

Province tightens strings

Welfare cuts necessary

June 7 opening for board headquarters

YORK CTY — Official opening for the Aurora Civic Centre has been set for June 7, York County Board of Education trustees were told Monday night.

The board shares the centre with the town of Aurora.

Joint opening ceremonies will feature guest speaker Darcy McKeough, provincial treasurer.

The board and town will split pre-opening costs with the town printing programs and invitations and the school board handling mailing of invitations.

Beyond that, trustees became embroiled in a controversy over a plaque for their portion of the building.

Richmond Hill trustee Warren Baillie, representing the board on joint committee planning the celebrations, suggested the board purchase a commemorative plaque.

"I'm violently opposed to spending money to perpetuate the memories of the trustees who approved this building," responded Don Sim of Markham.

He said a plaque is traditionally donated by the architect of the building.

Mr. Baillie noted architect's fees for both the town and board portions of the building were reduced in lieu of the plaque donations.

Mr. Baillie was asked to examine the cost of a plaque for the board portion of the building.

YORK REGION — Provincial policies to curb welfare spending have left York Region little choice but to crack down on the young and unemployed, according to

Alan Wells, the social services administrator. He said it was necessary to place hardship on people to force them to do other things.

York only received a 5.5 per cent budget increase for 1976 over 1975, Mr. Wells pointed out, although the region approved 1976 spending estimates of \$456,700, a 6.9 per cent increase over 1975 expenditures.

Cut-downs in supplementary aid will leave more money for mandatory general welfare assistance, explained Mr. Wells.

Supplementary aid for food and shelter has been eliminated, except in cases of emergency and supplementary payments for dental work, eyeglasses, etc., are restricted to those

considered unemployable.

Those able to work will be expected to accept any employment for which they are physically fit.

"Now if they're able to dig ditches, they must dig ditches," he said.

However he also pointed out that it is very hard to get off welfare because the laws don't take into consideration the necessity for new clothes, transportation and babysitters, when looking for a job.

He said a three month continuation of payments would provide an incentive for people to go to work.

Impact study needed for Markville: Adams

MARKHAM — The Town must consider any proposal for a large commercial shopping centre from both the aspect of the existing merchants and the residents who must be provided with proper services, according to Planning Committee Chairman, Bob Adams.

The Regional Councillor was commenting on the controversial application for "Markville" the 180 acre commercial, industrial, residential development proposed in the new Official Plan, for the corner of Hwy. 7 and McCowan Road. It would be difficult to form an opinion, he pointed out, until an impact study is complete.

"My greatest concern is the impact a development of this size could have on the existing merchants," he said, adding that a study done in 1966 showed that 40 per cent of the department

store merchandising was spent in the town. In 1974 this had dropped to below the 30 per cent level, he said.

One of the major problems, Mr. Adams said, is the major parking problem on the Main Street of the old town of Markham, as well as an indication from shoppers that selection of merchandise is limited and prices higher than elsewhere.

"A study, Mr. Adams said, will determine, through interviews, with residents and merchants, what impact can be expected.

"I'm in no way prepared to say at this time that I favor the new shopping centre," he said. "It may well be that the proposal is premature. Council has a dual responsibility in this instance; to the established business people and to the residents looking for a place to shop."

Uxbridge to charge gravel pit operator

UXBRIDGE — Council has decided to ask the township solicitor to institute legal action against Arbro Construction Co. for violating the township's regulatory bylaw.

The land was bought by John B. Regan, and subsequently leased to Arbro Construction Co.

The Arbro company registered the land as a wayside pit, got a permit from the resources ministry, and without further ado started to mine gravel.

According to coun-

cilior Eleanor Todd, this is a direct violation of the regulatory bylaw which states that a site plan agreement has to be submitted to council, and other conditions satisfied before operations can begin.

Council also decided to send a warning letter to John Regan regarding another pit which was found to be operating at 11.30 p.m. in contravention of a bylaw requiring all work to cease at 7 p.m.

Council agreed to bring charges if it happened again.

OP meetings good says chairman

MARKHAM — Planning Committee Chairman, Bob Adams feels the recent series of public meetings to consider Markham's new Official Plan have resulted in "good com-

munication with the people that has set a pattern for the future."

"I was extremely pleased with the response from the residents," he said in an interview this week, "and their appreciation of the time, the work and the great responsibility that has gone into this plan. We had tremendous input, particularly in the old town."

He is still concerned, he said, with some aspects of the plan including the "pressure to use up the interim capacity of sewer allocation. The rate of growth," he pointed out, will have to be carefully monitored so that the assessment does not become unbalanced.

"We also have to have assurance from the province that there will be no delay in the construction of schools to accommodate new development," he said. "We're going to have to find some way to speed up this process."

Open house for crafts

STOUFFVILLE — Artists from Toronto to Stouffville will demonstrate various crafts at the Whitechurch Stouffville Arts and Crafts Centre on Saturday, May 15.

The show will be held at the old library building at Church and Main Streets, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. artisans will be demonstrating leather craft; batik and textiles; quilting; flower arranging; weaving; painting; macramé; jewelry making; and multi-media sculpture.

At Stouffer and Main streets

Four severances sought

STOUFFVILLE — Planning Board last week heard a proposal that would, if accepted, put seven more lots on the north east corner of Main and Stouffer Sts.

Stan Newmarch asked for permission to sever the lots off the west side of his property. He said that the large lot adjoining his home is "becoming a burden to me."

Mr. Newmarch, who admitted he is unfamiliar with planning procedures, asked the board for advice as to how he should proceed. He was told that with the number of severances he desires he will have to proceed by plan of subdivision.

Board Chairman Eldred King told Mr.

Newmarch he would require an engineer's report to resolve drainage problems and to determine whether daylighting would be required there.

Mr. King added that there would have to be some thought given to the possible relocation of the intersection there.

Mr. Newmarch said the property is already zoned R3 and the proposed lots would conform to that zoning. He said he would like to build six semi-detached homes and one single family dwelling, right at the corner.

"I think we could use some town type houses around here," commented Councillor June Button.

Actual construction, said Mr. Newmarch, would be carried out by himself and the homes sold individually.

To avoid a plan of subdivision Mr. Newmarch offered to lower the density but Mr. King explained that since his property is lower than his neighbor's it would require an engineer's report even for two severances.

Mrs. Button wondered if they could even consider more lots until there has been an addition to the sewage treatment plant and Mr. King replied that since the land is already zoned it is now included in the present sewage capacity.

Mr. Newmarch's proposal to keep a long back yard for himself was opposed by Councillor Cathy Joyce.

The way the plans were drawn up Mr. Newmarch would have a long backyard for a swimming pool, which would run behind the proposed lots on Stouffer St.

"I can't give any valid reason why it shouldn't be like that but I don't like it," commented Mrs. Joyce.

Mr. Newmarch was urged to discuss some aspects of the plan with the works committee or the clerk.

No decision on championship

Hockey squabble boils at meeting

STOUFFVILLE — There will be no decision on whether the Midget A hockey team can keep its Unionville tournament championship until the next OMHA meeting in August.

An OMHA meeting was held this past weekend in Toronto but the indefinite suspensions meted out to Bruce Burton and his son Jeff at Picton, were not dealt with, according to OMHA Secretary Vern McCullum.

The whole issue of the suspensions and a mix-up over sweaters at the tournament was aired last week at the hockey association's annual meeting.

Team manager Bruce Burton introduced the subject, saying: "There are 17 kids sitting on pins and needles" because there were

rumors circulating that he and the entire team would be suspended.

"There is a very good chance you will lose that tournament," said OMHA Representative Ed Grimshaw. Mr. Grimshaw said that neither of the Burtons should have participated in the game and he added that he had notified Jeff Burton personally.

Mr. Burton argued that the suspension was not valid because he didn't receive notification in writing, he maintained that the referee had suspended the wrong person and he said he was under the impression suspensions are not in effect for exhibition games and tournaments.

Mr. Grimshaw replied that written notification was not necessary as he had been verbally informed of the

suspension, that even if he had been wrongfully suspended the suspension was still in effect until the matter had been dealt with at a hearing. He said Mr. Burton would have been correct about playing at tournaments if it had been a regular suspension but that an indefinite suspension meant he was barred from all games.

Some members of the audience complained that if there had been an OMHA representative from the Stouffville area at the game then Mr. Burton would never have been suspended in the first place.

Mr. Burton asked the executive when the hockey season is over for a player: "If your team is knocked off you hang up your skates in the middle of February," he said.

"We're in this for fun for the kids," maintained Mr. Grimshaw although he admitted some of the coaches feel the season is over when the team is out of competition.

Mr. Burton complained that they couldn't get sweaters for the Unionville tournament after the end of the season, and he was referred to OMHA Convener Eldon Wagg. "I don't know where you heard that it was over when you lost," said Mr. Wagg.

Mr. Burton accused him of contradicting himself.

Mr. Wagg explained that when he told the team they couldn't have the sweaters he was under the impression the sweaters were then at the cleaners.

"He was asked by Mr. Burton why they couldn't

be held one extra week and Mr. Wagg replied that "we like to get things wrapped up as soon as the season closes."

"Had I been aware they hadn't gone to the cleaners, I would have given them to you and the girls wouldn't have had them," said Mr. Wagg.

The controversy arose because the boys' team had been told they couldn't use the sweaters for the tournament but a girl's team had shown up at another tournament the same weekend wearing the sweaters.

Mr. Wagg said he had not authorized the girls to use the sweaters.

Trustees chop professional development days by one

YORK CTY — An attempt to restrict professional development programs to six days during the 1976-77 school year was voted down by York County Board of Education Monday night.

In defeating an amendment to reduce the professional development program from nine during the current school year to six next year, trustees accepted a staff recommendation to hold PD days to eight beginning in September.

"There's a lot of concern with nine PD days and what we're doing is reducing it by one," noted King trustee Margaret Coburn. "I don't think that's enough."

Georgina trustee Keith Hargrave dismissed as

"ludicrous" claims that the eight days are needed for parent interviews.

Scheduling parent interviews at night would enable fathers to participate, he argued.

The Toronto high school teacher also rejected an Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation stance that a maximum number of PD days are needed at the end of the school year to complete administrative work at the high school level.

Teachers use most of the month of June to complete administrative chores, Mr. Hargrave explained.

Education director Sam Chapman denied York teachers devote additional classroom time during June to administrative duties.



Casual fashions

Susie Anderson takes her role as model very seriously as she displays a festive gown in the Kinette Fashion Show. Carol Baston, the commentator, describes the creations modelled by members of the Kinette Club and their children at the Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club. The ladies' fashions were provided courtesy of the Marguerite Shop and Ruvon's Ladies' Wear of Main St. Stouffville, while the children's clothes originated from the Tree House and the Young Canada Shop. Along with the latest in fashion, the appreciative audience was treated to wine and cheese. Youngsters in the gathering also had wine glasses, but their tippie was ginger ale. At left, Richard English and Doug Smurthwaite model casual clothes for the well-dressed young man. — Annegret Lamure.



Gerald Heikens is having his bicycle inspected by constable Doug Young at a bicycle rodeo held at Orchard Park Public School last week. David McNally looks on as

Doug Snowball (dotted cap) and Barry Thomas check off various safety items. — Annegret Lamure

Youth charged in lake area break-ins

MUSS LAKE — George Doolittle, 20, has been charged with break and enter with intent and breach of probation.

Lorna Gorman of Toronto entered her cottage at Cedar Vale Rd. just after midnight Saturday and surprised a man sleeping in a bed.

The man woke up and fled the scene and the following day Doolittle was arrested at Toronto and transported to 19 Division.

Doolittle has been charged with breach of probation as he is currently on probation with conditions that he be of good behavior.