

# Rural residents reject Complex

**BALLANTRAE** — At a public meeting, June 21, in the Ballantrac Community Centre, an audience of about 35 rural ratepayers, expressed concern over the estimated cost of the proposed Recreation Complex.

Most agreed the project would pose too heavy a tax burden on

area property-owners. Councillors Margot Marshall, (Ward 1), and Tom Wood, (Ward 2), were besieged with questions on this issue and that of rural development. Kim Rogers served as chairman.

When asked how much the Complex would cost, Councillor Wood put the figure at about \$3,270,000 for Phase 1. This, he

said, would include money already spent on consultants fees (\$120,000) and a new Zamboni ice machine; assuming the lowest tender of \$2,950,000 was accepted.

He added, however, that tender specifications would have to undergo a sizeable cut to bring the price in line

with what the Town could afford.

Councillor Wood expressed concern over the use of \$600,000 in reserve funds for the project. "Even with the full Wintario Grant and a successful fund-raising program, we would still be \$295,000 short and with no reserves for emergencies," he said.

Councillor Marshall supported Wood in his reservations regarding costs. "I cannot support the lowest estimate in its present form. A lot of cost-cutting will have to take place," she said.

Wood was unable to answer a question posed by former Ward 1 Councillor Charles Warden regarding arena operating expenses. However, when pressed further by the audience, he mentioned a figure of \$300,000 a year.

Jim Doble wanted to know how great the tax increase would be to construct and operate the Complex. Wood said 15 percent.

Warden questioned the councillors if plans to

build the Complex were so far advanced there was now no turning back." Councillor Wood denied a final decision had been made.

Lack of audience enthusiasm for the Complex became apparent when one resident asked for a visible show of support. Not a single hand was raised.

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## Wintario Grant for Rec Centre

**STOUFFVILLE** — Whitchurch-Stouffville's application for a \$474,800.00 Wintario Grant, to subsidize construction of a new Recreation Centre, has been approved by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

The initial word was received by Mayor Eldred King, June 20, from York North M.P.P. Bill Hodgson. On the same day, a written statement was mailed to Town treasurer Ed Blackburn. It reads as follows:

"It gives me great pleasure to inform you that I have approved your application for a Wintario Capital Grant to construct

the Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Recreation Complex.

This approval confirms your eligibility for a maximum grant in the amount of \$474,800.00.

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for a successful project.

Sincerely,  
 Reuben C. Baetz,  
 Minister

Mayor King said he never had any doubts concerning ultimate approval of the application. He admitted discussing the matter with several provincial ministers and this may have

The next step, he said, would be to reduce the bids to a price the Town can afford. All firms submitting tenders will be asked to file new figures with a number of original requirements deleted.

A start on construction could be delayed until early September, the mayor said. "It's been awkward and it's been lengthy," King stated. He said he didn't wish to rush into a project so large.

Mayor King agreed it would have been nice to have had a new facility for activities this winter, but the old arena will have to do one more season.



It's every boy's dream, to sit behind the wheel of a fire truck. That dream became a reality, Saturday, for six-year-old Brian Watson, son of Scott and Carol Watson, Park Drive North, Stouffville. Not only did Brian take over at the controls, but he selected the "golden

oldie" in the 21-vehicle Fire Muster parade. The 1923 Mason travelled all the way from Bewdley, and under its own power. The Bewdley brigade captured four of the seventeen Fire Muster awards.

## Long brigade parade

**STOUFFVILLE** — One of the finest and longest antique fire vehicle processions in Ontario, was held here Saturday with 21 units entered.

The procession, headed by Stouffville's 1946 Fargo, began at Main Street West and concluded in the Park. The co-ordinating committee, included Al Sisco, Jim Rennie, Bill Brown, Ken Roberts and Fred Castle. Presentations of award were made by Chief Walter Smith and Councillor Margot Marshall. Winners follow:

Longest Distance Under Own Power - Bewdley; Judges' Favorite (motorized) - Sutton; Judges' Favorite (non-motorized) - Markham; Best Restored-

Bewdley; Best Original - Orono; Best Original (aerial) - Willowdale; Best Appearance - Bewdley; Oldest - Sutton; Best Time Pumping - Sutton and Stouffville; Men's Waterball - Aurora; Ladies Waterball - Aurora; Men's Bucket Race - Markham; Ladies Bucket Race - Stouffville; Longest Distance on Trailer - Bewdley; Hard Luck Award - Markham.

Stouffville's prize-winning bucket race participants were Carol Watson, Marianne Glover, Joan Parcells, Debbie Rennie, Lynn Souley and Carol Leonard. Stouffville's award-winning pumping team comprised Ken Roberts, Jim Rennie, Bill Brown, Larry Leonard and Charles Jackson.

## A 'Celebration'

**STOUFFVILLE** — It's Whitchurch-Stouffville's biggest weekend of the year, a four-day event in celebration of Canada Day and Ontario's Bicentennial. Many activities are planned with a full listing on Pages A-12 and B-6. The program chairman is Councillor Tom Wood. Some highlights follow:

The Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant, coupled with the 1984 Citizen of the Year ceremony, is Thursday evening in the High School at eight o'clock. On Friday, a Jr. Tennis Tournament will be held on the Ballantrac Courts from 1 to 5 p.m. At 7:30, Al Piette, the Town's Sports Personality of the Year, will be honored prior to a Celebrity Slo-Pitch Game involving members of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

A street dance on Park Drive South will begin at eight. On Saturday, a Main Street Parade will start at 10 a.m. from the A & P Plaza and conclude in the Park. Preceding this, is a Bicycle-Tricycle Decorating Contest at nine, also at the parade starting point.

Also at ten is the Sr. Tennis Tournament at Ballantrac.

A huge Canada Day cake will be cut and served at 11:30 in the pavilion area of the Park, followed by a

Band Concert at noon. The Big Wheel Rodeo is set for 1 p.m. on Park Drive South. There'll be free swimming at the Pool from 1 to 4 p.m., and judging of the Best Beard Contest at 1:30.

The Tribune-sponsored Pet Show is scheduled for 2 p.m. with registration at one. The Lawn Bowling Club is holding an open house at 1:30. A Pie-Eating Contest is planned for 3 p.m., and a Celebrity Auction in Latcham Hall at 7:30.

Dedication of the new Band Stand will take place Sunday at 10:20 a.m., with the Community Worship Service at eleven.

Six senior citizens will be honored in the Park at 12 noon, followed by cutting of the Bicentennial Cake. McNeil Pharmaceutical will host a Strawberry Social between 1 and 3 p.m., and activities will conclude with a giant fireworks display around nine.

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## A unique auction

**STOUFFVILLE** — Collectors' items, mementos, keepsakes—all of these will be available at The Tribune-sponsored Celebrity Auction in Latcham Hall, Saturday.

Program time is 7:30 p.m. with the sale beginning at 8:15. Admission is one dollar with all proceeds going to the Town Rec. Centre Fund.

Donations include an antique cupboard from Mayor Eldred King; an antique foot-warmer from Councillor Fran Sainsbury; a fireplace bellows from Salsbury; Austria, courtesy Councillor Margot Marshall; a side of beef from

Councillor Jim Rae; a jug of home-made maple syrup from Councillor Tom Wood; an autographed hockey stick from Keith Acton; an autographed baseball bat from the Blue Jays' Cliff Johnson; an autographed color portrait from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau; a beautiful framed painting from Stouffville artist John Roberts; an Ontario flag from M.P.P. Bill Hodgson; a pair of Tiffany lamps from M.P. Sinclair Stevens; a like-new portable typewriter from Dining Out; columnist Cal Avery; a dinner-for-two certificate from The Deer Park Inn; an autographed book from Opposition Leader Brian Mulroney; an autographed pictorial album from Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton; a sterling silver Town of Markham charm from Mayor Carole Bell; a history of the County of Ontario from Pickering Mayor Jack Anderson; a video cassette recording of racehorse 'Cam Fella' from Norm Faulkner; a final edition of The Toronto Telegram from Reg MacKay; an autographed hockey

stick from the N.H.L. Oldtimers; an antique portable organ from Markham's John Lunau and more. Sale auctioneers are Norm and Phil Faulkner; Walter Atkinson and Bryan Armstrong.

Prior to the auction, a film on famous race horse 'Cam

Fella' will be shown at 7:30 p.m., with entertainment by Bob Davies of Stouffville's Monte Cristo Restaurant.

The event is part of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Canada Day Bicentennial Celebrations with activities extending from June 28 through July 1.

## Town churches All united

**STOUFFVILLE** — Dr. John Wesley White, noted educator, author and television personality, will be the guest speaker, Sunday, at the community worship in the park.

Time of the service is 11 a.m., with a hymn-sing at 10:30.

The worship is part of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Canada Day-Bicentennial Weekend with activities planned from June 28 through July 1.

Dr. White, a native of Saskatchewan and a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Oxford University, has

served as an associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Association for the past 20 years. Crusades have taken him to over 100 countries around the world. He has written 17 books and hosts a half-hour television program.

Dr. White served as chancellor of Richmond College from 1967 to 1980.

The majority of churches in the area are withdrawing morning services so that members and adherents may attend. The worship has been arranged through the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ministerial Association. The chairman is Rev. Craig Pitts.

## Thirteen Ontario Scholars

**STOUFFVILLE** — Stouffville Dist. Secondary School has thirteen Ontario Scholars. Principal John Niki-fork announced the recipients of this honor, Tuesday. The students are: Karen Harris, (89%); Ross Bowser, (88.7%); Brian Asa, (86.8%); Derek Duggan, (86.8%); Stacey Lintner, (83.8%); Bryan Todd, (83.8%); Karen Steinbeck, (83.7%); Mark Logan, (83.3%); Ginny Eby, (83%); Lee Minz, (81.2%); Lynne Barry, (80.7%); Heather Lanning, (80.5%); Wanda Couperthwaite, (80%). Each will be formally recognized at Commencement Exercises this fall.



Goodbye school-hello summer!

Today school, tomorrow summer. That's what hundreds of children across York Region are thinking this week, including Dayna Larmer, (left), of North Street and Jennifer Morrison, Stouffer Street South, Stouffville. Dayna and Jennifer were recipients of Summitview's Grade 7 Geography and English awards at a junior assembly June 20.

—Jim Thomas

## Huge sale

**MARKHAM** — Receipts are reported in excess of \$50,000 following an estate auction sale, Saturday, at the property of Bunker Bros., Conc. 9, Markham. Auctioneers Norm and Phil Faulkner and Earl Gauslin disposed of 900 items over a period of eight hours. At the height of the sale, the crowd was estimated at close to 1,500.

Much interest centred around a 1977 Delta 88 Oldsmobile, driven only 1,300 miles. It sold for \$9,400. A Farmall 'A' tractor brought \$3,700. Other prices follow: Three-piece bedroom suite—\$900; mixing bowl—\$155; Pigeon Ink well—\$300; a hall tree—\$25; an oval table—\$610; secretary desk—\$825; moustache cups—\$110 each; a shotgun—\$575; washstand—\$270; copper kettle—\$130; a dresser—\$330 and a sugar and cream set—\$240.



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