

Rec. Centre design approved

STOUFFVILLE — The go-ahead to prepare final design drawings for a planned Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Recreation Centre has been granted.

Hans Vierhuis of the Toronto firm of Proctor and Redfern (the Town's design engineers), was given the nod to proceed,

following Monday's meeting between council and representatives of the Town's sports organizations.

The discussion, which Mr. Vierhuis called a progress meeting, was held to review and consider intermediate drawings for Phase I (Arena) of the proposed

sports complex.

Only minor changes were made from a previous meeting, held Dec. 12, of the Users' Group. These include an increase in the size of the hockey and skating clubs; the availability of two dressing rooms to those using the soccer fields and an extension

of the meeting room on the upper floor.

"We're very pleased with the plans," said Gordon Ness, representing Stouffville's Amateur Hockey League. "I just hope we can get going on it—get it started."

One query at the meeting came from Ged

Stonehouse who asked if Jet Ice (which reportedly uses less energy) has been considered for the new ice surfaces. He was reassured that it would be looked at before any decisions are made.

Following approval of the final design drawings, which Mr. Vierhuis said should be com-

pleted in about four weeks, the project will go to tender.

"We hope to have construction started by the beginning of May and finished by the end of September," said Mr. Vierhuis.

The cost of the first phase of the project has been estimated at \$2.5

million. A double ice pad and a 25 metre indoor swimming pool, along with ground floor offices for staff and user organizations, will be included in phases 1 and 2.

Other phases of construction will include an auditorium, three (possibly six) squash courts and an exercise room.

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Building booms

STOUFFVILLE — For Whitchurch-Stouffville, the recession would appear to be over.

This conclusion was reached following receipt of the Town's 1983 Building Report, prepared by Chief Building Official Bruce Arrowsmith.

Value of construction during the past year totalled \$21,406,793.00, up almost thirteen million over '82. A total of 31 building permits were sold, the highest number since 1977 and 140 more than last year. Permit fees received amounted to \$117,470.00.

Thirty single-family homes were constructed along with nine accessory buildings and twelve additions. Two commercial buildings were erected and one industrial.

Mr. Arrowsmith called it "a major improvement" when compared to 1982, noting that only 15 per cent of the total was related to Dulverton (Fairgate Heights).

Clerk Pat Muir said the 42-unit apartment complex at Albert Street South and Sunset Boulevard was not included in the '83 report.

In this regard, councillor Tom Wood said multiple residential "still needs a shot in the arm".

A pet peeve

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council will consider reducing dog license fees paid by senior citizens.

The committee recommendation follows receipt of a letter from Mrs. George Dodd, R.R. 2, Stouffville, claiming cost of a tag for a second dog "outrageous".

Mrs. Dodd said she paid \$12 for one and \$32 for two. She suggested \$24 for both would have been fair.

Councillor Tom Wood said many senior citizens consider the figure extremely high. "I think we should look into it".

Councillor Jim Rae agreed, considering not only a reduced rate for seniors but fees charged for first and second dogs in other municipalities.

Councillor Margot Marshall claimed many rural residents keep two dogs on their properties.

"Two or ten, I'm not sure," replied Mayor Eldred King. He explained that the higher fee was meant to discourage more than one dog per household.



Stouffville's first baby in 1984

Meet Jessica Chewins, Whitchurch-Stouffville's first baby in 1984. Jessica arrived at 5:02 a.m., Jan. 2 at Scarborough Centenary Hospital, a second daughter for Roger and Susan Chewins and a baby sister for five-year-old Sarah. Proud grandparents are Harry and Barbara Schell, Sunset Blvd., Stouffville and Bert and Pat Chewins, Fort Myers, Florida.

—Jim Thomas

Fears pollution

WHITCHURCH — Landfill site skeletons keep rattling in Whitchurch-Stouffville's closet.

Former Ward 1 councillor Jim Doble opened the door just a little, last week, and painted a scary picture of what he saw.

Addressing a public meeting, Jan. 3, Doble voiced opposition to the inclusion of a ten-lot residential subdivision in the area of Kennedy Road, (Conc. 6) and the Aurora Road, about 1 1/2 miles from the Hwy. 48 dump.

While his remarks were directed mainly to a proposal put forward by Sohrab Developments Limited, the ex-councillor went a step further, asking that a moratorium be declared on all extensive residential build-up close to the landfill operation. He cited a section extending to St. John's Sideroad on the north; Kennedy Road on the west; Bethesda Road on the south and the Uxbridge townline on the east.

Doble said that to date, there are too many unknowns related to possible seepage from the site and diseases that could result. He said there's no way of knowing what direction the plume (run-off) may be flowing, "if at all" and no factual data concerning the government-authorized health study now underway. "It's still in the works, some place," he said. He requested Council adopt "a cautious approach".

Gary Ott, spokesman for

the development firm, said the company had hired a professional engineer to complete an evaluation study with no negative results.

With the exception of Councillor Jim Rae, members agreed to defer approval until such time as the objector's concerns are resolved.

Concern

STOUFFVILLE — "It could have been a catastrophe." That's how Fire Chief Walter Smith described an incident during a dance in Latham Hall, recently, when a lady's mink coat fell from a rack and burst into flames when it touched an electric heater located below.

For the anonymous owner, it undoubtedly was a catastrophe. Chief Smith said he wasn't aware of the extent of the damage, but said a fire had resulted.

Mayor Eldred King, on learning of the incident, expressed alarm that a clothes rack would be situated there and that a blaze should result. "We don't want a public building with that kind of hazard," he stated.

Mayor King recommended the fire chief take immediate steps to correct the problem and notify the Community Centre Board that the matter had been looked after.

Chief Smith said he learned of the incident from a Town Works Department employee, who was in the hall at the time.

"Hell of a way to start the New Year," commented councillor Margot Marshall.

Food store is planned for plaza

STOUFFVILLE — A Main Street West commercial site, that presently includes a hardware store and a pine furniture shop, will be expanded to accommodate a food store plus a free-standing building, if plans as presented are approved by Council.

Ken Sandiford of A & S Construction, accompanied by architect John Shaw and businessman Graydon Card, made their proposal public Jan. 3.

The location is east of Palmwood Gate, across from the plant of Cable Tech Co. Ltd. The project would total 35,000 square feet.

The present architectural design, described as Old Canadian, will be continued, Mr. Sandiford said, adding to the pleasing appearance of the structures already there. Brick plus wood panelling will be used, he explained, complimenting the present buildings.

The supermarket, not named in the presentation, will serve as an "anchor". Town planners were told. The building "out front" could serve as a milk store or a professional office, but unlikely a fast-food outlet, Sandiford said. These, he explained, are common in shopping centres throughout the United States.

The noise level at the rear of the plaza would be reduced through creation of a berm plus a recessed area for loading and unloading

trucks. This point pleased Councillor Jim Rae who recalled complaints from home-owners elsewhere.

Councillor Jim Sanders questioned the advisability of an exit from the plaza onto Main Street, claiming it could pose a traffic hazard. An exit-entrance is also proposed to the service

road at the rear as well as an entrance from Palmwood Gate.

Although members were non-committal with respect to acceptance, Councillor Fran Sainsbury praised the architectural design of present buildings, calling the project "an asset to the town".

Sales Barn

New partner in business

STOUFFVILLE — Norm Faulkner, co-owner of Stouffville Stockyards Limited, has a new partner.

He's Norm Clements, by no means unfamiliar to the area. The Willowdale entrepreneur, with land holdings in Uxbridge Township, is the owner-operator of National Gym Sports and a co-owner of race horse "Cam Fella".

Clements has purchased the partnership held by Frank Bennett, R.R. 1, Unionville. The transaction was finalized Jan. 6.

For Frank Bennett, association with the Sales Barn goes back more than 35 years. At that time, Walter Atkinson headed the business. It was 20 years ago that Frank and Norm Faulkner joined forces, "twenty years without an argument," Frank says. He calls him "a great guy".

Mr. Bennett will remain on staff as a livestock auctioneer, spending four days a week in the same capacity at the Toronto Stockyards. He hopes to continue his volunteer association with the Mennonite auction at Black Creek Pioneer Village and at New Hamburg near Kitchener. He will also lend his talents to the annual Heritage Day Festival at Niagara Christian College, Ft. Erie.

All this he does for free. Frank Bennett has witnessed tremendous growth in the flea market operation here; also an increase in numbers of sheep and goats. Livestock have always been his specialty.

At age 63, he feels it's time to take things easier. But he's not quitting entirely. He'll be back in his familiar stall on Saturday.

Vehicle fires

Shun cost

STOUFFVILLE — Insurance companies are now charged at the rate of \$500 an hour for all vehicular accidents and fires attended by the Town Fire Department.

This recent committee recommendation has been approved by council. Chief Walter Smith said the charge-back should cover the cost involved.

During 1983, the Fire Department responded to 40 such alarms, up considerably over '82. Resuscitator calls were also up from seven to fourteen.

Total alarms in '83 numbered 182, thirty-nine more than the previous year. The break-down follows:

Resuscitator-14; Grass, Brush and Garbage-27; Structural-18; Vehicle Fires-16; Vehicle Accidents-24; Electrical-10; Chimney-18; Remote Alarms-24; Check Calls-1; Mutual Aid-2; Hazardous Material Spills-2; False Alarms-3.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department has a compliment of 27 volunteers plus a chief.

A winner!

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville mother of two, is richer this week by \$2,414.10; thanks to Loto 6-49.

Wendy Thompson, Rupert Avenue, selected five of six numbers correctly, one of 549 persons to do so. It won her a third prize in the biggest lottery ever offered in Canada.

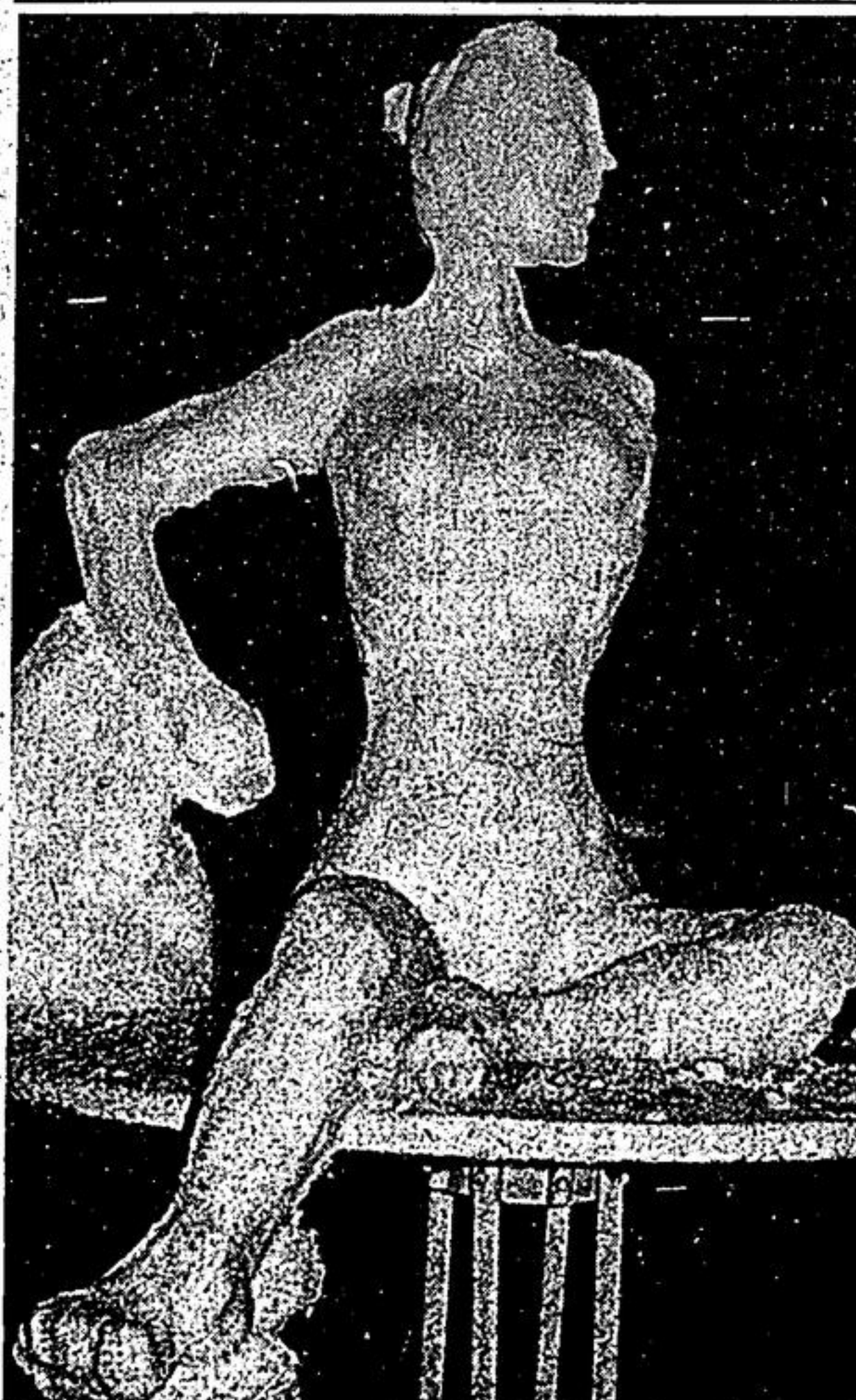
"It was my first time," Wendy told The Tribune, "I'm very grateful".

She said she always leaves such purchases to husband Earl, a lottery ticket buyer going as far back as the Irish Sweepstakes. This time, however, he suggested

the whole family get involved. She bought five, and the children purchased two.

She had a plan with regard to numbers one through three, but four and five were picked "without rhyme or reason". She knows now that had she completed the ticket using her husband's age, (43), she'd have had all six numbers correct.

The odds on winning the \$7 million jackpot were 14 million-to-one. This Saturday, the grand prize is expected to be \$10 million and, yes, Wendy's hoping good things come in two's.



Classic snow sculpture

Sandra Thorne of Bomar Road, R.R. 2, Stouffville, displays considerable skill when it comes to snow sculpture. This model attracted so much attention, motorists on Ninth Line North were prompted to make a return trip for a second look.

—Audrey Green

Honored

YORK REGION — Alan Wall, York Region's Agricultural Representative for the past 24 years, and now retired, will be honored at a public gathering, June 1.

The event is to be held in the General Exhibits Building at Markham Fairgrounds. Chief organizers include Harvey Brown, R.R. 2, Markham; Barry Little,

R.R. 1, Markham and Jim Sellers of Sutton.

More than 500 are expected. Mr. Wall's association with the Ministry of Agriculture dates back to 1948. He served in the regions of Niagara, Bruce and Simcoe Counties before coming to York. He also taught for a time at the Agricultural College in Ridgeway.