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Anti-loitering bylaw passed

STOUFFVILLE — Have you started your Halloween planning yet? Well, if you haven't, you've still got time to slip this little gem into your budget.

It may have been the egg splattered police cruisers, the blood splattered street in front of the local I.G.A. or the beer consumed from time to time in the town park that brought on the new anti-loitering bylaw passed last Tuesday at Stouffville council.

These illicit activities were the only examples given of where this by-law might be

useful. Despite council's protests, this particular law appears to be directed at the young people in the community.

Section 1 of the by-law stipulates that "no person shall loiter on any street or public places within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in any manner that obstructs any person, and no person shall swear or use insulting or obscene language or cause a disturbance in such places."

Section 3 says that "Any person shall be deemed to be causing a disturbance within the meaning of this Bylaw who is

screaming, shouting, swearing or singing or by being drunk or impeding or incommoding peaceable persons."

Although one councillor mentioned that the police had asked for a bylaw of this sort, a telephone interview with York Regional Police revealed that all segments of the bylaw are covered by either federal or provincial statutes. However,

the officer did point out that anyone charged under the town's bylaw would not suffer the penalty of having a criminal record, as they would if charged under a federal statute.

The new bylaw specifies that a person deemed to be violating this law must first receive a warning, and then, if the individual fails to comply

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Board of Education requests budget input

NEWMARKET — The trustees on the York County Board of Education shouldn't have to ask for help to form a budget, said Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Gordon Ratcliff.

In response to a request from the school board that each municipality in the region send an "elected member to attend a finance meeting during February", Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said, "They're elected the same as we are and they should be responsible to the public for what they do."

Although he later admitted that Whitchurch-Stouffville will probably send someone he said the final say is up to council.

Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller said the board asked them the same thing last year and they sent someone.

"The person we sent suggested to the board that they limit budget increases to 10 per cent, but the board convoluted that and thought if they limited the mill rate increase to 10 per

cent, that would be good enough. When we offered further suggestions, they (the school board) told us to stuff it," said the mayor.

On the other hand, Aurora Mayor George Timpson thinks it would be a good idea to send someone to the meeting.

"We'd like to learn about the problems the school board is having and maybe we could avoid the same kind of problem here," said the mayor.

Markham library leaking

MARKHAM — The 10-year-old, 40,000 volume Markham Centennial Library has sprung a leak.

Yvonne Kotin, the head librarian, arrived at work last Thursday to find water pouring through the roof and 15 books damaged. Staff members brought buckets from home to help keep the floor dry.

She said that the wooden laminated beams appear not to be able to take the load and that the town has closed the library to install steel posts to support the roof.

Markham Mayor Tony Roman was made aware of the library situation on Friday and took "normal precautions in the interest of public safety." He felt that the ice load on the roof might have caused some damage although he is not sure at this time what the cause of the problem is.

R.V. Anderson and Associates, a Toronto engineering consulting firm, is preparing a report for the town on the roof problem and Mr. Roman hopes that the report will provide the answers to the roofing question.

"I don't visualize faulty

construction problems" said the mayor but "the roof has had problems in the past".

This, last statement was corroborated by Joan Fairfield, chief librarian for the town of Markham Public Libraries, who said that the roof always had a leaking problem until up to three years ago, when it was last repaired. When asked if this was not an odd circumstance for a structure so new she replied "It's funny all right."

She also commented that a

report on the problems of the library roof, written eight to ten years ago, was not acted on as it was felt at the time that the problem was not very serious.

Mr. Brook, of Brook-Carruthers-Shaw, the Toronto architectural firm which designed the building, said that "the roofing has a limited life, but that the structure should last longer." Mr. Brook did not wish to comment further until his firm's engineers have an opportunity to examine the situation.

Joe Pickard, clerk for the town of Markham, felt it was a bit late to be going back to the original designers and contractors.

The staff of the library are working in the Thornhill and Unionville branches and local residents, accustomed to using the Centennial Library, are encouraged to use the Unionville branch.

It is hoped that the building will be re-opened by the weekend.

Legion response magnificent in emergency storm crises

STOUFFVILLE — Area residents responded magnificently to the emergency conditions brought about as a result of last Thursday's raging blizzard.

At the height of the storm, Thursday afternoon and evening, police closed Highways 48 and 47 at Stouffville and all side roads would have been closed by York Regional Police

if they had had enough manpower for this task.

Stranded motorists were housed, fed and in some cases were driven home after the worst of the storm had passed.

Local druggist Cliff Aiken told The Tribune that late Thursday afternoon several people came into his store and stood around aimlessly in the front.

On conversing with them he learned the people were on their way to Uxbridge when they were turned back by Ontario Provincial police at the east end of town.

As it seemed there was little likelihood of the road being reopened for some time Mr. Aiken phoned Legion President Louis Hertle to find out if accommodation could be provided at the Legion Hall.

"He didn't hesitate a minute," recalled Mr. Aiken, "He made the decision to open up the Legion in a hurry."

Legion Steward Jim Huard was contacted and he called the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Auxiliary members Doreen Goudie and Betty Turner immediately went into action. They were contacted around 5 o'clock and by 7 p.m. they had gone shopping for bread and cold cuts and had food on hand at the Legion.

Mr. Aiken, to ensure that people would be aware the Legion was open, called CFRB radio and the announcement was made as a public service. There were an estimated 50 (See Stranded, page 9)

Durham's hamlet growth set in report

UXBRIDGE — Goodwood residents will now have a better understanding of where their hamlet is going, following a report on hamlet districts handed into Uxbridge council last week.

The report, presented by the planning board, was received and adopted as amended by council.

Goodwood will be allowed to grow by approximately 45 lots with the industrial section to be included in the hamlet west of the CNR tracks and south of Highway 47.

However, preliminary engineering reports on drainage will have to be submitted prior to subdivision presentation.

Other hamlets involved in the report included Siloam, Sandford, with 65 lots permitted and Zephyr with 50 more lots.



'Tired' cats

Cats are noted for their idiosyncratic choice of lounging spots, but this is the first time we've ever encountered three of them perched on one tire. The trio was spotted on the 6th line in Unionville. — Annegret Lamure

Willis Wideman resigns town post

STOUFFVILLE — After six years of public service Willis Wideman has decided to resign his post as chief building inspector and bylaw enforcement officer. In his six years with the town Mr. Wideman missed only one-half day of work and is

thankful for his good health.

Mr. Wideman's first duties when hired by the town were those of building inspection and bylaw enforcement and with some background in the building industry and time spent taking courses from Queens University, he rose to his present position. Although he feels that there is a future in working for the town, he now wants to move into a completely different line of work.

Mr. Wideman was born in the area and with his wife of five years, Kathy, intends to live and continue to work locally. He will raise some livestock and continue on with his hobby of woodworking. He built much of his own furniture and finds that it gives him satisfaction to see a job well done.

He started his job with the town in February, 1972 and his resignation takes effect February 10, 1978.

"The town is beginning to grow and many of the farms are being split up, and new people are coming to the town," he replied when asked what he saw as the most significant development in the area.

Bruce Arrowsmith, after resigning his post as a building inspector with the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and being appointed chief building inspector and bylaw enforcement officer for the township of Uxbridge, has now been appointed chief building inspector for the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and will not be accepting the Uxbridge position.



After the Stouffville Legion was opened last Thursday as a temporary hostel for motorists stranded by the storm, Legion Ladies Auxiliary members Doreen Goudie (left) and Betty Turner (right) went into action, shopping for groceries and later making

sandwiches and coffee. The lady in the centre, Claire McIntosh, a Don Mills resident, was one of the motorists stranded by the storm. Mrs. McIntosh and her husband had been en route to Beaverton. — John Montgomery



Chris Cotter and George Wallen are obviously enjoying themselves at the square dance sponsored by The Melville Church Choir at the Victoria

Square Community Centre last Friday. The chap in the background is Floyd Forsythe. — Annegret Lamure.