

Three more restaurants are planned in Stouffville

STOUFFVILLE — At least three new restaurants are planned for the former village of Stouffville, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff revealed this week.

Stouffville Pizzeria, which opened last week in the former Dixie Lee location, is not included in the three new proposals.

The former Grant Hamilton Ford dealership is to be turned into a takeout hamburger business, a restaurant is slated for the new Stouffville Plaza and Scotts Chicken Villa plan to open a Colonel Sanders chicken outlet where Fairway Motors Finia station is now operating.

Mr. Ratcliff said he has recently learned that council, through the Ontario Municipal Act, can limit the number of restaurants but expressed some hesitation about enacting controls.

"How do you determine the limits?" asked the mayor, adding it would be impossible for the municipality to get involved with stipulating the number of takeout restaurants compared to dining rooms or in deciding how many hamburger, pizza or chicken places would be allowed.

He said the town could find itself in the position of protecting an establishment that "is not serving good food," and might be drawn into regulating

antique stores and real estate offices.

The mayor said he would favour limited control, similar to the system used in Uxbridge where only two new restaurants are allowed each year, but the town doesn't get involved in legislating the type of restaurant to be allowed.

Since 1971 the number of restaurants in the former village has increased from 12 to 16. This figure does not include the restaurant at Ringwood but does include Deer Park Inn and the pizzeria. All four of the new eateries have opened roughly within the last year.

Mr. Ratcliff was of the opinion that even if the municipality does institute controls the three restaurants now envisaged would go ahead anyway as they are "too far advanced to stop."

He added that if the restaurant owners themselves are concerned they should approach council as a body.



Pre-schoolers in town obviously feel the children's pit in the new library is the pinnacle of play spots. The children's corner is one of

the most exceptional features in the library. It boasts a tiled, fully carpeted round room with pit, bright wall mural and skylight.

Police say no to cab application

STOUFFVILLE — After previously giving in principle approval for a taxi license,

council reversed itself and rejected a formal application by Harold Pressman and Richard McKinnon to operate a taxi service in town.

The decision was based on a report by the chief of police, who recommended the application be turned down.

Mr. Pressman told council that the unfavorable police report was only a matter of a few parking tickets which could be easily cleared up.

Mayor Gord Ratcliff replied that in that case there was nothing to prevent Mr. Pressman from clearing up the matter with the police and resubmitting his application at a later date.

Legal drinking age should be 19 - council

STOUFFVILLE — The legal drinking age should be raised to 19 years, council decided last week.

The matter came up when our representatives were asked by the Markdale branch of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union to support legislation to get the age raised.

All the councillors except Bill Kamps agreed that raising the drinking age would curb proliferation of alcohol in the high schools, especially among the younger teenagers.

Mr. Kamps did not think more restrictions were the answer to teenage drinking problems, however. He feels that proper parental guidance is the answer.

"They take all the responsibility away from the parents and teachers," remarked Mr. Kamps, "that's the whole problem." He advocates teaching youngsters responsible use of alcohol from an early age by letting them sample small amounts in the home under parental guidance.

The councillor also pointed out that at 18 a youngster is considered to have reached the age of majority and is old

enough to fight for his country, get married without parental consent, drive a car, and make legally binding contracts. In Mr. Kamps' view it would be ironic to prevent an 18 year old from drinking.

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No one starving

STOUFFVILLE — "I feel there's no such thing as a food shortage," Mayor Gord Ratcliff told council last week while discussing the Region of York Agriculture — Food Land Guidelines.

"In Canada, you mean?" queried councillor Jim Doble, slightly startled by such a pronouncement.

"No, in the world," the mayor replied optimistically, "You'll soon see the so-called undeveloped countries getting into the food business."

Several of the other councillors didn't agree with him.

"There's lots of starvation in the world," councillor Becky Wedley pointed out.

up several years ago because of ill health and a variety of other reasons. Mr. O'Connell who is only 19, requested, and was granted, an amendment in the town's taxi license bylaw which lowered the age required from

21 to 19. This allowed him to drive the taxi himself to save overhead costs.

"However, bad business, and the fact that council had approved another taxi license, led him to close down."

Chamber of Commerce

Forced hearing on plaza

plaza in the east end of town.

They have notified the Ontario Municipal Board of their objections to the proposed Harding Gate plaza on Main St. and Highway 47 and requested a hearing.

Council has passed a zoning bylaw permitting the building of the small, 14 store plaza last April.

Jack Chambers chairman of the Chamber of Commerce said, "What we don't want is more empty stores." Mr. Card pointed out that at present there are 21 empty stores in Stouffville and that "vacant stores are not an

asset to any town".

He says that members are not opposed to the plaza per se, only its timing, and would welcome it later — perhaps when the Dulvitrae subdivision is complete.

"It's a beautiful plaza, and when ready to be built, it may well attract a major department store," said Mr. Chambers.

The O.M.B. has granted a hearing as a result of the chamber's objections and will hold a public meeting to discuss the plaza on Monday, November 28, at Latham Hall. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

The S.D.S.S. volleyball player, in dark uniform, finishes successful smash off the arms and into the net of the two Prescott defenders. S.D.S.S. beat Prescott at the recently held tournament at Scarborough college last week, but then split two games with Hamilton, lost to Kapuskasing and Cedarbrae. Ottawa was the eventual winner, upsetting David and Mary Thompson school in Toronto. More pictures page 13.

—Keith Bolender.



Pizza chef Terry Louca, of the newly opened Stouffville Pizzeria, displays his flamboyant dough tossing style. The new pizzeria, located in the store that formerly housed Dixie Lee fried chicken, opened officially last Thursday. The new business is run by brothers Sam and Bill Antoni who are also proprietors of Mr. Submarine.

Clippers continue to romp over opposition

The Stouffville Clippers are continuing their undefeated romp over the rest of their league opponents as they picked up three more easy wins last week.

The Clippers, now sporting an 11-0 record, started the week in Uxbridge where, despite their lacklustre play, came away with a 9-3 victory.

Stouffville led 4-1 at the end of the first on goals by Ted Assinck, Tim Quinn, Geoff Roy and Steve Kirkland. The assists went to Steve Schell, Perry Brown, Howie Jones, Scott Connor and Mike Whelan.

In the second period the Clippers popped in two more from the sticks of Andy Leitch and Doug Taylor. Assists went

to Bill Meakes, Steve Schell and Geoff Roy. The Clippers played 14 minutes of the period short-handed as Scott Connor, on his first game back after an injury, was unable to hold his temper. He was thrown out of the game for his outburst.

In the final period Stouffville picked up an additional three goals, and Uxbridge

responded with two, making it the final 9-3 score. Tim Quinn, Andy Leitch and Steve Kirkland picked up the Clippers goals, the second goal of the night for each of them.

Perry Brown, with two, Geoff Roy, Andy Leitch and Bill Meakes picked up the third period assists. Howie Jones then

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although the funds for the project were to come from the estimated \$35,000 surplus raised by the board through fund raising activities.

The approximately 8 foot by 14 foot porch was removed from the original structure because of budget restrictions and was designed to provide extra storage space, provide a buffer to keep the north wind from chilling the library and to be used as a shipping door sealed off from the rest of the structure.

In voicing his disapproval Councillor Jim Doble commented "I feel the library board did a fine job raising money but should use that money to reduce the debentures."

"It looks like a wart on the end of the building," was Councillor Bill McNailey's opinion. The Ward 3 representative wondered "Just how much heating costs it would save?" asking, "Who uses that door anyway?"

Councillor Eldred King said he felt "the library board is capable of looking after their own affairs," but added he hoped people who donated money for books and equipment wouldn't be disappointed at the use the money was put to.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, who had introduced the subject, explained the money could only be used for capital expenditures or to reduce the \$250,000 debentures.

A resolution to approve the request, introduced by Mr. King and seconded by Councillor Becky Wedley, was defeated by the other four councillors.

There were muttered comments from some councillors of "Let them freeze."

Mr. King warned that the library would be cold, to which Councillor Bill Kamps replied, "Just park a bread truck there, it'll keep them warm."

Mr. Ratcliff later told The Tribune he had considered the request to council a technicality and was quite surprised by the rejection.

The mayor said the price of the porch is fairly high as the structure will be brick and has been designed so it will fit into any planned future additions.

The library board had obtained prices from three local contractors and had voted to award the job to Ballantrae Contracting, the low bidder.

Total cost of the library was \$367,000. Of this \$250,000 was taken out in debentures by the town, the board raised \$40,000, a matching sum of \$40,000 came from Wintario and \$35,000 came from sale of the old library.

The library board currently has about \$35,000 surplus from their own fundraising and had hoped to use this money for the addition and a further \$10,000 for reference materials. The fundraising will not end until the end of the year at which time the remainder of the money would go toward the debentures.

The library is still eligible for another \$70,000 in Wintario grants if matching funds can be

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