

Architect approved by board Monday — for school



Subdivision piped in

STOUFFVILLE — Action Monday night by the York County Board of Education has brought the proposed renovations to Summitview School a step closer to becoming a reality.

The board voted to accept the \$357,000 offered by the Ministry of Education for the fire renovations and addition of a library and general purpose room.

In addition they approved a resolution to commission the Newmarket architect firm of Smith and Mill to draw up sketch plans. The same firm drew up plans for the fire renovations.

The board decided to keep the funds within the amount approved by the ministry, a figure \$66,000 less than was requested.

Summitview PTA committee member Anne Simon told The Tribune, "We are not going to ask for more money."

During recent months the work of fireproofing the building has been going forward, with the installation of fireproof ceiling tiles.

Trustee Harry Bowes estimates three weeks were saved in getting things going by his bringing the issue right to the board for a vote rather than sending it back to the planning and development committee.

Nothing more can be done until the sketch plans have been prepared, at which time a committee will be formed, consisting of involved teachers and possibly parents who will have input into the plans.

Mr. Bowes hopes to see tenders let within six months, after sketch plans come in, although the usual period is eight months. He hopes to "knock off" a couple of weeks here and there.

There could be a holdup in getting the plans approved by the ministry or the Ontario Fire Marshall.

According to Mr. Bowes there are at least 15 separate steps to go through before the work is completed and the project now stands at number seven.

Ministry promises

Safe ammonia handling

CLAREMONT — A recent letter from Minister of Agriculture Bill Newman in

Official Plan now available

STOUFFVILLE — The draft copy of the official plan for Whitchurch-Stouffville has now been corrected and amended by planning committee and is available in a single 150-page document.

Changes and deletions to it were still taking place at planning committee Monday night, however.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and Councillor June Button expressed concern that the document is too lengthy and suggested that portions should be eliminated.

The draft was prepared by planner Max Sherman of Macro Plan Ltd., Toronto.

Prayers to close dump

STOUFFVILLE — With some present saying "we have done everything man can do" to close the York Sanitation Highway 48 dump, a group of about 40 met Sunday in a prayer meeting concerning the issue.

The meeting, at the home of Keith Hutchinson, adjacent to the dump, included a time of singing, prayer and a talk by Rev. Paul Hope of Churchill Baptist Church. He spoke on three kinds of pollution: physical, moral and in the church.

Among those attending were Councillors Becky Wedley and Merlyn Baker.

Council learned Tuesday night that Ministry of the Environment official Paul Isles has officially recommended to ministry approvals head D.P. Caplice that the dump be proceeded with over the next five years, with numerous conditions. Mr. Isles previously has maintained a similar line in other dealings about the site.

A cocktail party and dinner were thrown last Wednesday evening by Felray Investments to officially open the plaza and second phase of the Felray subdivision. About 125 people, including council, were invited to the party held at the newly opened Ballantrae Restaurant and Tavern. Guests were treated to a seemingly unlimited supply of drinks and an excellent roast beef dinner. Mike Felcher was the evening's host and bagpipe serenade was by Jim Glover, a resident of the subdivision.

— John Montgomery

Dulverton block remains in transitional category

STOUFFVILLE — Zoning of a controversial block in the proposed Dulverton subdivision north of Stouffville will remain transitional, despite efforts by a delegation to planning board

last week to have it changed to residential.

Carl Johnston, speaking for the group of residents, said they were concerned that the block might eventually be developed commercially. They feared the debris from a convenience store would end up on their nearby properties.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff made a motion, later defeated, that the block be changed to a residential designation. He said the block was "up in the air as far as services go" and that after the subdivision goes in, they may have to tear up the street to provide them.

Planning board chairman Eldred King said such an eventuality "is not a liability to the municipality — only to the developer."

Earlier, the Dulverton company agreed to accept council's wishes on development for the block.

Councillor Merlyn Baker said that "it's going to be at least several years before those houses are built. We have already zoned it very safely transitional," and I do not see what's to be gained by changing it."

Agreed Councillor Art Starr: "I think we should keep our options open."

Mr. Johnston argued that the people in the area "are quite

Vivian land freeze is proposed

STOUFFVILLE — The question of whether to freeze future population increases over the next five years in the area between Vivian and Faulkner Avenue was discussed Monday in planning committee.

Town planner Max Sherman presented the idea to the committee as a possible item to include in the Whitchurch-Stouffville official plan draft.

Such a halt on development, he explained, would not impede infilling and subdivisions already approved for the area. It would, however, stop a variety of other developments there which probably could comply with regional standards for estate residential development.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff commented that he was "not for

growth," but wondered where else in the municipality it could go if it was eliminated there.

Mr. Sherman said there are "quite a few" other areas available for estate residential development. There are close to 6,000 acres.

The population on the 1000 acres between Faulkner and Vivian now stands at 523, Mr. Sherman said. "It is now creating a very sprawling hamlet on four concession blocks."

In time, people in the area could begin to "request commercial and soft services," he said, "The fact is they are a fair distance from an urban area."

Councillor June Button commented that people living in that area "have enough acreage and don't care about parks" and

other amenities, but Mr. Sherman said that more important would be the demand for commercial development.

If uncontrolled, population in that area could rise as high as 1000 to 1200, said Mr. Sherman.

Another problem is that with the regional forest located in that area, an increased fire hazard would result and a conflict between hunters, skidoosers and residents could occur, he said.

Mayor Ratcliff opined that the location of the homes to the forest could also tie in well with someone interested in snowmobiling.

Regional planner Don Knight, when asked to comment, said the development there "needs careful examination" and said the regional forest had hoped to link up some of its tracts rather than having them further divided.

Having increased development in the area, Mr. Sherman said, also would be "taking a fair amount of land away" from the Oak Ridges Moraine water recharge zone. Houses and driveways would have to be constructed to allow water to drain into the ground, he said.

Councillor Becky Wedley said she felt "there should be some controls" in the official plan draft concerning development in the area.

The amount of future infilling now slated for the area, according to Councillor Merlyn Baker, is "another reason for not allowing any further development."

Mayor Ratcliff agreed that "there should be some controls, but the fill-in may never occur."

The committee decided to wait on the matter until Mr. Sherman had brought in further information as to where else estate residential lots can be developed in the municipality.

Old post office bylaw ordered

STOUFFVILLE — Council asked its solicitor, Tuesday night to draw up a bylaw for the purpose of leasing the old post office from the federal government.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said that the cost of replacing the coal furnace with gas has been estimated to be about \$800.

Request to rezone Vivian north parcel

STOUFFVILLE — A total of 12 new lots would be created under a proposed estate residential subdivision on the north side of Vivian sideroad, east of concession 7.

Last week, planning board told Keith Whitlam, representing R. E. Winter and Associates, to wait until the official plan for the area has been decided before returning with the proposal.

Under the scheme, 12 one-

acre lots would be created in one part of the parcel, and 22 forested acres next to the Vivian Forest would be left "as is."

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff suggested that they should perhaps plan on only six lots rather than 12.

Planning Board Chairman Eldred King commented that under estate residential development, that the lot sizes should average two acres rather than one.

The developer hoped to have the present rural classification changed to that of rural residential.

Mr. Whitlam said that because of the ecological sensitivity of the 22-acre forest block, the Vivian Forest people wanted that left "as is."

The site is "basically class three, agricultural land — somewhat poor" and has Scotch Pines growing on it, he said.

Two local families meet half-way around world

VIENNA — Even though they were travelling in opposite directions, two families from the Stouffville area managed to bump into each other thousands of miles from home.

Fourteen-year-old Brian Bowes was walking with his

Smith predicts election soon

UXBRIDGE — Dr. Stuart Smith, leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, said that the province's intention to raise personal income tax by four per cent would force a provincial election.

Dr. Smith was speaking at a picnic held for party supporters, in Uxbridge Sunday.

The Liberals would oppose an increase in taxes, so would the NDP, Dr. Smith believes.

He expects the two parties to unite on this issue and vote the minority conservative government out of office.

mother along the main shopping street in Vienna recently when to their surprise a girl came running up and asked if they were from Stouffville.

Lynn Doner, who was on tour with her parents, had spotted Brian's Stouffville District Secondary School t-shirt.

It turned out that the Harry Bowes family was touring Europe from east to west via Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, while the Doners were going west to east from Holland to Germany to Austria. Somehow they had managed to meet in the middle.

Pickering report is investigated

PICKERING — An Ontario legislative committee began to investigate last week a report by Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney which criticizes the government's buying tactics for the North Pickering project.

Forty-four landowners who sold their property prior to expropriation in 1974 claim they received undue pressure to sell, and received less than if they had waited.

Both Housing Minister John Rhodes and Premier William Davis have rejected the ombudsman's report.

The committee is likely to look into general questions, such as government planning and

purchase procedures, and probably would not attempt to determine the validity of individual claims.

The committee will attempt to determine whether facts and arguments presented by the ombudsman or by housing minister have more merit.

Centre gets lottery grant

BALLANTRAE — Approval of a \$31,702.75 grant towards the Whitchurch Community Centre addition here was announced last week by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. The funds are from the proceeds of Wintario.

It is hoped another \$31,702 will be forthcoming from the ministry as well.

A donation of \$50,000 already has been submitted toward the centre by Felray Investments as part of their subdivision agreement. Also, of the \$126,811 total, \$13,405.50 is to be supplied from the town's lot fee account, according to council's resolution on funding the extension.



After recently winning the Ontario Championship in Discus at the Canadian Legion Track and Field competitions, Dave Dart of Stouffville went on to capture the silver medal at the national meet in Edmonton recently. Quite a record in view of the fact that Dave only started hurling the discus this year.



The Stouffville Horticultural Society recently held its annual flower show at the Stouffville United Church. Among the many that came to admire the lovely blooms were Parkview residents Erma Fairles (left) and Mary Frederick.