

York Region separate schools

Board representation changes

STOUFFVILLE — East Gwillimbury, Whitchurch - Stouffville will be lumped together with Aurora instead of with East Gwillimbury under a new apportionment of representation to the York Region separate school board.

Last week local representative to the board John McDermott requested and received council's support in appealing the "new scheme to a York County judge, however.

Mr. McDermott said that the northern municipalities of Aurora, Whitchurch - Stouffville, East Gwillimbury, Georgina and King will lose a net total of two trustees, while both Markham and Vaughan will each gain another trustee. The northern trustees are asking for their councils' support.

Trustees are apportioned by the clerks of the three municipalities with the largest separate school assessment.

"All the trustees are being shoved down to the south," commented Mr. McDermott.

He said the trustees in the northern municipalities are appealing the ap-

portionment, as stated in the Education Act.

Under the proposed new arrangement, Markham would have four rather than three trustees and Vaughan three instead of two.

The basis for determining the apportionment, according to the Education Act, is the total separate school board assessment available in the various municipalities.

Councillor Art Starr said that while he approved of the request to appeal the apportionment, "a judge might say you are doing it for personal reasons because each municipality protesting is losing a trustee... One of the trustees might lose his job."

He suggested that the support of Newmarket be gained as well in the appeal, since Newmarket is to remain the same with one trustee and

would have no "axe to grind."

Mr. McDermott told The Tribune that under the new scheme, northern municipalities with a total assessment of about \$68.1 million get four trustees, while Vaughan and Richmond Hill with a combined assessment of about \$68.6 million get six.

"For an additional \$500,000, they get two more trustees," said Mr. McDermott.

Transport ministry declares road safe

STOUFFVILLE — Road conditions on the curves in Highway 48 south of Ballantrae are not responsible for accidents that have occurred there in recent year, according to a Ministry representative.

Writing to council, District Engineer H. Greenland said that "there are no substantial surface conditions and as the speed on the highway has now been reduced to 50 miles per hour, we do not anticipate any problems relating to surface friction."

Council had written to the ministry July 2 asking for an examination of the location.

Mr. Greenland added that "the super-elevation on the curves at this location were checked visually and although there appears to be some slight distortion, no problem should be encountered if the curves are manoeuvred at the posted speed. We will, however, have the super-elevation checked by instrument."

He also said that discussing the situation with the Ontario Provincial Police it "was reported that during the past three years the majority of accidents occurred during wet surface conditions and the OPP have attributed most of the accidents to excessive speed."



The sod-turning for the new Markham Fair site took place Sunday afternoon with three men having a hand on the plough that was used for the event. From left, they are: Ken Charles of the livestock branch of the federal agriculture department; Harvey Brown, Markham Fair President; and Markham Mayor Tony Roman. The 104 acre site is located on concession 7 and 18th Avenue of Markham and will replace the old Markham fairgrounds at Highways 48 and 7.

Former Postmaster and craftsman dies

Samuel Doner, a lifetime resident of Gormley and well-known as postmaster there for 30 years, died Monday evening at Parkview Home. He was 90 years old.

Prior to operating the store and post office in Gormley, Mr. Doner had run a power water mill on concession 5, Markham.

He did woodworking at the mill in the last five years of his life at Parkview, made wood items which were sold for the Home.

Born 1886 in Gormley, to Daniel and Elizabeth Doner, he married Ada Hoover, also of Gormley, on April 15, 1908. His wife was born the day after he was, and they grew up and at-

tended school together.

Mr. Doner was an active member of the Gormley Missionary Church and served many years as deacon. He lived in the Gormley area nearly all his life.

A funeral service is planned for 3 p.m. today at the Gormley Missionary Church with Rev. Cecil Rosenberger officiating. A family service will be held 1:30 p.m. today at Parkview Home.

Council tables motion on golf course issue

STOUFFVILLE — Council was undecided last week on whether or not to support Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club in their request that the town oppose a proposed new provincial land assessment system.

An earlier Tribune story said that council supported the request, but a motion to that effect was tabled at last week's meeting of council.

Sleepy Hollow contends that the system, which would assess properties according to their market value regardless of existing zoning, would force recreational properties out of business.

Councillor June Button supported the request on the grounds that the golf course "rounds out the community". She maintained that their motion would refer only to Sleepy Hollow and not to all golf courses in the municipality.

Mayor Gordon Rateliff said it "is going to have to refer to all recreational properties." He suggested that council should wait on the motion until it is demonstrated under the new system

that golf courses are being overassessed. He pointed out that council should be interested in supporting the homeowner if he is overassessed as well.

In the view of Councillor Merlyn Baker, the Sleepy Hollow request was premature because "Who knows what the market value will be?"

However, Councillor Cathy Joyce said that "by taking a position at this time, maybe it will help things before it happens."

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