

# Town rejects landfill plebiscite

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council was given two days to respond to a plebiscite request, related to the June 30 closing of the Hwy. 48 landfill site.

However, it took members more like two minutes to reach a decision—definitely no.

The Concerned Citizens' Committee, favoring the

June 30 shut-down of the dump, asked Town support of a vote, so the wishes of the people might be ascertained. The appeal, submitted before a packed chamber, Jan. 11, was later rejected.

Mayor Eldred King had made it known earlier, he favored an "out-of-court settlement." "To lock the

(dump) site is one thing, but to provide safe closure is far more strategic," he told the meeting. Reading from a prepared statement he said: "The monitoring program designed by the Town and the Ministry, will assure us a safe aquifer and environment."

He emphatically denied that 750,000 tons of additional

waste requested by the dump owners, was a compromise. "The site will be closed—safely closed," he said.

The mayor's statement included strong criticism of "the press and the media." He described the coverage as "sensational journalism"

Mayor King's reply followed a lengthy debate between himself and Fran Sutton, head of the Concerned Citizens' Committee. Mrs. Sutton urged the mayor "to renew our faith in the democratic system. People think the government is for them," she said. She asked Council not to enter into a negotiated settlement until

after the results of a plebiscite are known.

She estimated this would take up to 90 days.

Councillor Tom Wood commented that if certain water supplies are already poisoned, the date of the dump's shut-down is not important. "What we need is a new water system," he said.

Mayor King wanted to know the extent of the Citizens' membership, to which Mrs. Sutton replied "several hundred".

Councillor Fran Sainsbury expressed a fear that the dump "will affect the town forever." "Everyone should do what they think is right," she concluded.

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## "Concerned Citizens" Group vows to fight on

STOUFFVILLE — Despite Council's plans for a negotiated settlement, the Concerned Citizens' Committee is continuing its fight for the June 30 (1983) closing of the Hwy. 48 landfill site.

This was the shut-down date announced in the Legislature last April by Environment Minister Keith Norton. The Citizens' group feels there should be no extension.

The Appeal Board hearing resumes today, at which time the Town is expected to announce approval of a site protection agreement.

The Concerned Citizens had requested the settlement be delayed and that the issue be put to a vote. This was denied. Now, the Committee plans to proceed on its own, allowing two weeks for residents to become better acquainted with the issue. A ballot will be published in The Tribune.

Fran Sutton, spokesperson for the Citizens, said a result, contrary to Council's stand, will be submitted to the Environment Minister. She said too, that a meeting between a

committee of town pastors and Mr Norton is a strong possibility.

"The time has come for the people to say "no" to this merry-go-round," she continued.

## Claim critics hurting town

STOUFFVILLE — The packed municipal chambers, Jan. 11, wasn't totally indicative of opposition to the Town, as Mayor Eldred King and members of Council considered a request from the Concerned Citizens' Committee to carry out a plebiscite on the landfill site issue.

Two residents, Susan Myers and Ken Sandiford, made separate presentations, expressing support for Council's action in trying to bring about "a safe site closure."

Sandiford, a building contractor, said he found it "diffi-

Mrs Sutton said she's afraid the extended date will mean more than "previous promises." "The people are bitter and disillusioned," she concluded, "we've had enough."

"If they truly believe there is such a health hazard, why did they move here; and why are they still here?" he asked.

They should not be "totally bent on destroying what still happens to be a fine community in which to live," the speaker said.

"The whole matter should be left in, what he described as, "the capable hands of the mayor and council".

Sandiford also took a verbal shot at the media, suggesting they were interested only in the negative aspects of the case.

Mrs. Myers claimed that if the wishes of the Concerned Citizens' were to be followed, the town would be left with "a mess to clean up and poor water to deal with at taxpayers' expense."

"This group (the Citizens' Committee) is definitely not speaking for everyone. There are two sides to every coin and that's why we're here," she said.

"We realize we have a problem, but we don't think it's necessary to drag our town through the mud anymore."

"Negotiating for a safe site closure makes more sense than demanding a June site closure," she said.

Mayor King received the presentations without comment.



On Jan. 15, Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, Church Street, Markham, Woods, Dorothy Binsted, Nelda Graham and Helen Maxwell with marked her 100th birthday. In celebration of the occasion, friends whom she lives. She has eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. including her five daughters (left to right) Muriel Coulson, Nora

## Mrs William Maxwell

# Centennial milestone

MARKHAM — With friends and family present, it was a memorable weekend for Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, Church Street, Markham. The occasion was a celebration in honor of her 100th birthday. Her home was filled with well-wishers, both Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs Maxwell, the former Ida Tran, was born on the 10th Concession of Markham and attended Mongolia and Cedar Grove Public Schools. With the exception of a brief period in Pickering, she has lived her entire life in Markham.

The close relationship between Mrs. Maxwell and her five daughters is an association she appreciates. All were present Saturday (at the same time)—Muriel (Coulson) and Nora (Woods), both of Paradise Avenue, Markham; Dorothy (Binsted), Toronto; Nelda (Graham), Franklin Street, Markham and Helen (Maxwell), Church Street, Markham.

There are 15 great-

grandchildren—Cathy and Rob Graham; Mark, David, Scott, Danny and Dougie Binsted; Dawn McArthur, Karen Singleton, Mary, Jamie and Peter Binsted; Mathew and Andrea Prentice and Sarah Coulson.

A sister, Mrs Fannie Sharp, lives in Sheridan, Wyoming. She called her good wishes by phone.

Other messages of congratulations were received from—Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Opposition Leader Joe Clark, Premier Wm. Davis, M.P. John Gamble, M.P.P. Don Cousens, Mayor Tony Roman and

Members of Markham Town Council.

Mrs Maxwell is a member in the congregation of St. Andrew's United Church and a charter member of Alberta Rebekah Lodge. She enjoys reading, watching television and most of all, visiting family members and friends. Over the years, she's made many quilts and afghans and during the War, knit dozens of pairs of socks for the "boys" overseas.

The Tribune is pleased to join others in extending congratulations to a wonderful lady on a wonderful weekend.

## World record

BLOOMINGTON — The Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville may soon be included in the Guinness Book of World Records. If so, it will owe the honor to a horse.

This week, "Big Sid", an eight-year-old Belgian gelding, owned by Murray and Marian Grove of R.R. 2, Stouffville, was exposed to an exacting measurement to see if he beats the tallest in the world.

The current record is 19 hands, 1 1/2 inches. There are four inches in a hand.

"We think he's a little over," Murray told The Tribune.

Present for the "taping" were Barbara Myers of Schomberg, Secretary of the Canadian Belgian Association; Stephen Lewis, R.R. 1, Unionville, President of the Clydesdale Association; Don Tribbling of Mount Albert, Past-President of the Percheron Association and Town Mayor Eldred King.

"Big Sid", who rose to prominence during a hockey fund-raising exhibit at Markham Fair, tips the scales at almost 2,700 pounds. Now retired, he was once a member of the Grove family's six-horse team. Murray raised him from a foal.

## Charged in death crash

STOUFFVILLE — A charge of criminal negligence has been laid against a Whitby man in connection with the traffic death, Jan. 9, of Edward Thornhill, 60, of Boyer St., Stouffville.

Mr. Boyer was killed instantly when the truck he was driving was in collision with another vehicle on Brock Rd., north of Highway 2, in Pickering.

Charged is Aaron Ralph Perry, who is already facing dangerous driving charges in two other matters.

According to police, the accident occurred when a car travelling in the wrong lane, struck the north-bound Thornhill vehicle.

Mr. Thornhill was on his way home from Roadway Transport in Oshawa, where he'd been employed for 14 years.

He and his wife, Stephanie, had resided in Stouffville for 25 years.



Bill Walker (left), Immediate Past President of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, (Markham Fair), presents the gavel to his successor, Barry Little, at the conclusion of the annual meeting, Jan. 12.

# Markham Fair record profit

MARKHAM — "Probably the strongest balance sheet in the history of Markham Fair". That is how chartered accountant Ed Bobet of the auditing firm of Elliott, Bobet and Company, described the 1982 financial statement of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society. The annual meeting was held Wednesday night.

Net profit on the year was placed at \$61,868, an increase of over \$52,000.

A record attendance plus an increased admission price, brought in \$173,345. The concessions, including the midway and commercial exhibits, exceeded \$58,000; entry fees and memberships \$10,266; races \$6,640 and rentals \$30,281. Banquets and dances, including a successful Fair Queen Contest, realized \$11,690.

While earnings were up by almost \$65,000, there was also an increase in expenses—about \$20,000. A total of \$60,336 was paid

out in prizes alone.

President William (Bill) Walker, in his address to the membership, attributed the success of Markham Fair to "a deep and manifest commitment to the purpose and goals of this agricultural society". Referring to the Fair's place within the community, President Walker said: "Increased urbanization only serves to heighten the mandate to bridge the gap between rural and urban producer and consumer."

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The impact knocked him to the road, inflicting lacerations to his face. He also suffered concussion.

The motorist who hit the wire and inflicted the injury, did not stop.

Mr Sainsbury was taken by ambulance to Scarborough Centenary Hospital where he remained until Tuesday for treatment and observation.

## Helper hurt

BLOOMINGTON — A Bloomington area man, serving the role of a Good Samaritan, was injured Friday night in a freak accident on Ninth Line North, Whitechurch-Stouffville.

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