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All agreed

Committee settles dispute

UXBRIDGE — A settlement has been reached between an Uxbridge contractor and the Township's Planning and Development Committee after some committee members criticized him for illegally building an extension to his business.

Harvey Acton, owner of the Victoria Drive construction business, met with the committee Thursday night in a closed meeting to rehash the issue of whether or not he had a building permit.

At a planning meeting previous to Thursday, Regional Councillor, Gerri-Lynn O'Connor blasted Planning Chairman, Sandy Ewen, for allowing Mr. Acton to build an extension without a building permit and signed site plan agreement.

"If it wasn't Harvey Acton you (Ewen) would be just as upset as everyone else," O'Connor told Ewen. "We wouldn't expect this from anyone else."

In a phone interview, after the first meeting, Mr. Acton explained he had appeared before the committee to discuss the extension and they said we could just go ahead and get started.

Following Thursday night's closed session, O'Connor issued a press release which outlined the events of the meeting.

The release stated, "At the special meeting, committee members learned that Mr. Acton had submitted his copy of the proposed site plan agreement along with a cheque to cover the cost of the building permit. Members of the planning committee did not see this signed agreement nor were they aware of the cheque."

Mr. Acton told the Tribune the site plan agreement, which the committee accepted Thursday, was the same site plan he previously submitted.

"Everything's the same as the original site plan agreement I signed."

Another area which raised concern was the appearance of the outside property. "We have one hell of a mess," O'Connor stated during the first planning meeting.

The press release stated that Mr. Acton agreed to plant six foot trees along the

property line to the west and remove two present trailers off the site. It also stated he would clean up the present debris and keep stockpiling of top soil and sand to a minimum.

According to O'Connor, an additional agreement has been issued between the Township and Mr. Acton to increase the parking space on the south side of the building to allow more room for his vehicles.

"That's agreeable," Mr. Acton told the Tribune. However, he said those particular requests were what he originally agreed to do in the first agreement.

He said the clean up should be completed by June 1.

The release concluded, "All committee members were in favor of the agreements."

Group favors testing

CLAREMONT — The Durham Regional Works Committee has supported a recommendation requesting the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to install test drill wells in Claremont.

According to Regional Councillor Norah Stoner, the committee will ask the Region to support their recommendation at their next meeting.

In a meeting held in February, a representative from Geo-Environ Limited stated certain test drilling programs should be conducted if the MOE were considering alternatives like private wells or a communal system.

It was suggested three or four drilled test wells should be installed at an approximate cost of \$49,000.

In the case of private wells, one test well should be located in the vicinity of Claremont Public School.

Stoner said if the Region approves them the MOE could commence with the project at anytime. "There's no reason not to."



MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB! While, not quite, however, Marion Hornung, of Goodwood, has taken three-week old Sparky under her wing to raise as her own. Sparky really enjoys his bottle of warm milk which he receives every couple of hours. Unlike a human baby, Sparky can drink his bottle in a matter of seconds.

Audrey Green

Sheepish style

BY AUDREY GREEN

GOODWOOD — Most mothers have a special attachment with their children, but Marion Hornung, of Goodwood, has a rather unique attachment with her new baby.

Sparky, a new spring lamb, turned three-week-old Friday and although there wasn't a special birthday celebration his adopted mother pampers him to the best of her ability.

"I'm right into it with the animals," said Mrs. Hornung. "He (Sparky) is just like a wee kid."

She said Sparky's natural mother died so she stepped right in and asked his owner if she could have him to raise as her own.

Mrs. Hornung and her husband, John, moved from Ajax to Goodwood about four years ago so they could enjoy the country life and have lots of room to raise their animals. They don't have nature children.

Presently, they have three dogs and a dove living in the house while in the barn their collection ranges from pigs to geese. Last year, they raised three calves in their basement.

"We had a turkey, but we ate him for dinner," she chuckled.

She said they will keep Sparky inside until the weather improves and then he will join the other animals in the barn. However, she said he will still require his

constant bottle feeding for almost another two months.

"I'm not sorry," she stated in regards to raising Sparky.

He's made himself right at home as she explained how they fight for the same pillow when wanting to take an afternoon nap. He has also found championship with their three dogs and Sparky keeps Mrs. Hornung on her toes.

"He's into the feed and hay and I had to hid the dog food," she laughed. "I think he's going to be huge."

When asked if she'd participate in this particular type of motherhood again, Mrs. Hornung replied she would, "If I don't have a nervous breakdown first."

Simcoe Engineering

Company attempts rebuttal

CLAREMONT — In an effort to clear their name for "suggestions of improper practice", Simcoe Engineering Group Limited, of Pickering, has released a statement outlining their involvement in a study on the Claremont water system.

Tom Fowle, president of Simcoe, stated in a letter that certain newspaper articles (not the Tribune's) had been printed which "we feel have been damaging to our reputation." The stories made reference to The Town of Pickering, Hamlet of Claremont, Private Water System Study. "It's a sensitive issue," said Mr. Fowle during a telephone interview. "I'd rather not discuss this (in detail)...it could get us in a difficult position."

The statement follows: "We are consultants to the Ministry of the Environment for the study of alternative water supply systems for the community of Claremont in the Town of Pickering."

Our involvement in this study has been reported in several local newspapers and...we believe that damaging references about the company were made. We quote as follows (from a local paper)...Stoner (Durham Regional Councillor Norah Stoner) suggests that Simcoe is pushing the communal system options because it hopes to secure the work order. "The people who did the report hope to get the contract and the ministry hopes to pay as little as possible," she says. Our solicitors have advised us that these statements strongly suggest we are engaging in improper practices. This most certainly is not so.

In an effort to clear our name of any suggestion of improper practice, we are publishing, as part of this statement, our letter to Councillor Stoner of January 27 and her reply of February 8. These letters are being published with her knowledge and consent. However, we do not agree with Councillor Stoner's opinion that, "I do not believe that anything I said could in any way damage your firm," when viewed in the context of the newspaper report referred to.

If any reader has any doubts about the professional and moral conduct of the company, we will be pleased to respond to any questions in this respect.

In a letter to Stoner (January 27) Mr. Fowle stated, "The last two paragraphs of this article in our view are potentially very damaging to us as they suggest we have conducted ourselves in an improper and unprofessional manner. It is necessary for us to ask for a statement to be made publicly to rectify the damage caused to our reputation."

On February 8, Stoner responded in a letter by saying, "I do not believe anything I said could in any way damage your firm. I do not think the conclusions you draw from the last two paragraphs of the article are correct. As a matter of fact, I believe your company has always done work of the highest professional quality and I have proven my high regard for Simcoe by recommending your firm to private individuals within the Town of Pickering."

Mr. Fowle and Councillor Stoner refused further comment.

Hit and run vehicle sought

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Arena parking lot was the scene of a hit and run accident Saturday, March 17 between 9 p.m. and 1:45 a.m. said Durham Regional Police, Uxbridge 26 Division.

Ross Murray, of Lot 34, Conc. 7, Uxbridge, reported his vehicle had been hit while parked at the Arena.

Damage is estimated at \$600 and police are still searching for the other vehicle.

Guns stolen

Stewart Peak, of Lot 6, Conc. 1, Uxbridge, reported his residence was entered, March 19, and a quantity of guns and a television were stolen. The property was valued at \$1,500.

Uxbridge swims in storm



SWIMMING TAXI! This Uxbridge taxi was up to its tires in water Friday morning during a bout of heavy rain. The bridge on Mill Street, Uxbridge, near the Toronto Street intersection, posed abit of a problem when the catch basin

clogged and the water remained on the road. Town Works Department employees worked quickly to drain the mini lake before the situation got too far out of hand.

Audrey Green

UXBRIDGE — The Town of Uxbridge was a little washed up Friday morning due to heavy rains.

According to Assistant Road Superintendent, Darrel Horne, the heavy rain caused some problems throughout the town, but nothing as serious as the early thaw in February.

He said the problems tended to be located in the north section of town compared to the south, but they were "nothing serious".

"It wasn't very bad...the creeks were running fine," said Mr. Horne. There was "no major damage or washout."

However, water flowed a little more freely on Mill Street near the Toronto Street intersection. Mr. Horne said the catch basin at the bridge filled up with water because it had plugged with frozen snow and ice. This caused the rain to collect in the gully and employees from the Works Department were called in to pump out the excess water.

Late Frank Hayward

Well known resident dies

CLAREMONT — After living in Claremont for 23 years and devoting much self-employed talent to the local credit union and United Co-operatives, Frank William Checkley Hayward, has died at the age of 73.

Mr. Hayward, of 46 Livingston Street, Claremont, died suddenly March 6 at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Born in Montreal, he moved to Toronto when he was 11-years-old and attended North Toronto Collegiate. He later moved from Toronto to Greenwood and then to Manitoulin Island before he finally settled in Claremont with his wife Kathleen, whom he married June 13, 1931.

After arriving in Claremont, Mr. Hayward, a self-employed accountant, became quite involved in the United Co-op. He also ran and operated the local credit union for approximately seven years.

Outside of the business world he found enjoyment in other activities. Most of these activities involved returning to nature where he participated in hunting, fishing, and trapshooting.

Mr. Hayward, a Jehovah Witness, was cremated March 9. A memorial service was held March 10 at Kingdom Hall, in Stouffville, by Gary Kairies.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and daughters Karen Benson, of Colborne; Susan (Mrs. Nathan Dew), of Whitby; son-in-law Nathan; and grandchildren Natalie Dew and Daniel Benson.

He also leaves two step-brothers — Victor and Sydney Hayward and step-sister June Thompson, all of Toronto.