

Japanese firm coming

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UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Township could be the first Canadian home to a worldwide Japanese company starting a new firm — Tokai of Canada Limited.

The company, which plans to make five different models of disposable butane lighters, has proposed an industrial factory complex on approximately 77 acres said Philip W. Slayton, lawyer for Blake Cassels and Graydon in Toronto. The location, present-

ly Lazy Lake Resort, is situated on the northeast intersection of Regional Road 30 and 8 on Lots 21 and 22.

According to Slayton, who's the firm's Canadian representative, the proposed factory will bring with it employment to local residents. He said the company will employ 30 people — three from Japan and 27 from across Canada and the local area.

"I think it's a positive move," said Durham Regional Chairman, Gary Herrema. "It's

going to be great...it means jobs."

Slayton said the president of Tokai of Japan Limited wanted to locate on a minimum 25 acres in a rural setting near the Toronto vicinity.

"He had a romantic vision," said Slayton. "The president didn't want a traditional industrial site...he wanted it (the factory) 45 minutes from Don Mills."

Tokai has eight factories across the globe including Los Angeles, West Germany, and Hong Kong. The total op-

erations will increase to nine if Durham Regional Council and Uxbridge Township Council agree to permit re-zoning the land to industrial in a recreational environment and allowing a building permit said Slayton.

The Durham Region Planning Committee passed a recommendation, yesterday, supporting the land re-zoning to industrial.

"It will be far better than what's there...we're happy to see something like this,"

said Durham Regional Planning Commissioner, Dr. Mofeed Michael. "It will be an attractive building...they won't cut corners."

Herrema said once the re-zoning is channelled through the company could start as early as this June or July on the plans. "We've assured total co-operation."

"We've agreed to buy the land," said Slayton. Slayton, who was unable to give the exact cost of the entire project, explained the company

is proposing to build two buildings on the land.

The main factory will have a floor space covering approximately one-and-a-half acres and two acres with a parking lot. It will contain executive offices, warehouse space, and equipment.

"Its' production is only for the Canadian market," he said.

The other proposed building is a guest house and conference centre which will be built on another area around

Lazy Lake where it's invisible from the highway. Slayton said the guest house will be used for Japanese visitors.

At yesterday's Regional Planning Committee meeting, there were no public objections to the proposal. However, Uxbridge Township Council held a private meeting, Monday night, with about 20 local rate-payers to discuss grievances.

Uxbridge Mayor Bill Ballinger refused comment on the proposal.

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Better late than never

BUNDLES OF JOY! Uxbridge Cottage Hospital staff saw their first 1984 babies later than usual this year. Susan Middleton (right) of R.R. 4 Port Perry, holds the first 1984 baby, John David (9 lbs. 9.5 oz.), who was delivered at 8:38 a.m. Sat. Jan. 7.

Sandra Colby (left) of 55 King St., Uxbridge, delivered Michelle Lyn (5 lbs. 10 oz.) just three minutes later at 8:41 a.m. Baby David is Susan and Roger Middleton's second child while Baby Michelle was the first for Sandra and Barry Colby.

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Project costs increase

UXBRIDGE — Construction has started on the new \$254,000 central works depot, on Regional Road 8, Lot 30, Conc. 5, which will eventually replace the three operating work depots in Uxbridge Township.

The 18-foot high, 13,200 square foot depot, which was slated for a completion date of Nov. 1983, should be finished within approximately 12 weeks said Town Clerk Walter Taylor.

The new depot will store trucks, graders, loaders, and sanding equipment. There is only one change in the original contract which costs an extra \$17,500. It involves the installation of six inch reinforced concrete floor slabs and a central trench drain which totals approximately 9,600 square feet in the six unheated storage bays.

The heated area contains: a 20 by 60 foot vehicle wash bay; a 20 by 60 foot vehicle repair bay; a supervisor's office; storage room; lunch room to accommodate approximately 20 employees; washrooms; a locker room designed for about 20 employees; mechanical and electrical rooms; a three-ton monorail; and a janitor's closet and slop sink. The depot is heated with the cheapest method possible — propane.

The company hired to build the new depot is Vantage Building Corporation, of 850A Alness St., Downsview.

Once the new depot is constructed the ones which are in current use in Goodwood and Sandford will be closed and the Uxbridge depot, now in use, will be used for storing equipment.

Grant money untouched for party

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Township hasn't made too many plans for projects and activities concerning the 1984 bicentennial celebrations with the \$5,725 grant received from the Ontario government.

Aside from flying the flag with the bicentennial symbol at the Uxbridge Arena and ordering a special bicentennial

stool for the Spring Water Days and Santa Claus parades no other set projects are presently in the works said Town Clerk Walter Taylor.

However, the Township has received suggestions from members of the community. A letter was received from the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society Bicentennial Project

Committee requesting \$1,000 of the grant be donated to the society for bicentennial projects in 1984.

One of the proposed activities was to host a Quilt Block contest. Each quilted block submitted would have a bicentennial theme and each one would be placed on display for a few weeks.

After the contest ended, two of the many blocks would be picked by judges as the winners. They would be attached to the centre of a quilt which would be displayed at the museum and other public locations until the end of the bicentennial year.

The estimated cost of the quilt contest is \$300. Of the \$300, \$150 would be used as prize money for the winners.

The second project is to find and copy out pictures dated on or before the 1900's. Once collected, the prints would be placed on exhibit and later preserved. The estimated cost, based on 100 pictures, is \$700.

Study proposed

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Township Council recently agreed to have an impact study conducted, on the township, by the Ontario Ministry of Revenue to determine property assessment rates.

Administrator-Treasurer Ron Kester said the study wouldn't be completed until about July or August 1984 and the assessment would be based on a 1980 market value. "Then they (the government) decide whether or not to implement it."

He said if the study found property assessments to increase or decrease, it wouldn't affect taxes until 1985. All residential, commercial, and industrial property will be involved in the study.

According to Kester, the present assessments are only based on the 1973-74 tax year.

Applications fall short of goal

UXBRIDGE — The Township of Uxbridge is still accepting applications for 1984 township boards and committees since only one new application has been received since the closing date said Town Clerk Walter Taylor.

On the deadline, December 30, 1983, only 15 applications had been received at the municipal offices. Fourteen of the 15 applications were from previous board and committee members who were re-applying for either the same or a different position.

The various appointments include: Poundkeeper; Fenceviewers; Livestock Evaluators; Tile Drainage Inspector; Abandoned Cemetery Board; Property Standards Committee; Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee; Uxbridge Community Music Hall Association; Uxbridge Community Arena Association; and Uxbridge and Area Swimming Pool Association. The township would like to select the applicants before the end of January.

Optimists try joining some clubs

UXBRIDGE — In an attempt to re-acquaint different community service club members throughout the Uxbridge area the Uxbridge Optimist Club is hosting a 'Fun' night at the Masonic Hall Wednesday, Jan. 18 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The evening isn't a fund-raising event, rather a night of pure enjoyment for all service club members. It will also help welcome in the new 1984 year and the activities planned will be geared for all clubs.

Trees stolen

PICKERING — Two large hardwood trees were stolen from a woodlot on Conc. 3, Pickering Tuesday, Jan. 3 said Durham Regional Police Uxbridge 26 Division.

The trees stolen from the woodlot, which is owned by Robert Lewis, Conc. 9, Pickering, were estimated at a mill lumber value of \$90.



Library fund-raisers

THUMBS UP! The 1984 Uxbridge Library Fund-Raising Committee is planning to start a profitable year off. Mayor Bill Ballinger (left) shakes hands with Committee Chairman, Harry Stemp as other members, (left to right) Peter Williamson, Leonard Nicholl, Jim Wood, and Jack Ballinger, cheer on.

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