

Board choice for trustee shocks public

DURHAM REGION — Much to the surprise of everyone in the gallery at Monday night's Board of Education meeting, trustees chose not to re-appoint Alex Keith to the Board by a narrow vote of nine to eight.

The new trustee is Jim Chalk, 49, of Pickering. Chalk is

president of his own company, Can Am Sales Inc., and has lived in the Bahamas, Mexico, Saskatchewan and Long Island, New York. He's a Canadian citizen, but has been a trustee in the U.S.

Trustee Linda Carder said the Board felt Chalk was "good trustee material". He has a

Bachelor of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan, has taken marketing and business administration at the University of British Columbia, and public relations from the University of Toronto.

Carder said she is pleased with the outcome, because "the vote showed the Board could

make an unbiased decision without being swayed by outside forces."

"The gallery was full of skeptics who wanted to see us re-appoint Keith. But they saw that the members could follow their own best instincts and do what they felt was right. It boosts the overall respectability of the Board," she said.

Carder said she couldn't vote for Keith because he displayed "ignorance of the law, and that has never been a defence."

There were three ballots altogether. The first one eliminated all but four people; Dr. Benjamin Camins, Lorna Murphy, both from Frenchman's Bay, Keith, and Chalk. The second vote further

narrowed the choice to Keith and Chalk, and the final ballot elected the new trustee.

Chalk began his role as trustee at Monday's meeting. Ed Van Nieuwenhove, trustee for the Uxbridge area, said he was "surprised at the outcome".

"The odds were in Mr. Keith's favor, so to speak. I think the Board chose the person

best qualified for the position based on the resumes and presentations," he said.

"I'm pleased with the method used to select the new trustee. A byelection would have been far too costly."

Van Nieuwenhove didn't indicate how he voted, but did say there were "some applicants who impressed me more than others".

Lawrence Forsyth

Popular in area

UXBRIDGE — One week after the accident would have been his twentieth birthday.

But now Larry Forsyth, victim of a fatality on Highway 47, north of Stouffville Nov. 6, will never reach that milestone.

Born in Uxbridge, Larry attended public school here and Uxbridge Secondary School where he was popular among his many friends.

He had quit school at 17 to work on a friend's farm, planning to return next fall, completing his studies to pursue a career in Forestry.

His father, Don, who has lived in the area since he was born, says Larry took an interest in gardening and landscaping at an early age.

He liked to photograph beautiful flowers," he says. "Although he never took courses, he was very good with a camera."

He had worked at Uxbridge Beverages since last March, where he "did a bit of everything", says Don.

A member of the Uxbridge Legion Pipe Band since he was 13, he would devote hours of practice to perfecting his skill. He became an associate member of the Legion at 18, and marched in the Spring Water Days parade this past year.

Larry could get along with everyone. The packed chapel at Low and Low Funeral home Nov. 9 proved it.

"The place was so crowded, you couldn't move, says Don. All his friends from town, and many more from the Goodwood area, paid their final tribute to one who died so young, so tragically.

The service was conducted by Capt. Don Leech of the Salvation Army, with interment Uxbridge Cemetery.

He leaves beautiful memories with his father, his mother, Florence, and his brothers and sisters; Donald, 25, of Sutton, Stephen Edward (Ted), 21, of Stouffville, Bill, 24, Paul, 23, and Nancy, 18, who all reside at home.

Annual meeting

GOODWOOD — The annual meeting of the Goodwood Community Park and Centre Association will be held at the Community Centre, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m.

New members will be elected at this time.

Campaign

AJAX-PICKERING — The United Way campaign is nearly over, but over \$80,000, a half of the \$165,000 target, has already been donated.

A major blitz of commercial outlets and industrial plants in Ajax and Pickering is now underway to bring the 1979 campaign to a successful conclusion.

Payroll deductions are producing significant results, but there are still a number of companies not involved with the plan.

United Way officials are asking businesses to help by telephoning the office of 686-0606, advising of pledges and arranging for them to be picked up.

Civic honor

CLAREMONT — Three area residents will be honored for their participation in community organizations at a Civic Recognition Awards night, Nov. 21, in Pickering.

Earle Pilkey, past district governor of Claremont Lion's Club, the late Les Parker, (whose wife will accept the award), and Ken Brooks of Greenwood, actively involved with the Boy Scouts, along with over 40 Pickering residents, will receive plaques for bringing recognition to the community through their work.

The dinner will be held in the Sheridan Mall Banquet Hall beginning at 7 p.m.



November 11 is a day for everyone to remember, and Harold Hopkins, president of the Claremont Legion does so by dedicating a wreath to those who helped keep Canada free. Following a parade led by the Ajax Pipe Band, a service conducted by Rev. Lorne Smith

was held in the Baptist Church. Elsewhere in the Region, students at Goodwood school held a half-hour program of songs and readings Nov. 9.

—JoAnn Thompson

Kartway for sale?

Rumors 'erroneous'

GOODWOOD — A letter to Planning Committee from the solicitors for the owners of Goodwood Park Kartways termed rumours that the business has been sold as "erroneous".

The letter from Louise Allore, a Toronto lawyer, stated that "our client does not wish the Township of Uxbridge to be issuing building permits or processing land development plans respecting property ad-

joining or surrounding the place of business . . . on the understanding that our client would be terminating its Go-Kart track business."

It went on to state that "our client . . . fully expects its business to continue to serve this recreational need . . . for many years to come."

Committee members voted to receive and file the letter for information, and to refer the matter to the next Council meeting.

Royal Winter Fair

Entries do well

CLAREMONT — Despite tough competition from all over Canada and the world at the Royal Winter Fair, two local residents have done extremely well.

Mary Bowden and her Arabian mare, Dal Halima, received a first in the "Mare foaled in '76" class.

Homer Jackson, R.R. 2, Claremont, was the Reserve Champion in the "Yearling Filly" with his Clysdale, Kerry.

Ontario County Cindy Bagshaw, Sunderland, was the Reserve Champion in the Shorthorns, and was also nominated for Queen's Guineas competition. Other nominees were; Rodger Cooke, Pickering; Charlene Gillham, Uxbridge; Kevin Gillham, Uxbridge; Eleanor O'Neill, Brooklin; Larry Phillips, Lindsay; John Robertson, Port Perry; Linda Rutledge, Nestleton; and Craig Stephen, Brechin.

Uxbridge planning

'Must protect farmland'

UXBRIDGE — Planning committee rejected a proposal to develop 160 acres of prime agricultural land, five miles north of Town on the east side of Regional Road No. 1, into an estate-residential sub-division. Mr. Hesse Rimon, a planner,

representing the owner of the land, Mr. W.A. Stephenson of Richmond Hill, appealed to the Committee for approval in principle of the project.

He put forward three alternate plans; the first included 38 lots about two acres each, the second, 23 lots of four acres, and the last, 14 lots on seven acres each.

"The land is zoned rural, and designated agriculture on the Region's Official Plan, requiring Council to pass an amendment. About 45 acres are set aside as hazard land on the plan.

"Presently the land is being used for corn crops and cattle grazing. We would plan to develop the area in keeping with these uses. The land would be ideal for families who would want to do some mixed farming

to supplement their incomes," said Rimon.

Mayor Gary Herrema called the plan "common-sense", but said he couldn't support it.

"I am familiar with the land because I've walked it winter and summer. With the intensive agriculture there, I just can't see how urbanization would be compatible with the area," he said.

The mayor added he "may be a little selfish because he lives north of the proposed development", but he would prefer to see homes built closer to town so services such as water, sewage, and fire emergency calls would be easily accommodated.

He said the Committee is trying to retain land in former Scott Township as "agriculturally-oriented".

"There are many other estate residential sub-division already on our books that we have to deal with," he said.

Chairman Maustyn McKnight agreed with the mayor, saying "It's good land, and we want to keep it that way."

Councillor Ron Hunter said he had the same comments. The recommendation was to reject any further proposals for residential development of the land.

The Committee agreed it was refreshing to hear a planner who was honest in his evaluation of the worth and uses of the land.

Many developers try to convince us into believing a certain location isn't good for anything else besides houses. I'm glad you at least admit the land is good for agriculture," said Mayor Herrema.

Propose Rec centre

UXBRIDGE — A plan for a recreational centre, south of Coppins Corners, prompted Planning Committee to hold a secret meeting, Nov. 8.

Gary Convery of Uxbridge, one of the principle developers, said he asked the Committee to go in camera because there are

still some legal matters which need to be resolved.

He told The Tribune the theme of the planned recreational development is an outdoor fitness centre, and he said the Committee generally favored the "passive-recreational" use of the land.

Convery said the deal would involve having several shareholders within the Uxbridge area, but "it's not a big city type conglomerate that will develop the area."

"Most of the 700 acres will be retained in its natural state," he said.

Convery will provide further details in a press release at the next Council meeting, Nov. 22.

New store

opens Saturday

Idea reaps profits

CLAREMONT — Selling at flea markets gave them the idea. So this Saturday at 9 a.m. they'll open their own store, specializing in low-priced men's, women's, and children's clothing.

The Claremont Bargain Barn will be run by Myrt Brown, R.R. 1, Claremont, and Pat Donaldson, Scarborough. Friends since they were about 12, Myrt explained they've organized several flea markets together, including one in the Sheridan Mall, Pickering.

"It was an impulsive idea, really. We enjoy selling, and one day found a supplier who said would give us new merchandise at reasonable prices. The store will be something like Bi-Way in Toronto."

The bargain centre will only open Saturdays, so Myrt will continue working at the Bank of Commerce in Claremont.

The store is east of Lake's Corner Store, and for the grand opening beautiful red roses will be given out to lady customers.

Community Centre meeting

CLAREMONT — The general meeting of the Claremont District Community Association will be held Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall.

The program will include discussion of winter recreational proposals for the community. The public is welcome.

Golden Oldies their line



Formed in the spring of 1977, this handsome quartet, the Uxtonates, entertained the full-house at Uxbridge High, Nov. 10 during an evening of barbershop singing to which nothing can compare. The four are part of the Millstream Men, which was formed as a chorus in 1976. The program also included stunning

performances by Royal Assent, and Oshawa Sweet Adelines. Here, at least three members of the quartet appear to be happy about their performance; left to right are; Orvan Brethour, R.R. 3 Uxbridge, E.J. Wideman, Former Stouffville resident now in Uxbridge, Walter Kerry, and Son, Paul, also of Uxbridge.

—JoAnn Thompson