



The newly-founded Whitchurch-Stouffville branch of the Chamber of Commerce had the honour of opening the first account in the new Bank of Commerce building which opened for business Monday morning. Bank manager Ron Berry (left) gave personal attention to provisional president Jack Chambers and Ross Hetherington.

Action on Goodwood winter hazards

UXBRIDGE — The knotty problem of what to do about dangerous traffic conditions in Goodwood resulted in several resolutions by Uxbridge council.

Snow-blocked sidewalks in the hamlet force school children to walk on the busy highway which is hemmed in by large snowbanks and speeding motorists barrelling down the narrowed road add to the hazards.

Council decided enforcing the Uxbridge snow-removal bylaw, which calls for fines up to \$200 for failure to clear the sidewalk, would be senseless since the municipality is partly responsible for the

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Board plodding through budget

AURORA — With a March 7 deadline for finalization of their 1977 budget, York Region public school trustees Monday plodded through seven pages of the 35-page document in 2½ hours.

While trustees later confided privately that the budget talks are leading nowhere, they earlier turned down a motion by Markham representative Bob McMonagle to hold a special budget session Saturday.

Instead they'll plot their future course of action during a meeting here at 8 p.m. tonight.

The March 15 deadline imposed by the Ministry of Education means the entire budget must be completed by March 7 to enable staff to prepare reports and finance administration superintendent George Ford told trustees.

To fail to do so will cost the board about \$33,000 a staff report noted.

The current \$74.3 million budget represents a 10.2 per cent increase in the regional education mill rates with municipal rates varying, trustees were told.

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masses of snow on the walkways.

Since the shoulders are practically nonexistent, the municipal snowplows have been throwing the white stuff on the sidewalks, totally overwhelming the homeowners. Also the municipality owns some of the road allowances abutting sidewalks and should by rights be clearing these.

To eliminate some of the traffic hazards, council will instruct the roads dept. to clear and haul away as much snow from the hamlet as possible. Also, they will invite the school principals to call police in case of safety problems while children are going to and from school.

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Gary Herrema felt this was useless. "I already talked to the O.P.P.," he said, "and they said 'Where is Goodwood?'"

Councillor John Paxton's suggestion that the provincial highway department be contacted about snow removal in Goodwood was adopted.

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sideration, it was felt that as well as reducing the number of accidents at this corner, they would also have the effect of slowing down the traffic through Goodwood.

A traffic count demonstrating that this corner meets the volume criteria laid down by the region has already been done.

Council voted to invite the Ministry of Highways to send down an engineer to discuss these possibilities.

Council also voted to back a resident's petition to the Highway Dept. regarding the hill on Hwy 47 at the Baptist church.

Goodwood rate-payers would like to see the peak taken off since cars flying over the hill at excessive speeds have caused several accidents in the past.

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No action on proposed residential subdivision

STOUFFVILLE — While members of planning board admitted the plan had some merit, a proposed residential subdivision south of Bloomington Road on the west side of Don Mills Road was "held in abeyance" by the board last week.

Representing Bloomington Investments, Mel Lyons requested the official plan be amended to permit the development. While 16 lots had originally been proposed for the 88 acre parcel, the number had been reduced to eight.

Citing criteria for estate residential subdivisions set forth in the town's interim official plan, Mr. Lyons said he believes the land is well qualified for development.

"I have no great objection to the plan," said Ward 2 Councillor Becky Wedley. "But we have to think about the percentage of development we're going to undertake until the official plan goes through."

She said the board had been presented about five different developments like the one proposed all on "nice size lots."

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