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After all the recent storms most adults are sick and tired of the snow, but the kids can't get enough of it. Here Bridget Butt takes a little breather after trying to get completely covered in the white stuff.

—Annegret Lamure

Dulverton subdivision York orders contracts OMB hearing to come

STOUFFVILLE — Last week the long-awaited Dulverton subdivision took a giant step towards becoming a reality.

The subdivision, which will stretch from the 9th conc. to the 10th, will add approximately 2,000 people to the population of the former village of Stouffville.

York Regional Council, last Thursday, agreed to prepare design and contract documents for works that will eventually cost Dulverton Holdings Ltd. approximately \$2 million.

Contract documents were ordered for an estimated 100 per cent expansion of the sewage treatment plant and for the construction of a 750,000 gallon water tank.

In addition the region will request, on behalf of the town, that the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority proceed with channelization work on Duffin Creek.

The developer has agreed to pay the town's 50 per cent share of the cost of channelization, up to a cost of \$500,000.

The approvals by York Region are still conditional on

approval of the projects by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff explained that the town has entered into a preliminary agreement with the developer and said the contract papers are being prepared so that "if Dulverton gets OMB approval they can start right after that."

A municipal board hearing into the subdivision will be heard March 13. The hearing was requested by another development company which owns land north of Elm Rd.

The company charged a conflict of interest as the town's former planning consultant, Max Sherman of MacroPlan, was employed by a company which had part ownership in Dulverton Holdings Ltd.

The town maintains that the planner wasn't directly involved in the physical planning for the subdivision.

The design and contract documents for the sewage plant will cost an estimated \$100,000 and the actual cost of construction could run to another \$900,000.

Cost of design and land acquisition for the water tank is expected to be \$60,000. Construction could bring the cost up to \$500,000.

Dulverton has agreed to pay the entire \$2 million cost.

According to the York Region Engineering Committee Report the extension to the treatment plant will allow the town to accommodate a population of 7,500.

Mayor Ratcliff estimated the population of the former village at approximately 5,500.

Mr. Ratcliff said the town expects the new plant will actually accommodate 9,000 people and leave another 1,000 population figure for local industry.

"We feel the plant will handle 10,000 but we will have to check the efficiency before allowing another subdivision after Dulverton," said the mayor.

The town's new Official Plan, which is not yet approved, shows a population of 10,000 in the former village by the end of the five year term of the plan.

Mr. Ratcliff said it is

unlikely the town will grow that large during the five year period as the demand for housing is declining.

Once OMB approval is granted it seems there will be little delay before construction gets underway, probably this spring.

The town recently issued demolition permits to clear the buildings recently vacated by Gar Lehman, the former owner of the lands to be developed.

The farm house on the property, one of the former Stouffville family homes, was a Stouffville Century Home.



Who was that masked man?

No that's not the masked marvel. In reality, he is Steve Sinclair and he was just one of the many participants involved in last Sunday's cross country ski championship at Dagmar. The unusual face mask was just one of the ways the skiers tried to keep warm. More pictures page 9.

—Keith Bolender

Uxbridge pinball players upset over council plans

By KEITH BOLENDER
UXBRIDGE — Anger and disbelief was the reaction at Uxbridge's T. & T. pinball store over council's plan to close down the shop.

Council last week handed in a proposed pinball bylaw to the town solicitor for comments about the legality of part of the bylaw dealing with restricting that type of business on Brock St.

Other areas covered in the bylaw included regulating the hours and days, the percentage of machines in a store and the age of unaccompanied children allowed in the shop.

The majority of council

favoured the bylaw as being good for the town.

However, both the co-owner and patrons of the store heartily disagreed with council's reasoning and also expressed indignation at their plans.

Jean Rowlands, who with her husband John are owners of the amusement place, said she knows little about the situation "No one has told me a thing, and as far as I know council hasn't even been in here. How can they judge something without checking it out first," she asked.

She commented that the store, which opened up last December, has had no problems with unruly teenagers. Jean noted that the police were in numerous times when it first opened, to see the operation, and that they registered no complaints with her. "And they haven't been back since, so they must think it's all right."

"I love kids, and this is a lovely group that comes in here. I've had absolutely no trouble with them in regards to alcohol

or drugs or rowdiness. They just want to come here for a good time and a chance to play, that's all," she said.

She then pointed out that she saw nothing wrong or "immoral" about playing pinball, that the kids look on it just as something to do and a place to go.

Mrs. Rowlands admitted, however, that she doesn't like seeing the very young, under 13, kids come in, because they can spend a few dollars a day in the store and she's not sure where they get the money.

The store has come under particular fire because it deals exclusively in pinball and other amusement machines. While the town's bowling alley also has pinball machines, it is the exclusive use of them that council wants to control.

Most of those playing at the time of the interview also voiced their objections, and one person was definitely not your typical teenage player.

Peter Muller, from Udora,

is a middle-aged man and father of one. He was playing pinball and saw no harm in him, or any teenager playing.

"I come from Germany and pinball is very common, no one raises a fuss over them. I am a parent and I know this is a place for the kids to hang out, but where else or what else would they be doing if they weren't here?"

"There is no recreation in the area, so the kids have no alternative. They could be doing a lot worse things than playing a harmless game."

Jim ImBoden, 18, also felt he could do worse than playing pinball. "It's a lot better than buying pot or booze. The bowling alley has the same things, but the crowd there is not as behaved as the kids here. We are not here for trouble, just for some entertainment, what's wrong with that?"

Bill Watson, 19, of Uxbridge, considers himself a regular at the place, and when asked for

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Bullet hits into Markham home

MARKHAM — A .22 calibre bullet crashed through the livingroom window of the Gordon Forgie home on 16th Avenue west of Highway 48 about midnight Sunday, and lodged in the wall.

Luckily members of the family had retired for the night so no one was injured.

Police said parts of the bullet were retrieved from the wall. They believe it was fired "probably by a rifle" and maybe from a moving vehicle.

Pickering escapes tax increase

PICKERING — There will be no local tax increase in the town of Pickering this year according to Mayor Jack Anderson.

Mr. Anderson announced at Monday night's council meeting that the town's executive committee had finished its budget deliberations last Friday.

While the exact figures on the mill rate and town expenditures were not available the town is expected to generate about \$10 million in revenue this year.

The town's local mill rate is used for services such as fire protection, recreation and hard services.

Still to be added to the total tax bill are the budgets for regional council and school board. Large increases in the tax bill usually come from the school board.



Bill Watson, in white coat, tries his hand at the racing machine in the Uxbridge pinball store on Brock St. The store is being threatened by Uxbridge council, who want to restrict exclusive

amusement machine operations. Those interviewed in the store were dismayed at council's intentions.

Man ordered to move horses

STOUFFVILLE — A Woodville man, charged by York Regional Police under the Dead Animal Disposal Act, was ordered last weekend to move 35 horses to more suitable

surroundings or suffer the consequence.

Police said on Oct. 23 information was received concerning a barn on the 9th concession, one-half mile north of the Bethesda road where animals were found in allegedly deplorable conditions.

Investigation revealed 35 horses were confined in a 35-foot square building, where there was ample water but food was in short supply, and the animals were unable to move about.

Also, the carcasses of six dead goats were found at the rear of the barn, and a pig and

goat which had been dead for two weeks were inside the building.

The owner was finally traced to Woodville, and on Jan. 13 Alan Stanley Pascoe, 40, RR 1, 15th Line, Woodville was served notice.

It is alleged the animals, some purchased at the Stouffville Sales Barn, were being held for shipment to a glue factory.

The Ontario Humane Society required that the animals be moved to a satisfactory location.

Ballantrae gets own Lions club

BALLANTRAE — The community of Ballantrae may soon have its first service club.

Tom Wood is presently forming a Lions club for Ballantrae and said he already

Skate party for adults

STOUFFVILLE — The adult population in town gets a chance to show off their skating skills at the adult skating party this weekend.

The event will be held at the Stouffville Arena this Saturday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.

Clarion Baker will provide the skaters with live organ music, and admission is \$1.50 per person.

The event is sponsored by the Stouffville Figure Skating Club.

has the required amount of charter members needed to form the club.

Mr. Wood, who is treasurer of the Stouffville Lions, said the club "would bring the community closer, it would help them in many ways."

He commented he is still taking in people who wish to become charter members, which he said was considered to be a great honour.

He hopes the club will be operating sometime in March, and that their first social function, the charter night dance, would be held not too long afterwards.

The dance is to raise money to get the fledgling club off the ground, and Mr. Wood commented the event is usually a big money maker.

Anyone interested in becoming a charter member, at a fee of \$10., call Tom Wood at 640-5680.