

Low-cost lots proposed

STOUFFVILLE — A proposal to build 201 units of low-cost, high-density housing in the area south of Orchard Park School was presented to planning board last week.

Gordon Brush, representing Home Smith Properties Ltd. told the board that approximately 500 persons would be included in the proposed subdivision. The houses, he said, would be of the two-bedroom variety and would be for older people, couples without families and young families.

"I understand how you're going to control the units, but how are you going to control the families?" said Ward 3 Councillor Merlyn Baker. Ward 2 Councillor Becky Wedley wondered if people might not start building bedrooms in the basement, and so on.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff commented that the proposed development is "outside what we consider the Stouffville planning area." He said there is already enough development slated in the village to reach the sewage capacity equivalent of 9,000 persons.

New OP category is called for

STOUFFVILLE — There was little disagreement among planning board members last week that low-cost housing is needed in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The problem lay in how to provide it.

The board was discussing a letter from Clay Clouter, RR 3, Newmarket, who suggested a new planning category is needed in the interim official plan which would allow sub-marginal land to be developed "for lower income groups."

The contention of planning board chairman Eldred King was that, using any type of land, housing would still be expensive. "Where there is an opportunity and there is land," he said, "we build \$90,000 rather than \$45,000 homes."

Councillor Becky Wedley commented that the reason houses in Ballantrae are so expensive is that they are built on half-acre lots due to sewer drainage problems. "The only way we can afford (low-cost housing) is to have smaller lots by having it on sewers and water," she said.

"We seem to be saying it isn't possible for a young couple to raise their family in the country unless they are wealthy to begin with," said Ward 1 Councillor Art Starr.

Mr. King said that Whitchurch-Stouffville is a "slow-growth community, and while it seems slow, it's a slow-growth community because we are discriminating because we are, we can't accommodate a lot of low-cost housing."

However, Councillor Cathy Joice said that besides such schemes, there needs to be specific areas in the town which will allow lower cost housing.



The suspense is just too much for some people! As the last numbers were drawn in the Lion's annual car elimination draw, Florence Stacey bites her sleeve in excitement, and Lorraine Boynton can't look. The only relatively calm person in the party appears to be George

proper management, the sewage treatment plant could exceed 10,000 persons.

The proposal, on part of lot 34, concession 9, would be located on 40.22 acres. The land immediately to the south of the school and the Anglican Church, in the proposal, would be parkland.

Mr. Brush described the homes as "starter housing" and would "provide the type and style of housing that is affordable." He asked that the land be put in a transitional zone until services could be provided there.

He said an advantage of the development is that "there are many amenities in the immediate walking area."



Andrea Baker (2) one of the youngest members of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club manages to stand on her skates for about one second before her well-padded bottom hits the ice. However, like many in her preschool group, she gets a lot of satisfaction from sliding around the ice on her belly. —Annegret Lamure

Mental patient confesses 'whim' murder of Cheryl Ann Hanson

AURORA — York Regional Police have renewed their search for the body of Cheryl Ann Hanson, a seven-year old girl who has disappeared from her Bloomington sideroad home May 31, 1974.

Crown Prosecutor William Parker told the press last week that a mental patient has confessed to the slaying of Cheryl Ann, along with three others.

Mr. Parker said he is convinced the man is telling the truth both about the slaying of

Cheryl Ann and Monique Vallet, 23, a French tourist, because of the man's "manner" and detail.

York Regional Police deputy chief Wally Harkness told The Tribune that "we are searching" for the body, but that otherwise he had no comment.

Mr. Harkness said that the search area is a "pretty big" one.

The Crown prosecutor said that the man claims he killed the girl and threw her body over

a split-rail fence north of Highway 7 and west of Highway 10.

The girls' clothing when she disappeared was accurately described by the man, Mr. Parker said. He indicated he had committed the murder on a whim, and that in both the case of Cheryl Ann and of Miss Vallet, he had been drinking heavily and "dropping acid."

Mr. Parker said there is "a lot of vagueness" in the man's confessions of the other two murders.

The man had been committed to Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre after he was found not guilty by reason of insanity to charges of indecently assaulting and causing bodily harm to a student.

He also had been sentenced to three terms of life imprisonment for his convictions of forcible seizure, rape and the attempted murder of a girl.

Drug discount company buys store

STOUFFVILLE — The current library building, formerly Paul's Drygoods, has been sold to a drug discount chain.

Savex has purchased the building from Mildred O'Neill. The library will stay there until next summer when their lease expires and they move into the new building.

Boynton, the owner of the ticket, sitting in the back ground. The Boyntons, who are on their honeymoon, were the last ones to be eliminated, but won the \$100 consolation prize. Tom Golding of Markham, who was not present, won the car. —Annegret Lamure

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Home saved from blaze

By John Montgomery
STOUFFVILLE — Quick action on the part of four local boys Friday afternoon may have

been instrumental in saving an old O'Brien Ave. home from destruction by fire.

The youths, Scott Hall, 12, Brent Barton, 11, Andy White, 12, Scott Sutherland, 11, and David Marshall, 11, were passing by the home of Lamont and Peggy Tilden at the corner of O'Brien and Burkholder St. when they noticed smoke coming out of an air conditioner mounted in a second story side window.

packs, went up the stairs to work from the inside.

Two-thirds vote for Toronto-free calling

STOUFFVILLE — Council Tuesday night voted unanimously to support Bell Canada's application to extend the Toronto local calling area.

A Bell Representative, K.A. Gilmour, appeared before council and asked them to support the application to the Canadian Radio Television Commission (CRTC).

He explained that although 66 per cent of the people in the 640 exchange had voted in favour of paying an increase of about \$3 for local calling to Toronto, this still wasn't a high enough percentage without some support from council.

About a dozen ratepayers attended the meeting and all spoke in favour of extending the service.

Councillor Becky Wedley introduced the motion to approve the request for support and it was seconded by Councillor Cathy Joice.

"In view of the fact that this

is a democratic society we should go along with what the majority wants," commented Mrs. Wedley.

It was pointed out to the Bell representative by some of the residents that the survey cards had not been sent to people living in the 640 exchange who are paying extra for Markham or Gormley numbers, which allow Toronto calls toll free, and that if these people had been polled they all would have opted for the local calling service.

Councillor Eldred King made the point that "We are not making a decision only supporting an application. We are only one little 'x' on the line" of approvals.

Council had voted against the extended service when they filled in the survey card received by the municipality. The matter was brought up again at a later date with a motion to rescind but that motion was lost.

Ministry letter is sent

STOUFFVILLE — Council this week received the promised guarantee of the water supply against pollution from the York Sanitation dump.

The letter, signed by Minister of the Environment George Kerr, states, "I can assure you that every attempt would be made to ensure the completion of all necessary works so that private residents do not incur any costs. It would then be the responsibility of this ministry to pursue the company

through legal or other means to recover the cost in excess of the fund."



Firemen George Wilson (inside) and Marvin Betz appear to be holding a conference in the window of this burning home on O'Brien Ave. It is fairly certain they weren't discussing the

weather. The blaze was kept to one room in the house but with smoke and water damage the fire is expected to cost \$20,000. An extension cord is believed to be the culprit. —John Montgomery.

To be announced Monday

Penitentiary sites sought in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — Potential sites for a regional penitentiary reception centre in Uxbridge Township, are to be announced in a press conference Monday, Nov. 15, if any are found during a search this week.

A public bus tour of the sites is to take place Wednesday, Nov. 24.

On Dec. 6, the residents of Uxbridge will go to the polls to

vote "yes" or "no" on whether they want to have the centre located within the municipality.

Public reaction to an information program about the centre, conducted by the Uxbridge Canadian Penitentiary Services Information Committee, to date have generally been negative.

A final brochure drew some 952 post cards from Ux-

bridge Township, of which 80 per cent were opposed to the centre and 20 per cent were for it. The primary reasons for being against it were related to the issues of security and community reputation.

Of those responding in favour of the centre, most did so out of a sense of social responsibility, or because of employment and other economic benefits.

A final set of open houses on the centre, held in Zephyr, Goodwood and Uxbridge, drew 54, 58 and 250 people respectively. According to a report to the U.C.I.C. by Connor Development Services, most of those attending the open houses were against the centre and "those in favour seemed reluctant to publicize the fact."