



**Council
Comments**
By
Jim Sanders

Expansion

The expansion to the sewage plant in Stouffville will allow for new development in the former village. It will permit up to 3000 new people in the former village. Dulverton is planned for 2000 leaving us with capacity for an additional one thousand.

It appears the additional capacity will be used primarily for single family detached houses. Also, there will probably be some town houses and some multiple dwelling units.

This additional development for 1000 people will be infilling in 16 places in various locations throughout the Village. All of these are presently designated "Urban Residential" in the new Official Plan. Thus, they have all been presented, over the years, at meetings held to discuss the new O.P.

These 16 sites total approximately 112 acres. Within the Village, we have a density of approximately 13 people per acre. It is clear then, that not all these properties will be allowed to develop since we have capacity for only 1000.

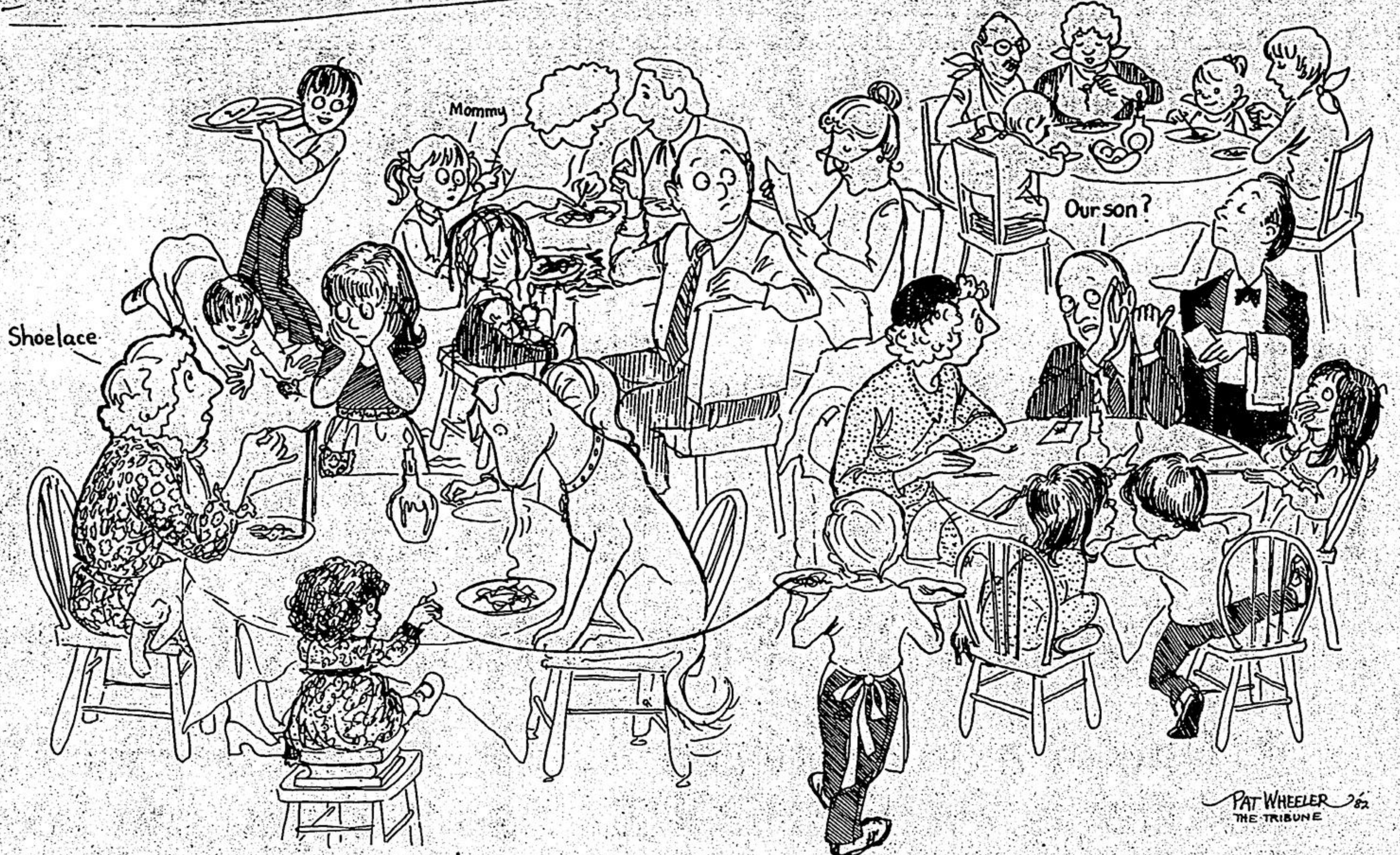
Maps indicating both the Dulverton development and the additional infilling spots that could be developed are on display at the Public Library.

In summary, we can expect within five years to have approximately 3000 new residents in Stouffville. It is important that we are ready for this increase in population, especially in terms of recreational programs and facilities.

P.S. Copies of the Master Plan for Culture and Recreation are available at the Town Office for purchase, and at the Public Library for reference.

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Viewpoint

"Victims" of roving eyes?

By Jim Irving



While King Lear may be all right in the classrooms, King Lear is definitely out, according to Durham Board of Education.

Not so long ago, a committee headed by Claremont Trustee Linda Carder, brought forth a policy against sexual harassment in the schools. This included such horrendous actions as "leering and gawking." The latter two weren't defined, but they were listed anyway, as something to be avoided on pain of indictment.

I asked Mrs. Carder if there had been any complaints of harassment. "No, but it's there," she said. "You can't tell me it isn't. People are people."

Mrs. Carder has always struck me as a woman of good sense, impatient with phonies and the pomposity that often accompanies school resolutions. So I was surprised she'd mount this particular bandwagon. If anything, it seems to be looking for trouble; it's also presupposes that women alone are the "victims" of roving eyes and panting tongues. No man was ever ogled by a woman, apparently.

It doesn't matter. No one ever died from

being "leered" at by a member of the opposite sex; in fact, such tidbits of admiration are appreciated by both sides. In fact, it keeps one young to have a friendly look of appraisal now and then.

If someone is truly harassed in a sexual manner, it should hardly be necessary to have to consult some hastily drawn-up rule book to see if any action should be taken.

Let's hope the board doesn't get so carried away with its new legislation that it reaches the point where teacher and pupil may no longer be able to exchange glances in the hall without fear of mutual charges.

It's been a start and stop stay for Funland Games Centre.

No sooner had it moved into its new premises at 85 Main Street West, after receiving approval from council, then the owner of the building posted a notice on the door forbidding it to open.

At the time of application, Councillor Tom Wood waving a copy of a letter from the owner, warned of just such a possibility if

council approved, and suggested the applicant be thus advised.

Mayor Eldred King vetoed the idea, however.

"It's not for us to sit in judgment," he said, slightly pious in his inflexibility. That it was hardly a matter of sitting in judgment, but one of simply telling the truth, seemed to be lost on everyone, but Councillor Wood.

Now, having given its approval, and having witnessed the subsequent closing of the arcade, the Town has decreed that the place doesn't have sufficient parking, and should it open, would be fined each and every day thereof. It is also demanding a signed lease from the owner.

Why then, did it give approval in the first place?

It's a callous and irresponsible way for the Town to act. If council doesn't want such centres, let them say so at the outset.

At least at the centres, when you put your coin in, you have a chance of winning a free game. At council, if its handling of this is any indication, the game's over before it starts.

Editorials

Make apartment a reality

At long last, a private construction company has indicated interest in erecting an eighty-unit apartment building in Stouffville.

This is indeed good news for the town for, not only is the firm (A & S Construction) already based in Stouffville and extremely dependable, it owns the property where the project is planned. This provides the necessary assurance the work will be done right, unlike some we've seen in other municipalities.

Apart from this, the need is urgent, so urgent, in fact, we predict a waiting list sufficient to fill the place long before the first sod is turned — if it ever is.

For some strange reason, Planning Board (with the exception of Councillor Tom Wood), appeared very cautious when the application was presented. Rather than welcoming the proposal with open arms and offering to cooperate in every possible way, some members took a negative stance, suggesting reasons

why it shouldn't rather than should go ahead. Personally, we're floored by this pessimistic approach.

While the site may not meet all the criteria of accommodation excellence, such points are trivial compared to need. Couples, particularly young marrieds or those soon-to-be-married, are constantly searching for places to live. And no one knows this better than the classified ad manager of this newspaper. Every week she's confronted by people literally pleading for advance notification of apartments for rent in this area. Unfortunately, there are none, or if there are, they're 'snapped up' ahead of time through word of mouth.

The Planning Board should welcome the initiative shown by this firm and indicate a willingness to overcome whatever obstacles may lie ahead. From what we've seen so far, the most perplexing obstacle to overcome will be Planning Board itself.

Administrator not needed

Mayor Eldred King is right. Whitchurch-Stouffville doesn't require the services of a high-salaried chief administrator. The town isn't that large nor is it growing that fast that it needs a full-time "administrator" to oversee the duties of other department heads. From our vantage point, each in his or her own way is coping quite well.

This is not to say Harold Caldwell, the past employee, didn't do justice to his job. He did. But the job didn't do justice to him; the municipality isn't yet ready for this type of

high-profile personnel. Undoubtedly, Mr. Caldwell realized this more than anyone, hence his decision to move on.

Most people, seeking information of a general nature, will call on the Clerk. If it's something specific in planning, building, finances, canine control, etc., there are knowledgeable department managers available to provide the answers. Then, of course, there's always the mayor and six members of council to respond to problems related to politics. So who needs more? Not Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Editor's Mail

Bad news travels far-fast

Dear Jim:

I thought you might enjoy reading the news article published in our Fort McMurray (Alberta) Today newspaper dealing with the York Sanitation landfill site. It was headed "Dotting The Landscape With Deadly Pins" and appeared in the Feb. 7, 1982 issue.

I found it amazing and almost unbelievable. It also made me realize "what a small world it is."

Our home in Goodwood is only six miles away from the landfill operation. Here we are in Fort McMurray, about 2,000 miles away and reading about it.

We arrived in Fort McMurray last August from Goodwood. I accepted a teaching position here. We are enjoying the experience but we still love the Stouffville-Goodwood area. We have continued to maintain our home Goodwood. I haven't decided if I'll remain one more year. The school board is very progressive but because of the transient population, the students are difficult to handle.

I understand a decision will be handed down soon on an application to expand the York Sanitation site. Knowing how government operates, it will probably favor expansion. I trust

you'll keep us informed through The Tribune.

There also appears to be another controversial issue on the horizon — a liquid industrial waste plant proposed at the property of Standard Aggregates on the Whitchurch-Stouffville and Uxbridge townline.

The organization called UXTRA (Uxbridge Township Ratepayers Association) was always concerned about the possibility of abandoned gravel pits becoming landfill sites. Offers from disposal companies to operators of gravel pits can be very attractive since these operators get paid to fill in the large holes rather than pay out money to rehabilitate the land.

We enjoy receiving The Tribune. It keeps us in touch with our friends, our family and the community we love so much. The only problem, it's about two weeks late in arriving, but we really don't mind, it's still news from home.

We wish to say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Van Bell, our next-door neighbors in Goodwood for the gift subscription to your paper.

Sincerely,
BARBARA TINDALL,
249 Gregoire Crescent,
Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On a slippery, snowy day recently, while driving through Stouffville at noon, I saw many children playing on the piled up banks by the side of the road.

They were having a wonderful time, chasing each other, pushing and shoving.

I love seeing children have fun, but their enjoyment could have turned into a tragedy if one of these little ones had slid down the wrong side onto the highway.

Through your newspaper, I'm asking parents and teachers to warn kiddies against this practice. Stouffville has seen enough tragedy lately, we don't need any more.

Sincerely,
Cathy Paszat,
R.R. 3, Claremont.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a cheque for my Tribune subscription covering two years.

I hope this reaches you soon as I do not want to miss our weekly newspaper. It's like a letter from home. I resided in the area many years.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Crosby Sampson,
1200 Bethel Avenue,
Avon Park, Florida.