

# On Sunset Boulevard Eighty-unit apartment

STOUFFVILLE — An 80-unit apartment building has been proposed for a site on the south-east corner of Sunset Boulevard and Albert Street, near the C.N.R. tracks.

Markham solicitor Don Hindson, spokesman for A & S Construction of Stouffville, told members of Planning Board

he's hoping the project "will provide the kind of rental accommodation in Whitchurch - Stouffville, I keep reading about in the paper".

A portion of the structure would be used for day-care, he said. He explained that because of its proximity to the railway,

considerable landscaping and berming would be required.

Councillor Tom Wood endorsed the proposal, saying: "Young people have to move out of town when they get married because there's no apartment accommodation here". He recommended the Board support it.

However, Mayor Eldred King, Councillor Charles Warden and Councillor Jim Sanders were cautious. Councillor Warden said the amount of traffic that could be generated had to be considered. Councillor Sanders voiced concern over population density in the area.

Mayor King said he realizes apartment space is at a premium here. "But there are certain things that must be addressed before we go blindly ahead". He pointed out that Albert Street is narrow and unable to accommodate many cars. Neither would it be feasible to direct all the traffic to the west. He suggested that such a site should be reasonably close to shopping.

"Just because we need apartments doesn't mean they should go in anywhere. By solving one problem, you can create another," he warned.

While not directly opposed, Mayor King said he considers it unfair to mislead a developer.

The applicants are Ken and Richard Sandiford and Don Anderson, all of Stouffville.

## Money wasted on top post

STOUFFVILLE — "Seventy-five thousand dollars in taxpayers' money down the drain".

That's Mayor Eldred King's judgment of a decision, two years ago, that created a single position of chief administrator in Whitchurch - Stouffville. The office is now vacant and, as far as Mayor King's concerned, should remain that way.

King feels the Town's too small to warrant this type of high-profile position. If such an employee is thought necessary, his (her) work should be

coupled with one or two other jobs as was the case with Ralph Corner, the mayor said. Mr. Corner served as clerk-treasurer and administrator.

Members of Council, said Mayor King, are always accessible to the public. Those who call the Office, he stated, usually ask for the Clerk.

While the subject of a replacement has not been discussed, King suggested an office supervisor might be appointed. "As far as I'm concerned, that's as far as we need to go."

## More homes

STOUFFVILLE — Town Planning Board has granted approval in principle to a 35-unit subdivision in the area of Stouffer Street South and Dorman Drive.

The proposal was presented by agent Ken May at

a meeting, Feb. 16. The homes, he said, would be single-family dwellings.

Councillor Bill Kamps, in voicing support, said the 60 foot lots and the density, complied with requirements of the Official Plan.

### License stickers

## Deadline near

STOUFFVILLE — Car license stickers for 1982 must be purchased within the next three days. Police will begin issuing tickets as of Sunday midnight.

The Stouffville License Bureau at 311 Main Street East, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday and from

9 a.m. till 12 noon, Saturday. If numbers are such that extended hours are required, Saturday, the Office will remain open during the afternoon, proprietor Marion Murphy told The Tribune.

The fee scale follows: Four cylinder cars - \$30; six cylinder - \$45; eight cylinder - \$60.

### Town couple

## Win \$10,000

STOUFFVILLE — "It nearly floored me". That was Mrs. Jim Eddington's response to the fact she'd just won \$10,000 in the Wintario Draw, Thursday.

She and her husband were watching the results on T.V. at their Elm Road apartment when her lucky number came up.

Mr. Eddington described his wife as "dumbfounded. He said it took her until Monday to come back down to earth."

Mrs. Eddington said she'd won "some little ones" on previous occasions, but nothing like last week's bonanza.

With a portion of their earnings, they're planning a trip out West—when the weather improves. A son, Lieut. Don Eddington is with the Canadian Armed Forces at a radar station 140 miles north of Winnipeg.

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Mayor Al Duffy of Richmond Hill participated in trophy presentations, Saturday night at the conclusion of inter-club figure skating competitions. Here he congratulates Christine Caterer, 12 (right) of Stouffer Street North and Elizabeth Gibb,

16, of Main Street West, both award winners from Stouffville. Christine placed first in Pre-Juvenile 'B' class and Elizabeth came second.

—Jim Thomas.

## Five town skaters win top trophies

STOUFFVILLE — There was great joy within the camp of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club, Saturday night.

Home town entries rolled up 30 points and captured five awards in competition at Richmond Hill that included participants from Newmarket, Markham, Aurora, Stouffville and Richmond Hill.

The championship trophy went to Newmarket with Markham finishing in the runners-up spot. Skater Jennifer Smith accepted the award. Individual presentations were made by Al Duffy, Mayor of Richmond Hill; Betty Weinert, Secretary on the Board of Directors, Newmarket Figure Skating Club and Stan Wilson, President of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club.

The following Stouffville skaters were honored: Christine Caterer, (1st), Pre-Juvenile Girls 'B'; Elizabeth Gibb, (2nd), Pre-Juvenile Girls 'B'; Marilyn Ferguson, (2nd), Novice Ladies; Stacey Lintner, (2nd), Juvenile Girls 'B'; and Shelly Coughlin, (3rd), Ladies Bronze.

The following Markham skaters were successful: Cathy Nuttall, (1st); Susan Graham,

(2nd); Vivan Armstrong, (2nd); Sharon Smylie, (2nd); Gia Guddat, (1st); Kathy Sulman, (3rd); Jackie McDonald, (1st); Kim Sulman, (2nd); Carolyn Bunting, (1st); and Paul Ignagni, (2nd).

The competition's coordinator was Joan Armstrong of Richmond Hill. There were 105 entries.

Twelve year old Christine Caterer, Stouffer Street North,

topped the Pre-Juvenile Girls 'B' class with an excellent performance in both figures and free-style. Her teacher is Kevin Robertson. Elizabeth Gibb, a first-time competitor, placed second. Her coach is Julia Faggiani of Sandford. Elizabeth comes by her ability honestly. Her mother is an accomplished speed skater. The family resides at 51 Main Street West.

## Find no fun at Funland

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's "Funland Family Game Centre" at 58 Main Street West, was anything but fun for the crowd of kids that lined up at the door, Friday afternoon.

The enterprise, featuring video and arcade machines, never opened, and was still closed as of 5 p.m., Tuesday.

According to a notice attached to the arcade door, the most recent tenant, Douglas Allen of Port Perry, failed to

obtain permission from the building's owner, Bing Ing of Keswick, to use the premises for such a purpose.

Questioned on the issue, Mayor Eldred King said the operation failed to meet Town requirements on two counts — insufficient parking and failure to produce a signed lease from the owner.

The mayor explained that if zoning laws are met, the municipality can regulate but not prohibit such ventures.

### Proposed changes at S.D.S.S.

## Praise school plan

STOUFFVILLE — A recommendation by Principal Michael Muir that S.D.S.S. become a "community school" in an effort to halt a down-trend in attendance and better utilize present facilities, has prompted a positive response from Board of Education trustee, Harry Bowes.

The success of such a move, says Bowes, will depend on the response of adults in the area. "I think it's great, but I'm not sure of the reaction," he said. The former board

chairman indicated the principal will have to make a decision soon so as to prepare for an increased enrolment in the fall.

With only 750 students expected in September, Mr. Muir would like to swing wide the doors at Stouffville High and welcome adults to regular day classes. There's accommodation at S.D.S.S. for over 1,200 in total.

While the board may be interested, Harry Bowes looks on the issue as "strictly an

administrative matter". "I don't think the trustees should get too involved," he said.

The only alternative, he pointed out, is a re-alignment of school boundaries that would bring students in from as far distant as Mount Albert.

As to providing day-care for young mothers, Bowes sees the possibility of incorporating such a service into a Child Development Course under Family Studies. In this way, it would serve two purposes, he said.

## "Prove pollution"

STOUFFVILLE — Dr. Owen Slingerland, York Region's Medical Officer of Health says at this point in time he can only assume the pollutants found in well water on the property of Neil McLean, R. R. 2, Stouffville, originated from York Sanitation's landfill site.

Addressing a news conference, Friday, at the home of Fran Sainsbury, Ninth Line North, Dr. Slingerland said he requires "absolute proof" before making a move to close the dump. "I'm not about to make some half-cocked statement," he said, adding that "sitting in the centre" one needs the wisdom of a Solomon to arrive at a conclusion. "I'm only human," he said.

While stopping short of a recommendation on the dump site itself, the regional M.O.H. called for closure of the McLean well and the transporting of water to the premises from an outside source. Dr. Slingerland admitted that test results as made public by Josef Smarda of Calgary, an analytical chemist, hired by the Concerned Citizens Committee, had "cast more doubt" on the quality of water at the McLean residence. He admitted, too, that discrepancies in the Environment Ministry's analysis and independent tests, created problems "we must try and straighten out".

The M.O.H. said closing down the landfill would produce no immediate benefit. "What's needed is some sort of containment program." However, several citizens sitting in on the conference disagreed. One was Cathy

Hope, R. R. 3, Stouffville. "Stop the dumping now and worry about the clean-up after," she advised.

Mr. McLean described the odor that saturated his house and the oil scum visible in the water. "It (the oil) was so

thick, I could write my name in it," he said. However, a letter dated Dec. 18 over the signature of Environment Minister Keith Norton stated in part: "Our regular monitoring of your raw water supply has not revealed any cause for alarm."

Smarda described this conclusion as "astounding". "My findings," he said, "revealed that the concentration levels of phenols in the water are definitely harmful to the human body".

Dr. Otto Merez, a laboratory technician with the Environment Ministry said that while not dismissing Smarda's findings, he felt tests carried out by the province here were the most extensive done anywhere.

Smarda said he had completed only a single test at the McLean property but had taken no water samples from taps in Stouffville.

Town Mayor Eldred King pressed for answers as to what the Ministry should do to come up with similar results. Smarda replied that the University of Toronto has equipment to do the job.

At the meeting's conclusion, David Probert, a witness to the proceedings, described the event as "a memorable day". He praised the work of Dr. Slingerland. "He's doing a fine job for us," he said.



Josef Smarda, a Chemical Technologist from Calgary, points to the residue in a test sample of water taken from a well on the property of Neil McLean, R.R. 2, Stouffville. —Jim Thomas.