

Mayoralty candidates present the issues

STOUFFVILLE — While development in Whitchurch-Stouffville can not be allowed to go forward "helter-skelter," planning board cannot afford to "become negative about every subdivision that comes in," in the view of mayoralty candidate Cathy Joice.

She said she fears if more and more developers go to the Ontario Municipal Board saying they cannot get anywhere with local councils, then more planning control will be taken over by the region and the province.

However, Mrs. Joice said the population in the rural areas "must be spread out and not clustered" and that hard services should never be implemented anywhere outside the village of Stouffville.

In an interview with The Tribune on Friday, Mrs. Joice discussed a variety of other issues in the upcoming campaign as well. She will face incumbent mayor Gordon Ratcliff in the polling on December 6.

When asked what effect the

new official plan would have on planning, Mrs. Joice said "it is a fairly restrictive document and we'll probably be continuously amending it to coincide with what we'd like to see done."

She said that none of the planning board members were "trying to put forth a negative document, but one we can work with... But it's very difficult to know if you've said it the right way."

One thing she is pleased with in the plan, she said, is that the Oak Ridges Moraine was outlined in a very definite way.

Mrs. Joice has some definite ideas as to the role the public should play in coming before planning board.

"There should be participation by the public: often they make very good points — but council has to be the final body for making decisions and can't be ruled by a mass group... We have to be positive enough to feel that what we do is good for the community."

Mrs. Joice believes that some protesters of housing (see REGION'S page 9)



Cathy Joice



Gordon Ratcliff

STOUFFVILLE — "I would like to contribute my services for another two years," said Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, in announcing he will run for mayor again.

Mr. Ratcliff, who has served two terms as mayor, told The Tribune he feels he has been "reasonably successful."

He has been involved in municipal government for the past seven years — including one year with the old Whitchurch Township Council.

The Dulverton subdivision, he said, is the only major growth foreseen in the municipality, plus "moderate growth" in Vandorf. The expansion of the sewage treatment plant will allow for more "prestige industry," he anticipates.

The mayor feels the major issue confronting council is the current power struggle with the region. "I think the region has too much power but they were established by the provincial government and they'll have to amend it," he said. "It wasn't the municipality's wish that this power be granted to the region."

There has been criticism of his performance at the region, he admitted, but he maintains, "I believe I have been a strong representative at the region."

"Perhaps I am not as vocal as some but this municipality has received its fair share of representation." In response to the complaint that he is too reticent about expressing his views at the region Mr. Ratcliff replied, "Well there's a time to express your views and a time to listen. My attitude, I believe, has been for the best of the municipality. If they want to get somebody to shout and pound the table they will have to get somebody else. That's not my way."

He said he doubts the day will ever come when the town gets everything it wants from the region.

"I will press for the upgrading of some of the regional roads," said the mayor specifying particularly the 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th concessions.

Mr. Ratcliff said he is opposed to the region's policy of (see ISSUES page 9)

Municipal election slate will be much the same as last time

STOUFFVILLE — Almost all the current municipal representatives have indicated they will be candidates in the December 6 elections.

Ward 3 Councillor Merlyn Baker is the only member who won't stand for election.

Ward 3 Councillor Cathy Joice will oppose incumbent Mayor Gordon Ratcliff for the top office. Mr. Ratcliff announced this week he will stand for a third term as mayor. Mr. Ratcliff was acclaimed for both

previous terms he served as mayor.

School board Trustee Harry Bowes will again be available for that position and all the other ward representatives: — Art Starr, Ward 1; Becky Wedley, Ward 2; June Button, Ward 5; and Eldred King, Ward 6; — are all running.

Mr. King now lives in Ward 3, currently represented by retiring Mr. Baker. Mr. King has not yet announced which ward he will run in.

Stouffville resident Bill Kamps will contest the seat now held by Mrs. Joice.

At present the mayoral position is the only one officially being contested.

Estate subdivision proposal deferred

STOUFFVILLE — A subdivision with 38 lots, averaging three acres each, was proposed to planning board last week, to be located on concession 6 on the north side of the Aurora road.

The board deferred comment on the application until Nov. 2, the first board meeting following public meetings on the official plan draft.

Speaking for Balhalla Holdings Ltd., Donald Hindson told the board that the development, hopefully would eventually include part of a gravel pit of about 80 - 83 acres currently operating there.

The first phase of the development would take place on about 130 acres, plus 22 - 23 acres of private open space. Mr. Hindson told the board

the land consists of "blow sand covered with pine trees."

Planner John Williams appeared before the board with initial plans for the site.

Official Plan meetings for public next week

STOUFFVILLE — Public meetings on the long awaited draft of the amalgamated Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan will be held throughout the community next week.

Monday, Oct. 18 the first meeting will be held at Latcham Hall, a Ballantrae meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20 and the third meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 21, at Vandorf Community Centre.

All meetings will start at 8 p.m. Abbreviated copies of the Official Plan will be available free at the municipal offices in Stouffville.

Regional development strategy

Causes concern at town council

STOUFFVILLE — Members of council expressed concern last week over the regional planning document, "A Recommended Strategy for Urban Development for South Central York."

The document suggests a population growth figure of 100,000 for the rural parts of the region to the year 2000 and also suggests that property taxes be regionalized.

Ward 4 Councillor Cathy Joice handed out a statement to council saying "The 100,000 population to be allocated to the rural area is rather frightening inasmuch as it is suggesting that the green belt areas in between the major centres will also be counted into this total figure."

She said that should the green belts become filled in with population, very little of the overall figure would be left for rural municipalities. While Whitchurch-Stouffville may not ever require a great percentage of the population allocation, she said, "we may want some."

Ward 6 Councillor Eldred King said the document should spell out how much growth is to go where in the rural areas.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff spoke against a regional plan for servicing contained in the document, saying that Whitchurch-Stouffville can maintain its own services, more reasonably by itself than can the larger municipalities.

The council voted to have the mayor and planning chairman prepare a document to comment on the proposed regional strategy.

Mrs. Joice, in her statement, said that while the regional document says that growth in the green belt areas must be controlled, "it does not say how."

She said that the strategy "gives more clout to the region and to the southern serviced municipalities, all of which already have more representation at region and therefore more power."

In the view of Mr. Ratcliff, "some of the powers at the region should be sent back to the municipalities."

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Late Rev. Davis said

"If I had 1000 lives to live, I'd live every one as a minister"

STOUFFVILLE — Few ministers in the area have been better known than Rev. Douglas Davis of Warriner Ave., who from 1941-1961 was pastor of the Stouffville United Church.

Monday, at Scarborough Centenary Hospital, Rev. Davis passed away. He was in his 86th year.

Mr. Davis had a long career as a minister, from the time he began preaching in 1912, through a variety of posts around the province. Even in retirement, Mr. Davis often preached in area churches.

In a synopsis of his life written in 1965, Mr. Davis said: "If I had 1,000 lives to live, I'd live every one as a minister of the church."

Born at Portsmouth, England in 1891, Mr. Davis sailed for Canada in 1907 and spent seven years farming in the Bolton-Castlederg area.

Mr. Davis first preached on the "Palgrave circuit" and in 1914 was recommended for the ministry.

After attending Albert College, Mr. Davis was sent to Ardbeg near Parry Sound, a five-point charge that required cycling and walking 20 miles through the bush each Sunday.

At his next post, at Dunchurch in 1916, he graduated to a horse and buggy and four preaching points each Sunday. Services took place in a school house and in lumber mills.

In June, 1918, Mr. Davis was ordained a minister in the Methodist Church and in the same year on June 25, he

married Macil Boyce of Palgrave.

A word that appears often in the synopsis of his ministry written by Mr. Davis is "happy." He called his time at Smooth Rock Falls near

Cochrane "six happy years in a hole in the bush," while his time at King City, which began in 1930, he called "11 very happy years."

Mr. Davis became director of Camp Ahsunyoong on

Georgina Island in 1932, a post he held for 23 years.

Soon after coming to Stouffville in 1941, the family's second son, George Alvin, was killed overseas while a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force. The event, according to Mr. Davis, "cemented a friendship

Addition to fertilizer plant is requested for non-conforming usage

STOUFFVILLE — Although the United Co-operative fertilizer plant on concession 6 in Cedar Valley is a non-conforming use, the Co-op would like to expand the facilities there, planning board was told last week.

The current owner of the property, John Bosworth, appeared before the board to request that the Co-op, who would like to purchase the land be permitted to build one 200 by 600 foot building rather than the two 60 by 100 foot buildings now existing there.

Solicitor J. Lachlan Cattanaach answered two complaints by some nearby residents about the plant: that dust is being created by the operation and that the truck traffic on nearby roads has increased as a result.

He told the board that loading and unloading in the new facilities would be enclosed to eliminate dust, and that the truck traffic now is less than it was under the previous lease.

Fertilizer is unloaded from trains at the plant and taken by truck to both Co-op outlets and to farms.

Councillor Becky Wedley said that there have been complaints that truck traffic has increased since a year and a half ago and that some people have wondered if fish dying in a nearby lake might be due to the operation.

Legal action is threatened

STOUFFVILLE — Preserve Our Water Resources (POWR), the local group that has unsuccessfully fought the expansion of the York Sanitation dump recently issued a warning to the ministry of the environment.

They informed the ministry they are having the case "documented by legal counsel" and will sue the members of the ministry responsible if pollution, mass contamination, deformity or death occur as a result of this "cancerous mound."

Following a year long environmental hearing the ministry allowed the dump to expand and continue in operation for an additional five years.

Mr. Cattanaach said the operation is "non-toxic and odor free" and that under the proposed new facilities, outside storage would be eliminated.

It was denied that the dying fish are caused by the plant.

Mr. Bosworth said that complaints by nearby residents have all been by "Johnny-come-latelies" and that he has never been approached directly about a problem with the operation.

Mrs. Wedley asked if the plant would not be better located in an industrial area, but Mr. Cattanaach said that a railroad siding is necessary as well as a location that is suited to serving the agricultural area.

"There is a siding in Vandorf too," said Mrs. Wedley. She said she didn't think she could support the proposed expansion.

Mr. Cattanaach argued that "the plans are such that they would improve the appearance and environment of the existing property: it would all be of benefit to the existing situation."

He said that the current maximum daily traffic at the plant, which is for part of the year only, is 20-25 trucks. He said that by contrast the previous lease, C.I.L., had a traffic flow of 35 trucks daily.

The solicitor also said that no appreciable noise would be created by the operation, there is no working after dark, and that the applicant would create a planting strip for screening of 15-foot or greater trees.

Planning board chairman Eldred King remarked that the problem of having the plant located on a non-conforming use is that the municipality has no direct controls. At present, he said, the town would have to rely on the provincial Ministry of the Environment for protection.

Solicitor for the Co-op, Bowden McLean, was also present last week. He told planning board that the Co-op, as a farmer-owned organization, "wants to be good corporate citizens." He said they have yet to have any formal complaints about an existing operation such as that one.

Councillor Cathy Joice said, "we can only wait for the formal application to come in," at which time any opposed to the expansion will have the opportunity to object.



in this community that can never be forgotten."

At the time of his writing the synopsis, in 1965, Mr. Davis said he had baptized almost 1,000, married 325 couples and conducted about 600 funerals.

Besides his wife, Mr. Davis is survived by five sons: Kenneth G. of Toronto, Bruce Cecil of Maple, Douglas Norman of Cardiff, Donald Sinclair of Georgetown and John Wesley of Burlington; and two daughters: Floral Emily (Mrs. William Young) of Brampton and Lillian Macil (Mrs. Russell Prouse) of Brampton.

The funeral service will be held today 2 p.m. at Stouffville United Church, with interment following in Stouffville Cemetery.

Gas bar employee gone with the cash

STOUFFVILLE — An employee of the Canadian Tire Gas Bar, Main St. West, allegedly disappeared with \$5,043.94 in cash last week.

According to York Regional Police the gas bar manager contacted the Bank of Commerce Oct. 5 to learn that the cash receipts for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 had not been deposited. The receipts were to be deposited daily at 4 p.m. by an employee of the Gas Bar.

Attempts to contact the suspect, a woman aged 24, have been unsuccessful, and a warrant has been issued.

Book ban is rejected

YORK CTY. — York County Board of Education Tuesday night voted against banning "Catcher in the Rye" by J. D. Salinger and "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" by Mordecai Richler.

Only three trustees voted in favour of discontinuing the books which have been on the high school curriculum since 1970.

The program committee had recommended the books be removed on the grounds they employ "blasphemous or obscene language."

Previously the board had adopted a policy of offering an alternate book if a student or parent felt a selection on the study list was objectionable.



Uxbridge is about to shoot the first goal in the opening game of Junior 'C' action, but the Stouffville Clippers potted one in a few minutes later to

even the score. The Ken May Clippers won the fast-paced game handily with a final tally of 5-2.
 — Anneget Lamure