

Council seat too far removed

Dear Editor:
As a long-time resident of rural Whitechurch-Stouffville (R.R. 1, Gormley), I wish to comment on the "division issue" headlined in the Aug. 1 Tribune.

This problem(?) is not really new. I can recall back in the 'old' Whitechurch Township days when the residents of Oak Ridges and Wilcox Lake felt much the same, and so also, perhaps, did

the residents of Lincolnville and Ringwood. The difference, I suspect, was the seat of government. It was then located at Vandorf, a central site both in population and

miles. The politicians seemed "closer" then, even though the ward system was not in effect. If folks had a complaint, they thought nothing of jumping in their cars and driving to

the municipal office to discuss the matter with the clerk, the late John Crawford or attending a Council meeting. Today, folks don't (or won't) do this, mainly because the town's 'capital'

seems so far removed. So the complainants sit back and complain—mostly to their neighbors, not even to their ward representatives who are as close as the telephone.

If, in the future, the Town runs out of room for its department heads, etc., in Stouffville, Council should consider moving its municipal headquarters to a more central site, say Ballantrae or even back to Vandorf. I think this would please a lot of rural people who, right now, do feel 'forgotten'.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Paule,
R.R. 1, Gormley

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