



Intermittent showers and a sea of mud failed to deter bargain hunters Saturday at the Stouffville Sales Barn. Even with these conditions parking spaces in the lot were few and far between. A tow truck on the property was kept busy dragging mired cars out of the mud.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff:

## Town will meet Ministry

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said last week there will be another meeting with the ministry of the Environment regarding the York Sanitation dump within the next few weeks.

“They have to come in with a plan for compensation for damaged water supplies,” explained the mayor.

The mayor said he hopes that council, in their dealings with the ministry, will “take a

firm stand that the dump be closed and capped.”

Mr. Ratcliff was of the opinion the town should not become involved in the setting up of a compensation fund.

“As a town we don’t want to get involved with the setting up of a fund,” he said. “Present legislation does not allow the town to be involved anyway.”

Question: Have there been any more complaints of rats in Stouffville?

“We have had only one call from a homeowner. We cannot bait on private property anyway. We can do so along the street but homeowners will have to look after their own property.”

Question: What has been the response to the suggestion the old post office be leased and used by community groups?

“There has been quite a bit of interest in using the old post office building. We have heard from quite a few people and we would still be

interested in hearing from anybody else who has any ideas. There are federal grants (New Horizons) available if the senior citizens wish to organize themselves into a group. I intend to speak with MP Sinclair Stevens (PC York-Simcoe) on the availability of funding. There has also been some talk about using it for teenage groups. I think the government would like us to make a decision soon on whether we will rent it for a 10-year period. Rental will be set at a nominal figure.”

Question: Has anything been done toward getting a bypass of Stouffville?

“Some traffic counts have been conducted but the whole thing has been held in abeyance on account of the current austerity program. Pressure should be placed on the government to provide a bypass when this austerity program is over. Certainly this summer traffic should be diverted.”

## Second chairman will quit Board committee

AURORA — A change in meeting schedules and a heavy workload has forced the resignation of one York Region school board committee chairman, and could force a second to leave his post.

Aurora trustee Norm Weller stepped down last week as chairman of the board’s planning and building committee after failing to attend a session for two and a half months.

A member of the board’s contract team, he has been unable to attend a planning and building session “since we started negotiations,” Mr. Weller said Thursday.

Now, Newmarket trustee Craig Cribar has said he will find it “extremely difficult” to continue as chairman of the staff relations committee.

Last week the board approved a change in its

meeting schedule that will commit trustees to Monday night meetings four weeks a month.

Effective in September, board meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month but committee sessions, currently held later in the week, will be held on the first and third Mondays.

Mr. Cribar said he has other commitments and won’t be able to attend any meetings scheduled for the first Monday of the month. In a letter to board chairman Doug Allen Mr. Cribar said he will miss 50 per cent of the committee meetings and asked Mr. Allen if he should continue to chair the committee.

The original motion put before the board last week called for weekly sessions.

Mr. Weller said 50 to 60 per cent of the work now handled by standing committees would be relieved through weekly meetings.

Weekly sessions would also speed up board activity since there would only be a week between decisions, he contended.

could not decide if anyone even voted earlier.

In debating the merits of the report, Vaughan Mayor Garnet Williams strongly opposed the idea that the Region should get involved with solid waste disposal. He pointed out that acquiring landfill sites would cost millions of dollars.

Newmarket Mayor Bob Forhan felt that the region should ultimately get into garbage disposal. Georgina Mayor George Burrows felt such a move should be made only at the request of a local municipality.

Mr. Wright sought to defend the procedures used, pointing out that any member could have an item reconsidered at the next meeting.

Ultimately council voted to rescind the earlier vote — if any — but decided not to take any action either way on the original report.

## Chaos at meeting of region council

YORK REGION — Amid general chaos and confusion, York Regional Council recently passed, rescinded, and deferred a motion in the same meeting.

On its first appearance the motion, to approve an engineering committee report recommending that the region assume control of garbage dumps, was passed. A few minutes later, Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Schiller questioned this vote.

Markham Councillor Bob Adams criticized Chairman Garfield Wright for the way in which the vote was handled. Adams claimed the vote was rushed through before a proper discussion could take place. East Gwillimbury mayor Gladys Rolling agreed that this happens often.

Mr. Schiller introduced a motion to rescind the earlier vote, although councillors

## Seniors Week called success

Dear Sir, I would like to extend a personal thank you to the many groups and individuals who, through their participation, made Senior Citizen’s Week the success it was.

Especially worthy of mention are: Lion’s Club, Kinettes, Legion Ladies, Whitchurch - Stouffville Museum, Robert Lowe of

Becker’s Milk, Parkview Home and The Tribune. The successful round of activities which took place would not have been possible without the many individuals who took part in the visitation program and helped organize the events.

Gordon Ratcliff Mayor

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