

EDITOR'S MAIL

Town as it now is suits me just fine

Dear Mr. Thomas: Through The Tribune, I wish to reply to a recent letter from Peter Doran under the heading "No Growth-Bad News".

The fact that the cost of the addition to the Stouffville sewage plant came in at one million dollars over estimate, requires close consideration and, in my opinion, the project should be put on "hold".

What's wrong with Stouffville the way it is? It suits me and a lot more people just fine.

I'm glad Mr. Doran isn't a businessman. I'm also glad he isn't our mayor or a town councillor.

"Regardless of cost", he said. That reminds me of millionaire talk — like Mr. Trudeau who is ruining our country with his millionaire ideas.

I'm wondering if Mr. Doran is one of the persons living in a big

new house whose taxes were reduced this year while the taxes on older homes were increased.

I don't mind paying my share, but I refuse to pay \$40 more this year that someone else should be paying. My assessment was lowered but my taxes went up.

The Planning Board is kept extremely busy. If it wasn't for this group, our town would be in a real mess. Houses would be stuck up everywhere.

I remember how, before we had such a board, how two houses were placed on the edge of their lots, in fact the line ran right through the middle of one.

Every time a subdivision is created, up go my taxes. I'm fed up with subdivisions. I wonder how many realize their taxes were increased to pay for those whose taxes were decreased.

My lot measures 41' x 98'. My house is 40

years old with no garage. I'm charged \$630 taxes while another place I know has double the sized lot, a double garage and a comparatively new house (12 or 13 years old) and the taxes are only \$100 more.

Can't people see we must stop spending —

the rate of interest is staggering.

I would suggest to Mr. Doran that he leave well enough alone; mind his own business and keep his mouth shut — or move to some other town.

Sincerely,
D. Maye,
Stouffville.

Town growth is 'controlled'

Dear Mr. Thomas: I read with interest (and disgust) the "Council Comments" by Jim Sanders in the Nov. 19 edition of The Tribune.

When Mr. Sanders talks about his idea of "Controlled Growth", I hope he's not speaking for ALL members of Council. If so, then God help us.

The writer speaks as though our Town is "right on target" as far as growth is concerned, yet only recently I read that Whitchurch-Stouffville experienced a build-up of 30 (that's thirty) homes in 1980. That's CONTROLLED growth alright.

Reading between the lines, I'd say councillor Sanders is one of those who wishes the municipality (Stouffville included) to remain the 'cow town' it was thirty years ago. Lord knows we haven't advanced much farther.

As long as we have representatives "at the top" who hold these kind of beliefs and support these kind of policies, we'll go absolutely nowhere.

Sincerely,
FRED BATES,
Manitoba Street,
Stouffville.

Welcome

Dear Editor: As a regular reader of The Tribune, I welcome Jim Sanders' column related to "what's going on" in Whitchurch-Stouffville's political circles. While a strictly personal viewpoint, it's food for thought and this is good.

I only hope Councillor Sanders has a thick skin and broad shoulders. He'll surely have his critics, something you as editor are undoubtedly aware.

So be it. The column gives the newspaper another perspective in an area that can only benefit the community.

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Despicable

Dear Editor:

I wish to make mention of the recent happenings at McMichael's Gallery at Kleinburg where the province has declared its contract null and void. It was my understanding that this contract was for perpetuity but now, after sixteen years, it's thrown out.

This has to be the most despicable trick of

all time. It makes me think we're being regimented into a police state. Is this a democracy? It smacks of communism to me.

Surely people will rise up and support Mr. and Mrs. McMichael and put a stop to this form of dictatorship before it gets out of hand.

Sincerely,
Bernard Burnell,
Brock Road,
Claremont.

Cube craze

PICKERING — The Rubik's Cube craze that spread across the country in recent weeks, is very popular in Pickering; so popular, a contest was held at Dumbarton High.

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