

York Sanitation Ltd.

Company fined \$26,500

STOUFFVILLE — York Sanitation Co. Ltd., pleading guilty to 11 counts of over-dumping at the Whitchurch-Stouffville landfill site and 31 counts of filing false reports to the Ontario Government, has been fined \$26,500 by Judge Reid Scott in Newmarket Provincial Court.

This figure follows a \$14,400 fine levied earlier

against the same firm for dumping violations.

Judge Scott noted that since Jan. 1977, the company had been carrying on a good operation. He said he realized the pressing need for landfill properties to accommodate refuse from Metro and that York Sanitation had applied for approval to deposit increased tonnage.

He observed too, that the company had engaged

auditors who are making sure all reports are accurate.

"The entire matter has been made more difficult because of the closing of other landfill sites in Metro," Judge Scott told the court. "To what extent they were motivated by revenue is not determined, but it now appears that a system to overcome the difficulties has been acquired."

It's obvious, the Judge stated, that proper super-

vision of the Whitchurch-Stouffville property had not been exercised. "I do not feel this can be condoned," he said.

In handing down the \$26,500 judgement, Judge Scott pointed out the necessity of making the penalty a deterrent to the accused firm and to others in the same kind of operation. "Environmental laws are for the protection of everyone," he concluded.

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Town approves disco dancehall

STOUFFVILLE — Disco fever has reached epidemic proportions in Toronto—and it's spreading to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

An application for permission to operate a discotheque in the 'auditorium' at the rear of the Steerburger Restaurant, Main Street West, was approved by Council, Monday, following a rigorous debate.

Chris Giofcos and Chris Fatsis plan to introduce banquet and reception facilities to their premises along with disco music for dancing. They will apply to the province for a liquor licence.

The request was approved 4-2 on a recorded vote.

Strong opposition was voiced by councillors Jim Doble (Ward 1) and Bill McNalley (Ward 3).

"I don't profess to be a prophet," stated councillor McNalley, "but if it goes ahead,

I fear we'll have problems" He pointed to frequent disturbances in other areas of town and claimed discos in the city had experienced difficulty.

Jim Doble urged members to "preserve the character and traditions of our town".

It seems, he said, that many people can no longer enjoy themselves without 'drink'. He claimed as foolish on the part of council to encourage this idea.

He suggested that young people should create their own amusement by getting together in groups or becoming involved with established institutions like the church. His motion to delay the resolution for a month so citizens could voice opinions, was blocked.

Councillor Bill Kamps (Ward 4), said problems experienced in Toronto discos were isolated and rare. He

maintained such a centre in town would tend to remove the 'drinking' from the parks and place it in a controlled, supervised environment.

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Chairman's wage cut

YORK REGION — If salary's the lone incentive for seeking the chairman's post on York County's Board of Education, there may be few nominees when trustees meet for their inaugural session at Woodbridge High School, Dec. 7.

The stipend of the chairman-elect will be cut by \$1,000, reducing it to \$8,000 from the current \$9,000. The motion was put forward last week by Whitchurch-Stouffville's Harry Bowes, an acknowledged candidate for the job. The difference will be added onto the vice-chairman's remuneration, bringing it up to \$7,000 from the current \$6,000. The change becomes effective, Dec. 1.

Mr. Bowes feels the vice-chairman's work load warrants the extra one thousand dollars. He's hopeful too that he or she may be able to attend more committee meetings to at least assure a quorum. On occasions, he said, the number present has fallen short of what's required to carry on formal business.

Sales Barn draws crowd

STOUFFVILLE — Despite complaints on traffic, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff looks on the Stouffville Sales Barn as one of the town's best forms of advertising.

"Things would be pretty dead here without it," he said.

The mayor admitted it doesn't make sense that so many motorists choose to travel through Stouffville when they could make better time by taking the Bloomington bypass road to the north. "I guess they must enjoy it," he said.

He agreed the congestion, Saturdays, is detrimental to downtown business. He's also concerned over ambulance and fire calls in that emergency vehicles could be delayed.

Mayor Ratcliff said he had discussed these and other problems with the Sales Barn operators. "They're concerned too," he said.

The only permanent solution, he feels, will come with construction of the East Metro Freeway, to bypass the town to the east.

Car rams parked truck two injured

STOUFFVILLE — A 21 year old Stouffville motorist and his 18 year old companion were seriously injured early Saturday morning when their northbound car slammed into a parked dump truck at 251 Main Street North in Markham.

Admitted to hospital were Michael Barry, 156 Main Street East, Stouffville and Nancy Scott, 333 Stouffer Street, Stouffville.

Property damage was estimated at \$1,000.



Seniors find three-wheelers nifty transportation

Three-wheeled bicycles, popular in vacation areas of the southern United States, are catching on in Canada too; in fact, right here in Stouffville.

Here, enjoying a mid-afternoon "spin" on Park Drive North are Laura Logan and Walt Davis, well-known town residents. —Ed Schroeter

Whitchurch-Highlands School

Attendance drop concerns trustee

WHITCHURCH — What does the future hold for Whitchurch-Highlands School? At this point in time, trustee Harry Bowes isn't sure and he's worried.

The present enrolment is 264, extending from Kindergarten through Grade 8. This falls well below the Board's suggested criteria for keeping a school open. The minimum is 285.

While there's no thought of closing the building, the attendance is such that members must face the problem and attempt to arrive at solutions, Mr. Bowes said.

The local trustee isn't optimistic. "As I see it, the situation can only get worse," he said. He pointed to the fact that school-age population in the area is sparse with little likelihood of it growing. The majority of children are already being bused to the site, he noted.

Harry Bowes observed that a new estate subdivision is being developed at Vandorf but this would produce few pupils. "If the attendance drops below 250, we're in big trouble," he stated.

The Board's vice-chairman said Whitchurch-Highlands was built under an earlier administration. "The problem was handed to us," he explained.

Mr. Bowes said that originally, the school was meant to serve the urban areas of Richmond Hill, Aurora and Stouffville. However, since its construction, enrolments have fallen off, particularly in Richmond Hill.

While Summitview School in Stouffville is served by several portables, the trustee feels

parents favor this type of accommodation over the busing of children out of town.

An example of the enrolment decline at Whitchurch-Highlands is pointed out on a chart dating back to 1975. At that time, there were 299 students; 317 in '76; 313 in '77 and 264 in '78. The projected attendance in 1978 had been 293.

Town channelization planned for spring

STOUFFVILLE — Although agreements must still be worked out with at least two property-owners in town; the \$715,000 downstream re-channelization project is not in jeopardy, Craig Mather of Flood Control Management told The Tribune this week.

He is hopeful construction can begin this spring.

The Conservation Authority is "really close" to completing necessary transactions. "Right now, we're in pretty good shape," he said. Mather pointed out, however, that if nothing can be finalized, the property will be expropriated.

Walter Smith, one of the persons affected, said the taking of his land would leave him little room for parking at the rear of his welding shop on Market Street.

Doug Neville, owner of two buildings on Main Street, has recommended alternate routes. "I don't wish to stand in the way of progress but I had the land long before the Conservation Authority came along," he said.

The main thrust of the project will extend from the north boundary of the Public Library through to the disposal plant south of the park.

Auction sale resembles museum exhibit

STOUFFVILLE — "This isn't a sale, it's a museum" commented a spectator, Saturday.

She was right and wrong. The auction of property belonging to the estate of the

late Isobel Stevens, 165 O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville, was both — a museum sale.

The household contents, dating back to the 1800's were just as the owner had left them when admitted to a

nursing home, six years ago. Up until the time of her passing in September, she held out hope that some day she'd return. She never did.

"I never expect to see anything quite like it again,"

said auctioneer Don Burd of Stouffville. The bidding started at 10 a.m. and didn't conclude until seven at night. Flood lamps were brought in from the Sales Barn so people could see what they were buying. Auctioneer Water Atkinson helped out in the afternoon.

Job lots of goods were put together so that each purchaser found a 'treasure' he or she had not expected. One 'treasure' that even Mr. Burd didn't know about contained a beautiful gold railroad watch; pieces of jewellery and two confederate bank notes, valued in total at \$1,000. The watch alone brought \$290. They were found hidden in an old commode chair by cabinetmaker, Manny Freedman, Ninth Line South. He told the clerk.

The commode (by itself) sold for \$85.

"That's what I call being honest," said Don Burd later, "that more than made up for any articles that were stolen". Mr. Freedman, he said, could just have easily purchased the commode.

taking the valuables along with it.

Prices on some of the articles follow: Gingerbread clock, \$350; set of press-back chairs, \$100 each; bedroom suite, \$900; brass kitchen

lamps, \$200 each; parasols, \$32 each; one bed, \$775; piano, \$675; cedar chest, \$280; framed pictures, \$65 and \$70 each; a history of Ontario, \$150; hall stand, \$425; old trunk, \$90; china

bowls, \$50 and \$60 each; curtain rods, \$160 a pair.

The crowd was estimated at over one thousand with 430 bidders holding tickets. Six hundred and twenty-two sales were completed.



An antique auction sale, unlike anything seen in Stouffville, disposed of articles in the estate of the late Isobel Stevens, O'Brien

Avenue. Here, Alfred Thomas, Maytree Avenue, admires a beautiful Gingerbread clock. It brought \$350.



Wes Brillinger (left) and Bill Morris, both of Stouffville, attempt to identify members in the Methodist Church choir. The picture was

taken in 1914. It sold for ten dollars. Total receipts were placed at between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars. —Jim Thomas.