

Pleasure Valley gets Council support

COPPINS CORNERS — It's official. The Town's new Pleasure Valley Recreation Centre, south of Coppins Corners, east of the Brock Road, was strongly supported by Council recently and is slated to begin winter activities next February in conjunction with the Winter Carnival.

about the new 700-acre complex, to be developed on a nature-fitness theme.

Developer Gary Convery said the park would include such activities as snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing, and a new sport-snow-climbing in winter, and hiking, camping, and swimming in the summer. The

many facilities will include a fully-equipped gym, sauna, whirlpool, ice rink, a one and a half kilometre roller skate trail, and a 400 foot long water slide.

There will also be fitness and nature trails, horse paths, and courses for snowmobiles.

"We want to emphasize outdoor fitness, and add some fun

to it as well," said Convery. He noted the club would offer individual memberships annually, and charge a general admission price for a day's excursion.

The only vehicles allowed on the site are those used for maintenance and patrol, and three large paved areas will be set aside for public parking.

Convery said he plans to hire 20 to 30 local students for part-time work, and he said Uxbridge would benefit from the

tourist dollars the centre will generate.

"The Town installed the lights at the intersection at Coppins Corners to slow down the traffic there. What we want to do is to get some of those cars to stay in Uxbridge for a while and spend money," he said.

Because of erosion problems in the area, Convery said planning of the horse trails would have to be done with careful consideration. He added

that only club members would be allowed to board horses there.

Because of his interest in hockey and involvement in the Harris-Keon Hockey School, he explained the possibility of holding such classes at the fitness centre.

An estimated 1000 people per week will visit the park, and after five years the projection goes from 2,500 to 3,000 on the weekends.

Ward two councillor Mac Meyers was concerned about controlling the numbers of people and keeping them within the boundaries of the nature centre.

Convery replied that the area would be effectively signed and policed by resort staff, along with ski patrols in winter.

A development agreement was to be drawn up within two to three days after the Council meeting, Nov. 22.

150 letters received

Radios on buses

CLAREMONT — Claremont Public School principal Stan Todd told The Tribune that response was good to a questionnaire asking parent opinion on the installation of two-way radios on school buses.

He said over 150 letters were sent back, but the results have not been tallied yet.

Todd explained the next step would be to draw up a petition to the Transportation

Committee of the Board.

Those who want two-way units on the buses say they will maintain communication between the drivers and the base, and aid in the event of accidents or break-downs.

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Pleasure Valley centre

No carnival here

GOODWOOD — Ward one residents are already expressing their doubts about the proposed Pleasure Valley Recreation Centre to be developed south of Coppins Corners, east of Brock Road.

Goodwood area councillor John Paxton said several people have approached him with concerns over the 700-acre site becoming a carnival or

"Disneyland", with "unsightly archades and rides".

"I support the plan because it is the most natural way of preserving the land, but I hope Mr. Convery is showing us the whole package, and that the development won't get out of hand in the future."

Gary Convery, who will be the developer of the centre, assured the councillor that's not what the company wants.

"I can guarantee you it won't turn into a commercialized fairyland made of plastic and steel. The owners of the land are naturalists and they want it to be enjoyed in its present state," he said.

Paxton added the area would be ideal as a learning facility and suggested Convery contact the out-door educational consultants from the Durham Board of Education.

Public wants input

GOODWOOD — Members of the Goodwood Community Park and Centre Association voted unanimously to send a letter to Council urging that positions for the Uxbridge Arena Board be elected by a public meeting, rather than appointed.

Over 65 people who attended the meeting, Nov. 19 felt that since the arena came under the jurisdiction of the Association, the public should have some say in the election of the executive.

Other business discussed

was the budgeting for long-range plans at Conservation Park. Three new members from Ward one, Dave Hathaway,

Judy Todd, and Doug Graham were elected and Marjorie Stewart was re-appointed to the executive.

United Way campaign

Raise more funds

PICKERING — The Ajax-Pickering United Way campaign is over now, but the task of collecting all money pledged has only begun.

The amount raised to total, \$158,800, represents a nine and a half per cent increase over what was collected last year. The figure is still \$6,231 below the target of \$165,000.

Campaign Chairman Murray Stroud said the goal reflects the minimum amount needed by the United Way agencies in 1980. About 87 per cent of all funds will go to the supported services.

Anyone wishing to help the campaign meet its objective may mail a donation to 158 Harwood Ave., South, Ajax.

New car for region

DURHAM REGION — Durham Regional chairman Walter Beath will soon get a new car.

The vehicle will replace his 1979 Caprice, damaged in an accident in October.

Despite suggestions by Oshawa councillor Ed Kolodzie that the region purchase a smaller car for Beath, council decided to go with a larger one.

Councillor John Aker said the space will be necessary when delegations of five or more council members travel to Toronto on business.

Sewage system inadequate

WHITBY — Responding to a group of irate Port Whitby residents, Uxbridge Mayor Gary Herrema, who sits as chairman of regional works, promised to look into problems with the sewage system in the area.

A date for a meeting has not been set yet, but Herrema said he would meet anywhere convenient for the public.

A spokesman for the group, Bert Mondria, said the region gave "preferential treatment" to a developer after approving a sewer hook-up, although residents had been told no others would be allowed.

He said the Pringle Creek Plant isn't adequate to handle the flow. Referring to the region's plans for the area, Mondria said the "project will continue to pollute for the next decade, with regional council's approval."

Chairman Herrema said the plant only overflows during heavy rainstorms, and on normal days it is running at about three-quarters its capacity.

He conceded there was a problem, but "we can't cure it overnight."

Herrema noted it was the first time residents have ever contacted him regarding the matter.

At one point the committee chairman said that the Port Whitby residents "didn't know what they were talking about" when they said the present plant at Pringle Creek wasn't efficient.

Citizens honored



All those volunteer hours are really worth it when you're awarded a beautiful plaque or a ring and scroll for your efforts at the end of the year. On Nov. 21, over 45 citizens of the town of Pickering were recognized for their work in the community. Here,

three residents of the Claremont area, left, Earle Pilkey, member of the Lion's Club, Dorothy Middleton, Claremont Women's Institute, and Kay Parker, who accepted a plaque for her husband, the late Les Parker, hold up their memories of that special night.

Promise from Minister

Budget increase for CAS

DURHAM REGION — Officials from the Children's Aid Society (CAS) reported last week that the province will allocate an eight per cent increase to the 1980 budget.

Regional Councillors Doug Dickerson, Gerry Fisher, and

CAS executive director, Barney Lewis met with the Hon. Keith Norton, minister of Community and Social Services to discuss provincial reforms of funding for the Society.

"The minister has recognized the costs associated

with special initiatives such as dealing with child abuse and foster care", said Dekerson.

It was also announced that the agencies will be told of the budget allocations much earlier.

"What this means is that the CAS won't have to present a

supplementary budget in mid-year which puts additional strain on the regional budget", said Fisher.

"And these steps will clear up much of the uncertainty that has affected this budget process in the past", added Dickerson.

Volunteers are commended

Late Les Parker

PICKERING — He was instrumental in making the civic awards night at reality; and on Nov. 21 a plaque was presented posthumously to his wife, Kay Parker for his outstanding involvement in the community of Claremont.

Les Parker was a founding member of the Claremont Lions Club, and

also a chartered president. Well-known for his involvement with the Canadian Red Cross and the Cancer Society, he also took an avid interest in the Youth of Today.

As a member of a previous civic recognition committee, he helped in the inception of the present award dinners.

Outstanding team

PICKERING — The Pickering High School Rifle Team was awarded a plaque for participation in the 1979 National Shooting Championships at a Civic Recognition banquet held at Sheridan Mall Nov. 21.

Cadets Bob Faragher, Darren Skuja, and Paul Larin, all of Pickering were

honored individually. The rest of the team are Cadets Jim Spratley, Richard Gauder, and Ray Jarvis.

The plaque, presented to Captain Pat Vamplew will be placed in the high school's trophy showcase of awards.

Principal Jim Robb sponsored the team, which won the shooting competitions last year as well.

Lost and Found

PICKERING — Two young Pickering residents have already learned what it means to be a good citizen, and for their efforts, they were recognized at a Civic Awards banquet held at Sheridan Mall, Nov. 21.

Lisa Kaus, 13, and Stuart Adair, 8, found two bags of stolen mail back in April in a garbage container in Balsdon Park. They reported it immediately, and the bags were returned to the Pickering Post Office.



Pickering mayor Jack Anderson congratulated Ken Brooks on his accomplishments and hard work in the town, and councillor Norah Stoner later presented him with a ring and scroll. Ken was a

founding member of the cubs and scouts in Greenwood and served as the District Commissioner for the OWASCO District.