

The Tribune

A Metroland Community Newspaper

VOL 95 NO. 18

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

25 CENTS

14 pages

Healthy pay boost Board gains

York Region Board of Education chairman Michael Neill told trustees at last Monday night's meeting that the proposed 33% increase in honorarium "was reasonable" when compared to other boards and municipalities. His remarks preceded a vote to increase trustee's allowance from \$7,200 to \$9,944 as from Dec. '82, with a further increase of 6% in '83 and an additional increase of 5% in Dec. '84.

Seven members spoke against an increase, stating that their position was one of public service that did not require measurement in terms of monetary gain.

Trustee Craig Cribar (Newmarket) delivered an impassioned plea for restraint, stating that to refuse an increase

may not solve the country's problems, but it is at least a start in the right direction.

The restraint theme was also that of Bill Monroe (Newmarket) who deplored the provincial government's decision to let local boards set their own scale of remuneration. He asked "Are we getting too greedy?" We cannot justify an increase by what other groups are doing. Must we measure everything in terms of dollars and cents?

Ruth Reesor (Vaughan) was also quick to condemn the provincial government's decision. Along with Trustee Audrey Hall (Georgina) she refused to vote for an increase; both ladies pleaded embarrassment at being put in such an invidious position.

Trustee Harry Bowes

(Whitchurch-Stouffville) also voiced strong disapproval of an increase. "I don't know about other municipalities, but I do know that there are an awful lot of people in Whitchurch-Stouffville who do volunteer work year after year with no recognition or remuneration whatsoever. I feel I am well paid with my present honorarium and cannot in all conscience support an increase."

Most politically partisan speech of the evening came from Trustee Colin Goodfellow (Markham) who stated "...I do

not believe in forced labor. Ottawa is not following its own guidelines. The six and five per cent solution is not possible except in the minds of federal Liberals. It is a political ploy. The exercise in restraint is an exercise in mental gymnastics," he concluded.

Nearly all trustees spoke on the motion, which was passed by eleven votes to seven.

Other trustees who spoke against the motion were: Ken Taylor (East Gwillimbury) and Glenn MacAlpine (Richmond Hill).

Balloon pays off

Have you ever wondered what happens to all those balloons, the ones with special messages promising the finder a reward if returned, that are released at special functions? You could search for a thousand years and never find one. Yet, strangely enough, there are occasions when you hear from someone who actually picked one up.

On July 19, after spending the weekend at Toronto Island, John and Lynda Lilleberg of Elm Rd. Stouffville, along with their two sons, Brian 13 and Brad 10, set sail for Frenchman's Bay in their sailboat "Freestyle." En route, Brian spotted a balloon floating on the surface and managed to retrieve it.

The balloon had been released from Lake Orion, Michigan, by a lake attending a Community Day event sponsored by the local Parks and Recreation department. Attached to the balloon was a card, stating that the person finding the balloon that had travelled furthest before August 1, '82 would receive a \$25 reward. Brian received his cheque last Friday.

The twist to the story came minutes later when Brad spotted a second balloon just a quarter-of-a-mile away. This one had been released in Kitchener, Ontario, by someone participating in a contest sponsored by MacDonald's and Famous Players theatres; Brad is still waiting to hear if he has won a Big Mac or a pair of theatre tickets.

Deadline change

There'll be an early deadline at The Tribune for real estate, classified and display ads, Labor Day week-end.

Those wishing to place ads, must have them in by 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3. The regular Monday deadline will resume the following week.

Wine at festival

STOUFFVILLE - Wine will be part of the festivities when Christ Church Anglican holds its fund-raising barbecue and festival, Sept. 18.

According to a spokesman, the church will convert its basement into a wine cellar for the occasion, and will sell the beverage along with its baked goods and barbecued chicken.

Gordon Watt, a member of the festival committee, said the selling of wine would be a first for the Stouffville church, but that "other churches in the area have done it before."

"We've checked very carefully to see that it doesn't infringe on church canons," he said.

He said he hadn't heard of any opposition to the plan, but one member of the church told The Tribune he would not be partaking in the festivities because of the decision.

Money raised from the event, which starts at 10 a.m. and goes to 7 p.m., will be going toward paying off the church mortgage.

Well, well!

STOUFFVILLE - Well, well, well.

That wild well at the Department of Natural Resources' coho salmon fish hatchery, at Ringwood, is still gushing, despite promises that it would be all under control by last week.

The well was dug in July, with the department looking for "a few hundred gallons." Instead, it got "a few thousand," and the end isn't in sight yet.

Margaret Mack, assistant hatchery manager, said that, while the flow had still not been stopped, it had decreased considerably, with "just a little coming out around the ground."

She said they had drilled another well, which they were using to pump the water level down, and were now awaiting delivery of a screen for use in putting cement down the well to seal it.

The "wild" also cut off the water supply of five nearby residents, who were subsequently supplied with water tanks by the department. However, Don Burd, who, with his wife, Joyce, operates Burd's Trout Fishing Pond, down the road, found the water flow into his ponds reduced from 150 gallons a minute - the amount necessary to maintain the proper temperature in them - to 50 gallons a minute.

This week, despite the department's claims that it has its own well subdued, Burd said there had been no change "whatsoever" at his own.

It is expected to be at least another week before the well at the fish hatchery is brought completely under control.

May up rent

STOUFFVILLE - Testa Villa isn't the only apartment block in town facing a stiff rent increase.

Tenants at both 85 and 105 Winlane Drive have received notice they'll be paying more, with the former's boost slated for Sept. 1, and the latter's for Oct. 1.

Some secondary charges on such as air conditioning units and freezers, have already gone into effect at 105, a resident of the block, told The Tribune.

According to the tenant, as of August 1 this year, a monthly charge of \$3, or \$35 annually, was assessed for freezers, and a charge of \$4 a month, or \$50 a year, for air conditioners.

The proposed rent is 27.86 per cent, the tenant said, with the average one-bedroom going up to \$335, from \$262. Those with broadloom, or of a larger size, face increases that would take them up to \$363 and \$370, respectively.

A two-bedroom with broadloom, could be as much as \$409, the tenant said. A fee of \$12 for parking, was also said to be proposed.

The resident said that planned repairs to the laundry room, and a new roof for the building, had still to be carried out.

At 85 Winlane, residents face hikes of from \$90 to more than \$100, for one-bedroom apartments, according to spokesmen there.

"They also told us it could be more," said one resident.

Two-bedroom apartments are said to face an increase of about \$20.

"We've been well looked after, however," said one of the tenants. "I've no complaints."

They said there was no additional charge for parking.

Neither the superintendent at 85 or 105, would comment on the proposed increases.

At Testa Villa, increases as much as 48 per cent, are in the offing. Rental hearings on all three apartment buildings are expected to be heard sometime in September.

Jail term

A 17-year-old Stouffville youth was sentenced to eight months in jail, plus two years' probation, following his conviction in Newmarket Court of break, entry and theft.

Court was told that Cameron Frazer, had broken into three homes, a music store and the Stouffville Library; the latter on three occasions when cash and property were taken.

Judge David Scott was told that, while awaiting trial on the charges, the accused was charged with shoplifting. He was described by his counsel as "an immature person, who cannot cope with his problems."

In handing down the jail sentence, Judge Scott said that "attention to rehabilitation has been tried before without success; a prison term would be necessary to act as a deterrent."



A pair of champions

Linda Joyce of Kennedy Road, R.R.1, Unionville and her Morgan mare "Katinka" are a winning combination. The pair won the Open English and Open Western Classes, as well as both championships at the C.N.E. Morgan horse competitions recently. Look out for them both in the forthcoming Uxbridge and Markham Fairs.

Dream home 'Nightmare'

STOUFFVILLE - Despite the eloquent pleas of two brothers that their "dream home was becoming a nightmare," an appeal against their application for a land severance, was upheld at an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing at Latham Hall, last week.

Judith Hendy, who conducted the hearing, told Donald Hindson, counsellor for Enrico Marra, Bethesda Siderod, and his brother, Domenic, of Toronto, that he had failed to present a "prima facie" case during his three-and-a-half hour presentation, and concluded the hearing at that time.

As a result, Paul Mingay solicitor for the Town of Stouffville, which had instituted the action, an appeal against a decision of the land division committee supporting the application, was not obliged to speak.

A prima facie case deals with the presentation of evidence deemed adequate to establish a fact, or presumption of same.

Hindson had argued that the Marra brothers in their application to sever their 10-acre piece of land at Bethesda Siderod and Kennedy Ave., into two five-acre parcels, had met all the requirements of the by-law covering minor variances.

Their place was well-treed, had frontage in excess of that of other houses nearby, and, of 39 properties in the area, 22 were under the 10 acres required by the by-law.

"Minor variance is a relative expression," said Hindson, "and must be interpreted to the situation involved. A good deal of flexibility must be given to its interpretation."

Hindson said there had been "no demonstrative adverse effect shown to adjoining owners."

In his testimony, Enrico Marra said that he, his wife, and his brother and his wife, had purchased the property in 1969, with the idea of building homes for both families on it.

The planning department of the then Township of Whitchurch, told them it would be all right," he said.

An application for a severance was made in 1973 to the Township of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the witness said.

and it was refused. Subsequent applications to York Region and the OMB, were also turned down.

Later on, a petition, which showed the neighbors 33 to 3 in favor, was presented to council, but it, too, was turned down, as was another appeal to the OMB in 1980.

After some members of the new council, under Mayor Eldred King, inspected the property, a by-law was drawn up proposing rezoning, Marras said. It was dropped, however, when comments from residents were 19 to 6 against.

The last appeal by the defendants was to the committee of adjustment, which approved their application.

Marra said that he and his family had planted 3,000 trees on the lot, after clearing it of rocks, and had worked to keep it in good condition.

The present situation was "creating a hardship," Marra said. Granting the severance would "give my brother the opportunity to build a home. He doesn't do that everyday."

He said he had tried to farm the land by himself, "but all I got was a bale of hay."

Said Chairman Hendy: "The question has nothing to do with what's best for your family. The decision has to be made on the general planning for the area."

Domenic Marra said that the two families wanted to live close together. "It's not a crime," he said. "There's lots of room."

He said the other OMB chairman had told him not to give up, there was "more than one way to skin a cat."

Planning consultant Derek Willis, of Scarborough, after describing the Marras property and others nearby, said that "in terms of the official plan, it's (the proposal) not creating an extension to residential development."

When asked by the chair if it were a minor variance, Willis said it was, as it "doesn't alter the character of the area."

In her ruling, however, Hendy said the proposal was "not compatible with the development."

Extend license

STOUFFVILLE - Town Council, last week, gave its support to an application from William T. Rennie Transport Ltd., for an extension to its public commercial vehicle operating license.

The application before the Ontario Highway Transport Board, would allow the company to pick up and deliver part loads, instead of just full load loads, to any destination in Ontario.

Lorne Morgason, of Lorne's

Transport, RR 2, Markham, told council he was opposed to it "just supporting Rennie," you should support all.

Although Morgason has not applied for a similar extension, he told The Tribune he wanted to see what council's stand would be in the matter.

In moving support in principle, Councillor Bill Kamps said that present regulations were such that it often took "three trucks to deliver one litre box."



All in a good cause

Collecting their pledge sheets from Barb Schell, Travis White (centre) and Derek Hamilton are just two of the many Stouffville youngsters who will be entered in the Terry Fox Run on September

19. It is hoped that many others will follow their example. Pledge sheets are available in most local stores.

—Jim Holt