrae

STOUFFVILLE — The Ballantrae-Musselman's Lake Secondary Plan will not be approved unless a study on the possibility of establishing communal water supply to service the two communities is completed.

This directive from York Region was met with reluctant acceptance when relayed to council by Whitchurch-Stouffville planner, Max Sherman. Members expressed concern over the cost of such a survey and doubted the need for it in the Ballantrae-Musselman's area.

Mr. Sherman pointed out, however, that criteria set in the existing Township of Whitchurch Official Plan stated that once the population of a community reached 500 persons no further development should take place until the secondary plan for the hamlet area was prepared and the need for municipal water supply and sanitary sewers reviewed. The region, he said, had the backing of the Ministry of Housing on this requirement.

Mr. Sherman was authorized to obtain cost estimates on the water supply survey.

Museum opens this weekend

BOGARTTOWN — Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum officially opens its doors for the 1976 season this coming Saturday.

During opening day, those who attend will be given a gift. The museum will be open 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Refreshments will be available.

Lake bus is being considered

STOUFFVILLE — Bus service to Musselman's Lake is being reconsidered by the Toronto Area Transit Authority.

Council learned Tuesday night that TATO Chairman A.T. McNab has instructed his staff to "review the situation" and make a report to the next meeting of the authority.

Mr. McNab's letter to council was in reply to a petition from council that service be provided. Council acted after being shown the results of a survey which indicated over 40 people in the lake area would use a transit service on a daily basis.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff advised council that the lake area's transit problems could be solved from the private sector.

The mayor said he has spoken to the new owners of Reliable Taxi and they have expressed a willingness to provide transportation from the lake to meet the GO bus in Stouffville.

The cab company would purchase a van for this purpose and run a regularly scheduled route at a tentative price of 50 cents each way.

Councillor Art Starr questioned whether a licence would be required from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to operate a service on a fixed route.

Bloomington truck terminal proposed

STOUFFVILLE — Attorney Don Hindson is now representing another client attempting to place a truck terminal in the municipality.

Planning Board last week

No refund but charges are laid

STOUFFVILLE — A rather original method of defrauding local businesses proved unsuccessful for three Toronto residents.

The three visited Stouffville last Friday and entered Schell Lumber, Co-op Oil, Crest Hardware and Canadian Tire.

It is alleged that two of them would enter a store and remove items and that the third person would then take the goods back to the store, return the articles and collect a refund.

Arrested were Brenda Arnold, 18, and Maurice Hudyma, 44, both of Toronto. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a third party.

Police have laid a total of 10 charges for fraud (two counts), and theft and possession under \$200 (four counts each).

Talk about slow service

STOUFFVILLE — Almost 23 years late.

That was a postcard received by some local residents last week.

Mrs. Charles Lintner told The Tribune that she received a postcard post marked Aug. 27, 1953. It arrived April 21, 1976.

Addressed to Arnold Lintner, Stouffville, Ontario, the card had no return address. It featured a picture of Niagara Falls. The only message on the card is "Hi".

It also boasted a three-cent stamp. Mrs. Lintner said she will forward the postcard to Mr. Arnold Lintner, who presently resides in Ottawa.

received a letter from Mr. Hindson asking the conditions they wish to impose in the site plan agreement for the reactivated project at the north-east corner at the hamlet of Bloomington.

The plan for the 18½ acre property owned by Donald Sabiston has been in the works for some time but has been dormant lately.

The board passed a resolution to amend the zoning bylaw, subject to the requirements of the Ministry of Housing and of the town, being fulfilled.

The conditions the town wishes to impose in the site plan agreement are that there be no parking in front of the building, the buildings be placed so as to disturb a stand of deciduous trees as little as possible, all parking areas be screened, and the building must have brickwork on the front and sides.

The depot is to include facilities for servicing trucks, a snack bar, parts and tire sales, a gas and diesel bar and office.

Parking will be provided for 125 cars and 24 tractor trailers and the facility will be set up to serve gravel trucks owned by private haulers.

Councillor June Button commented that perhaps Mr. Hindson "thought this would be a good time to strike" as he recently managed to get approval for a truck terminal on Highway 47 for Don Anderson Haulage.

'Mr. Fixit' wants used articles

STOUFFVILLE — When Don Lehman gave up his job in local garbage collection last year, the children of the area lost one of their best friends.

Mr. Lehman was well-known for his work in fixing up broken toys, especially bicycles. Now he is looking for used, broken or discarded items to fix up and give to needy youngsters.

Bicycles, bicycle parts, toys, furniture, baskets — any unwanted items can be utilized. For free pick-up call Don Lehman at 640-3853.