



**Council  
Comments**  
By  
**Jim Sanders**

**Our choice**

Council often refers to the "Westerly Approach Area" (WAA) as a place that deserves special consideration. The "WAA" is that land on both sides of the road between the village of Stouffville and Hwy. 48. It's an area in which Council wants "prime prestige industrial and commercial developments".

To achieve this, Council encourages proposals for clusters of buildings with a single road coming from the highway and circling within. Proposals of only one or two businesses with driveways leading directly to the highway are discouraged since they would result in accidents from traffic trying to get in and out of this main thoroughfare. Also, they cut off development of land farther back.

Although Whitchurch - Stouffville has a rural atmosphere, we are close to Toronto and are ideally situated for some industrial and commercial build-up. To make the best use of the agricultural land with which we are blessed, we should group our developments together. The "WAA" is an ideal area: It is close to an urban area; has excellent highway access; and is in a clean, quiet setting which can be major factors to an employer who is trying to attract and keep topnotch personnel. As well, this land is less expensive than sites closer to the city.

Council has set policies to encourage a high quality development in the "WAA" and I hope we stick to our guns.

Where parcels of land are small, owners must get together. This is especially true in the Ringwood area where several proposals have been made. However, they are either not of the quality encouraged, or, they are too dense and would create traffic hazards at an already busy intersection.

With a little co-operation and a determined effort on part of Council, we can have an entrance that will be comparable with and complimentary to the MacNeil and Cable Tech properties already here.

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**Viewpoint**

**Some parents not responsible**

By Jim Irving

I'm beginning to wonder why couples have children anymore.

Certainly, for many, the kids are an unwanted intrusion into their workaday world. After all, how can both Mom and Dad go off to the mill each day when junior is back home insisting they look in on him now and then?

And we all know how necessary it is that both parents carry a lunch pail now when there are two cars in the driveway, that trip to Rio (with the kids safely out of the way on the farm with grandma and grandpa); a TV in every room (well, maybe just a radio in the bathroom), and sundry other great cultural advancements, all deemed mandatory if one hopes to participate in the conversation at the neighbor's annual Christmas party.

That the mother stay at home is blasphemy of the worst sort now. We are all created equal, remember? That means, child-bearing, for example, ends with the exodus of junior from the womb into the room. From then on, he or she is the responsibility of anybody but the no-longer encumbered parents.

We've done our duty, they say; time now for the day care centres to take over. Not just any day care, mind you, we want the best. And we don't care how much it costs (you).

And cost you, they shall, especially if a recent brief to the Ontario government has its way.

And it will too, because what it proposes, even though demanding, illogical and all-round preposterous, is couched in that "We're doing it all for baby," language, which politicians don't have the courage to dismiss for what it is: the rantings of adolescent society in high gear.

So, you can count on the inclusion of this program in the nearest budget. And you know exactly what it asks for?

Well, here it is (in part) in the solemn prose of this hysterical group of me fanciers, who think the world owes their kids a loving, to say nothing of a pair of scissors and a roof over their sandboxes.

"Within 10 years, all pre-school children should have the right to attend universally accessible day care. Ontario must create an extra 10,000 new subsidized day care spaces immediately because of the critical shortage of spots. The government cannot ignore that many women work and grandparents often live too far away to help with the children (such nerve, grandpa and grandma). The recommendations (contained in a brief from 18 labor, education and social groups), include a call for a \$5 subsidy to all non-profit day-care centres and a call for legislation extending maternal and paternal paid leave."

I shall save the best for last. Regardez: "The rationalization that professional intervention damages the family structure, often made in defence of severe social service cutbacks, must be put to rest if we are to

honestly address the crisis faced by parents and children today."

I, especially like that part about the crisis faced by children. Tell them about it. I'm sure they had no idea the future was so bleak (they thought all along those two kindly people who had been showing them off to relatives and neighbors the past few months, would be there to look after them) or else they would have been picketing around their cribs.

If couples (I'm all for helping single parents) want day care centres, let them pay for them, themselves; they are hardly the responsibility of others. So far as the children are concerned, the only "rights" they seek in those early, formative years, are the out-

stretched arms of their parents; they aren't looking to commute so soon in life.

If there's any crisis, it's the one manufactured by parents - that there are no free baby-sitters, and what kind of a world would inflict that kind of a problem on them?

But, maybe not all is lost. A week ago, I was standing in line at the checkout counter of a local supermarket, when the young lady in front of me, laid her child down on the counter while she sought her money.

"How much do you think they'll charge you?" I asked, pointing to the baby.

"Oh, no," she replied, "this one's priceless."

Somehow, I just can't picture her supporting the brief.

**Editor's  
Mail**

**Pay for power**

Dear Jim:

I seldom write to the newspaper so two weeks in a row is something of a record.

However, I couldn't restrain myself when I read that the Stouffville Community Centre Board intends to "tax" ball players for the use of hydro power in the parks.

How narrow minded can any group be?

Surely, with recreation expenditures virtually "peanuts" compared to most municipalities, the Town can afford to cover this expense.

The park (or parks) can't be considered in the same light (no pun intended) as the arena and the pool where maintenance costs are high. Aside from cutting grass and other minor chores, there's little upkeep at all. Surely, then, the Town can provide floodlight power.

I wonder what would happen if all teams refuse? A summer-long "blackout" I suppose. Now wouldn't that be nice! Smarten up, people, you're being penny wise and pound foolish.

Sincerely,  
Cecil Miller,  
Stouffville, RR 3.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

What's happened to our Main Street this Christmas. It's terribly drab. Has the town lost its Christmas spirit? Over-commercializing the season is one thing but this is ridiculous.

Cathy Maxwell,  
Stouffer Street,  
Stouffville.

Dear Editor:

I agree in part with your editorial of Nov. 26 under the heading "Town Making Right Move In Recreation Overhaul".

I question, however, the need for a Parks and Recreation Board comprising 14 members. In my opinion, any group of more than five is unwieldy let alone fourteen.

I feel Council should re-consider a board so large. Half that many will accomplish much more.

Sincerely,  
Edwin Cassels,  
RR 3, Newmarket.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I'm not a consistent letter-writer when it comes to expressing my views in the media, but I want to put in a word of praise ('tis the season) for two people in our area.

One is Judy Barrett, our town's canine control officer and the other is Jim Ryan who performs a similar service near Gormley.

Miss Barrett is a kind, warm-hearted individual who shuns the "dog-catcher" image in favor of "dog protector." Mr. Ryan possesses the same kind of concern. We're truly fortunate to have both in our midst.

Sincerely,  
Greta McNabb,  
Stouffville, R.R. 4.

**Editorials**

**We need a positive symbol**

The Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville requires a symbol—something positive for which the municipality can be known across Ontario.

The idea's by no means unique. However, in most instances, it relates more to cities than to towns. Smaller centres, it would seem, are more modest in publicizing a singular benefit or attraction than are larger areas.

The Chamber of Commerce are wholly supportive of a symbol but not totally agreed as to what that symbol should be. Residents, forced to make a choice, could undoubtedly encounter a similar problem. Regardless, this newspaper believes you should be given that chance—an opportunity to chose an emblem

we can all point to with pride.

So that no one's confused, we're looking for a name, not a sketch. As Brampton is known as the Rose Town and St. Catharines is known as the Garden City so Whitchurch - Stouffville is known as ———. You fill in the blank.

In the weeks ahead, The Tribune will be publishing a form requesting recommendations. These can be mailed or delivered to our Office at Box 40 or 54-56 Main Street West. A committee will be set up to consider the replies and make a final decision, hopefully on or before Celebration Week, July 1 to 4.

We seek your co-operation.

**Had reason to celebrate**

On Nov. 22, the congregation of Lemonville United Church celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Newcomers to the community might have wondered at a "celebration" marking a milestone of only twenty years. What must be explained is the fact that Nov. 22, 1961 marked the re-birth of a church and congregation that had its beginning back in 1856.

This truly amazing story can best be told by those who, through sheer grit and determination, refused to stand idly by and see their church deteriorate and die.

One can only wonder at the reaction of the United Church hierarchy when, back in 1961, an application was received for permission to re-open this little country chapel for Sunday services once again. Facing an ever-

increasing casualty list in rural areas all across the province, Presbytery must surely have looked on the request as an exercise in futility, a die-hard experiment that would surely fail.

Whatever the reaction, they obviously agreed to give the undertaking a chance and to their credit and to the credit of the community, it's still operating to-day.

This picture postcard church, meticulously maintained inside and out, remains a monument to those, both past and present, who battled the trend of the times and won.

Yes, the congregation at Lemonville, had every reason to celebrate Sunday, Nov. 22. For their church, once dead, is alive again—a symbol of courage and co-operation.