

Town loses battle with province—dump expands

STOUFFVILLE — Ministry of the Environment has granted York Sanitation permission to operate the Highway 48 dump for five years and to increase the daily dumping from 300 to 1100 tons.

The tonnage will be increased in stages. The ministry certificate of approval allows the tonnage to increase immediately to 500 daily, in August, 1977 to 700 tons, to 900 tons in 1978 and then to 1100 in 1979.

Council voted Tuesday to have the town solicitor draw up an appeal of the certificate conditions and to seek a meeting in the near future with the Minister of the Environment and the Approvals Director. A decision on approaching the Ontario Ombudsman's office jointly with the Preserve Our Water Resources Group was deferred until next week.

Council and Preserve Our Water Resources (POWR) have been fighting the proposed expansion of the dump for the past two years on the grounds it will pollute the local water supply.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff described the ministry decision as "really rough treatment after the evidence we've produced (at the year long environmental hearing) and the work we've gone to protect the area."

The certificate of approval, dated Sept. 2, also contains the condition that York Sanitation pay to the ministry, within 60 days, the sum of \$80,312.69 to be held in trust to pay for damages to existing water supplies.

The mayor termed the fund "entirely inadequate and rather vague."

Senior Environmental Officer Paul Isles said the fund was for the amount of money that the ministry estimates would be required to provide an alternate water supply to the 15 landowners adjacent to the dump.

Mr. Isles said if anything major happened to the town water because of the dump then the ministry would likely pay to correct the situation and then take action against York to recover the money.

Mr. Isles discounted a claim made by the mayor that a promise had been made that further test results would be provided before the ministry

made a final decision on the dump. Tests taken in March indicated a "chemical imbalance" in an on-site well.

Mr. Isles said that in the most recent tests, which have not yet been released, there "doesn't seem to be any change."

He added that the information "is off the cuff" and said he has not yet had time to fully analyze the results.

Mr. Ratcliff said that at one time ministry officials had indicated the operation would be allowed to continue for five years to finish the contours of the site.

There is no indication of this intent in the certificate and the only stipulation is that another public hearing will be required

before dumping is allowed in the north-east corner of the dump.

The certificate, for the first time, will allow dumping north of the access road, where drainage is to the north. Much of the testimony at the hearings revolved around possible damage to an environmentally unique acid bog located north of the dump.

Mr. Isles said there would be no damage to the bog as the runoff would be contained inside the dump and he pointed out the bog is private property "and where do you draw the line?"

By December of 1977 York is required to submit details of a "contingency plan to ensure the containment of contaminants on site in the event that it is determined that off-site migration is occurring."

Another condition is that extensive groundwater monitoring be carried out for wells adjacent to the site and for the municipal wells.

The mayor told The Tribune that "it seems strange that this division of the Ministry of the Environment would allow one million tons to go in the next five years while another division says we must limit our building and development on the Oak Ridges Moraine. It just doesn't add up."

Mr. Ratcliff reiterated his opinion that the Ombudsman should be approached by POWR and council.

A POWR meeting was scheduled for Wednesday night at the Stouffville home of Jim Sanders, to discuss possible action.

Sara Summerfeldt Struck down crossing 401

STOUFFVILLE — Sara Ann Summerfeldt of Elm Road was killed Friday evening while attempting to cross Highway 401.

Mrs. Summerfeldt had accompanied her husband to the 401 near Warden Avenue to pick up their daughter and son-in-law, who had a blow-out on the road.

Mrs. Summerfeldt was

struck by a car while crossing the collector lane to get to son-in-law Volker Klau's car, which was parked on the right side of the express lane. Mr. Summerfeldt had crossed first and asked his wife to wait in the car.

Mr. Klau and his wife had been on the way to Toronto airport to pick up his mother, who was flying in from Germany.

Mrs. Summerfeldt, a 15-year resident of Stouffville, was well-known in the community, and her funeral Monday at Stouffville Missionary Church was attended by a large crowd.

The deceased previously lived in Unionville and Woodbridge. She was a member of Stouffville Missionary Church and was active in Operation Missions and the Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. Summerfeldt, a homemaker, is survived by her husband, Clarence, a son, Donald C. Summerfeldt, a daughter, Mrs. Volker (Mae) Klau, three brothers: Wesley, George and Melvin Baker; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Warwick; and five grandchildren: Larry, Kim, Brenda, Esther and Stephen.

She is described by friends as "a Christian woman who had a gift of loving concern for people."



When you're only two years old its almost impossible to enjoy a watermelon without getting drenched. Letting the drips fall where they may is Michelle Ireland. She was not above gleefully spitting a few seeds at the photographer either. *Annegret Lamure*

Children's author to draw at library

STOUFFVILLE — Frank Newfeld, an award winning author and illustrator, will be appearing at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, September 18, at 10 a.m. Mr. Newfeld will present a special talk and drawing session for children and their parents.

He is the author of the new book *Simon and the Golden Sword: A Canadian Fairy Tale in Pictures*.

The book is the result of a Canada Council grant, which allowed him to travel Canada collecting folk-tales. For an earlier book — *The Princes of Tombo* — now a children's classic, Mr. Newfeld received an Honorable Mention in the Hans Christian Andersen Awards. The highly acclaimed books *Alligator Pie* and *Nicholas Knock*, by Dennis Lee, were also illustrated by Mr. Newfeld.

Co-sponsoring this appearance at the Library is John Lord's Books of Stouffville. Copies of Mr. Newfeld's books will be available for purchase and autographing courtesy of Mr. Lord's bookstore.

Competition among builders could result in larger library

STOUFFVILLE — The town could end up with a larger library than previously anticipated.

If tenders for the building come in fairly low then a 10,000 square-foot building will be erected rather than a 7,000 square foot building.

Tenders for the building have been let and they are in two parts. The first part is for 7,000 square feet and the second is for the proposed addition of 3,000 square feet.

The second portion will only be built if bids come in low enough that both parts can be constructed for a total cost of \$250,000, the amount council has promised for the building.

According to librarian

Terrence Verity, a total of 19 contractors have indicated they will submit bids and he said it is possible there will be more submissions.

Library Board members are hopeful that with the present building slump, contractors will be bidding more competitively in order to obtain work.

Bids will be opened at a

public meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 20, at the municipal building.

Final drawings for the building have now been completed. The structure will be located 50 feet north of the laneway running behind Stouffville Bakery and 15 feet from the eastern property boundary.

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Ballantrae motel tentatively approved

STOUFFVILLE — A proposal to locate a motel in Ballantrae was approved in principle last week by planning board.

The plans call for an L-shaped building, approximately 150 feet long, to go on the west side of Hwy. 48, south of Felcher Blvd., on a two-acre site. A total of 22 units as well as an efficiency unit for longer-term guests are proposed for the motel.

Council gave approval with the condition that the developer come back with plans showing fewer units.

According to Clay Clouter, of Felray Investments, about a minimum of 20 units are necessary for the motel to "survive." He said the plans had been cleared with the regional health unit as to water and sewer problems associated with the motel there.

Planning board chairman Eldred King said he was concerned that the motel be viable economically and asked if any studies on the need for a motel had been undertaken.

While there had not been any study done, Mr. Clouter said that the motels "are spaced far apart" in the area and the traffic count through Ballantrae on Hwy. 48 is about 25,000 in a 24-hour period. "It wouldn't be hard to keep it full for four to five months of the year," he said.

The motel would not include a pool or outside activity, council was told, and parking would be on the south side of the building.

Ward 2 Councillor Becky Wedley, in voting to approve the proposal in principle, said that she was "concerned with the acceptability" of the motel, but added that those with objections

to it would have a chance to voice them in a public meeting.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said there is a motel needed in the area and "travelling public certainly doesn't have a place to go." The location, he thinks, is good.

Harry Raymond of Felray Investments told the board that

the company felt the property should be used for a highway commercial use rather than residential because of its proximity to the highway.

"We have tried to get various types of business to locate there," he said. A motel does not conflict with other businesses now located in Ballantrae, he added.

Two subdivisions considered in OP

STOUFFVILLE — Two more subdivision proposals for the village of Stouffville will be considered by planning board in drawing up the new official plan, following presentations last week to the board.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff commented that, in both cases, the timing of the proposals is an important factor because of subdivisions already approved for Stouffville.

One development, by Forsite Homes, proposes 46 homes on the south side of Sunset Blvd. on an 8.518-acre parcel. The other, by Douglas Meharg, is for 26 lots on a 5.129-acre parcel just south of the Stouffville Cemetery on 19th Line South.

Solicitor for Forsite Homes, Mitchell Bussin, told the board that the development would require a change in the current zoning bylaw and official plan. One third of the land is now M-1 industrial, while the remainder is agricultural.

The site Mayor Ratcliff commented, "isn't a logical fill-

in area, for industrial growth. I can't see any reason to consider industrial," he said.

Mr. Bussin said he was presenting a drawing of the subdivision proposal for general consensus, and that he would later make formal application for an official plan change.

Of the 46 units shown, four already are existing on the street, he said. The subdivision would be 100 feet west of the CNR tracks.

As for the 10th Line development, Mr. Meharg told the board it would tie in with the College Park subdivision to the north.

Mr. Ratcliff said that the proposal is "adjoining an area we said would be rezoned," but added that "there is a timing factor involved."

Limited growth for Ballantrae

STOUFFVILLE — Planning for future growth in Ballantrae should be done with the objective that municipal services will never be needed there, York Region Commissioner of Engineering W.R. Hodgson stated in a letter to planning board last week.

The commissioner wrote that planning should not be based on the assumption that, after a population of 1,000 persons has been reached that a municipal water supply be provided.

Mr. Hodgson was commenting on the proposed Secondary Plan of the Ballantrae-Muslemans Lake Area to be included in the town's new official plan.

Councillor will try for mayoralty

STOUFFVILLE — Ward 4 Councillor Cathy Joice this week officially announced her intention to run for mayor in the December municipal elections.

Mrs. Joice said the announcement which appeared in a neighbouring weekly newspaper in the spring "was not for the public."

"I hadn't made a definite decision at that time," she said. After serving two terms on council Mrs. Joice said she is "frustrated at the council level." (See Candidate, page 15)

Cheeky target draws crowd of sharpshooters

Uxbridge Fair's dunking tank saw brisk business Sunday afternoon when Chuck Blundell of Uxbridge was in the hot seat. As can be seen from the picture at left Chuck had a certain manner about him that made people want to see him dumped into a tank of icy water. His razzing and jibes seemed to have an adverse affect on the shooters and despite the fact the balls were coming thick and fast Chuck remained on his perch for a record length of time. At right he appears somewhat more subdued.

—John Montgomery



Pioneer Village Festival

BLACK CREEK — Once again local Mennonites will be providing a large portion of the crafts and food products on sale at Black Creek Pioneer Festival.

The festival, this Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., marks the 20th anniversary of Black Creek village, at Jane and Steeles Ave.

Over \$20,000 was raised for the Mennonite Central Committee world relief program at last year's event.

Among many others, demonstrations on apple butter, tea ball and apple fritter making will be held. A quilting bee will also take place, with a hand-made quilt auctioned at 1 p.m.

Parents and children will be admitted to the event for a maximum of \$5.