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# Irritated by ratepayer abuse councillors rap closed minds

STOUFFVILLE — The punching bags are punching back.

Some members of council, wearied by incessant hammerings at public meetings, are unloading a few verbal jabs of their own. And following-up their remarks with recommendations.

Fran Sainsbury, for one, feels the situation has deteriorated to a point where written submissions only can be considered. This, however, would require a change in the Planning Act.

The problem reached a head, Aug. 7, when a contingent of ratepayers from the Bloomington area, attended a hearing in Latcham Hall and severely chastized council for considering additional residential development in that community.

"They didn't come to learn; they came to fight," councillor Sainsbury said. She says each of the concerns raised by the resi-

dents can be answered, but they don't want to listen.

Mrs Sainsbury said hostile attitudes are becoming more and more apparent. "Everywhere I go, someone tries to back me into a corner and beat me over the head with a stick."

The Ward 4 member, a Bloomington area resident 17 years, says she welcomes new residents to the com-



FRAN SAINSBURY

munity. "They're an asset," she says. She claims that without expansion, hamlets like Bloomington will stagnate and die.

Councillor Sainsbury suggests the anti-development feeling isn't as strong as it may appear because those in favor are hesitant to speak. She praised Mayor Eldred King, the meeting's chairman, for his patience.

"Most were given more than one opportunity to speak. He, (the mayor), bent over backwards."

Mrs Sainsbury said the demand for repeat meetings is placing a 'phenomenal' financial drain on the municipality. "I just hope the next one's a little more civilized," she concluded.

Councillor Wilf Morley was equally disgusted. "I expected that kind of response but not that kind of behavior," he said. "We don't have to tolerate that sort of nonsense."

He plans to visit the Bloomington community

and talk to some of the people personally.

Councillor Morley said others, in addition to present-day residents, would like to enjoy "a little country air." By making the hamlets viable, services

can be improved, he explained.

Such communities, he said, are logical places for growth. He suggested, however, that reaction would be the same regardless of where it was to go.

"I was alarmed at the manner in which some presented themselves," stated Mayor King. He said he welcomes free expression and that's what the meetings are meant to provide. He noted, however, that subdi-

vision applicants are deserving of fair hearings also.

Mayor King said he promised the Bloomington ratepayers a second meeting would be held but at present time, no date had been set.

## Industrial park hearing planned

STOUFFVILLE — A proposal has come before Council requesting a change in zoning on 40.1 acres of land that, if approved, will permit Light Industrial uses on a portion of the site.

The property is located on the south side of Hwy. 47, across from Farmer Jack's Gardens.

A public hearing on the application is set for Tues. Sept. 18 at 8 p.m. in the council chambers, Stouffville.

Eight industrial lots are proposed by Ercrimar Investments Limited. Light industry zoning permits the following uses — bank and financial institutions, business and professional offices, hotels and motels, studios, medical offices, private health and fitness clubs, research and de-

velopment laboratories, manufacturing and warehousing, data processing and storage, and commercial outlets associated with manufacturing, warehousing, and wholesaling operations.

Controlled outdoor stor-

age will also be permitted, excluding Lots 1 and 8 fronting on Hwy. 47.

Both written and oral presentations will be received. Additional information is available from Town clerk Pat Muir, during regular office hours.

## Town boy

# Recalls ride of terror

STOUFFVILLE — Fourteen-year-old Burke Bridgman still enjoys roller coasters, despite an unforgettable experience on The Flyer at the C.N.E.

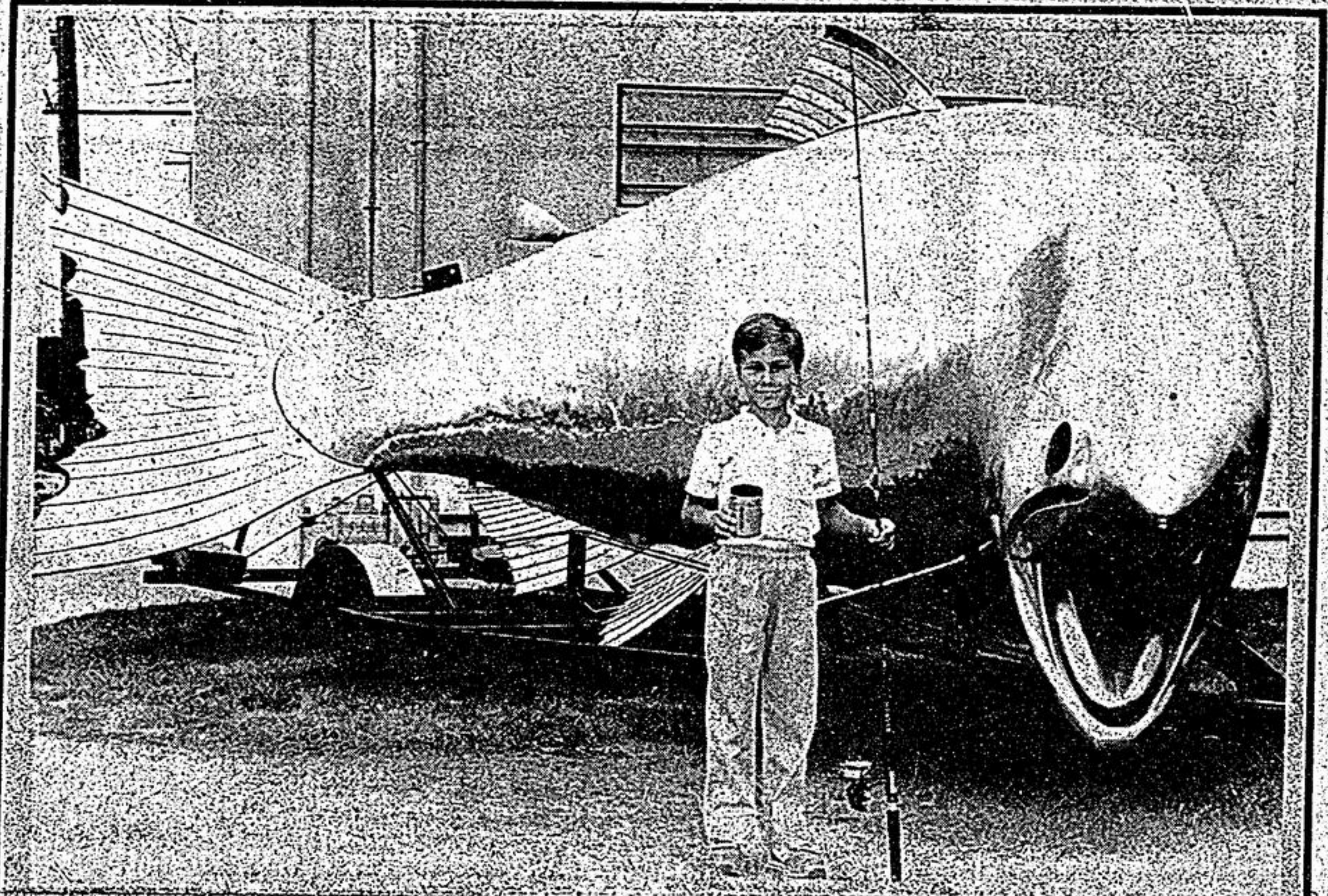
It was back in 1981 that Burke, then eleven, suf-

fered a 70-stitch gash across the face when the brakes on his coaster unit failed, allowing it to crash into the car ahead. Burke was rushed by ambulance, first to Toronto Western Hospital and later The Hospital for Sick Children where the damage was repaired.

"Like in a movie," is the way Burke recalls the near tragedy. "At the time, he didn't really know how badly he was hurt. "I remember waking up in the ambulance," he said.

Because passengers in the seat ahead obstructed his view, he wasn't aware a collision was imminent. His face struck the horizontal crossbar.

While memory of the experience is still fresh in his mind; Burke's love of roller coasters hasn't diminished. He plans to ride the Jumbo Jet at the Ex, again this year but not The Flyer. "It's too old," he said.



Hey mom, look what I caught! Ten-year-old Bryan Smith, son of Eldon and Shirley Smith, Main Street West, Stouffville, isn't fooling anyone, even though he's an ardent fisherman. The huge 1,500 pound stainless steel salmon is on loan to the town for a month before

being transported to Campbellton, New Brunswick. It took sculptor Bill Lishman of Blackstock four months to complete. Its value is placed at \$50,000.

— Jim Thomas

## Stainless steel fish

# A traffic - stopper

STOUFFVILLE — Maple has its magic mountain and Toronto its CN Tower, but neither can hold a candle to Stouffville.

The town's current conversation piece is a fish—a 1,500 pound stainless steel fish, looked on by experts as one of the finest works of art ever seen.

Its creator, Bill Lishman, formerly of R.R. 2, Claremont and now of Blackstock, was commissioned by the town of Campbellton, New Brunswick, to complete the sculpture in honor of the Restigouche Salmon Festival that takes place there every summer. Cost of the project was \$50,000 with a portion of the funds raised by the Campbellton Rotary Club.

While its stay in Stouffville is only temporary (four weeks), the town is benefitting by its presence.

Last weekend, hundreds stopped for a closer look. Many snapped pictures, posing their children beside it.

The sculpture took four months to complete. Mr. Lishman was assisted by Andrea Smith of Scugog Island and Richard Vanheuverden of Heyden. When in place, it will serve as an illuminated fountain.

The Campbellton site isn't yet ready, Mr. Lishman explained. "It seemed like a good idea to put it where people could see it," George Schluikber, the Town's chief librarian, completed arrangements.

Bill Lishman is considered one Canada's foremost sculptors. Several of his works are located at Wonderland. The salmon replica is the first he's constructed out of stainless steel.

The Stouffville location, (you can't miss it), is south of Main Street, east of Duffin Creek.

## Early school

STOUFFVILLE — Students attending Stouffville Dist. Secondary School are returning earlier than usual this year, but not to stay.

They're being called in a week prior to the start of the fall term to arrange for locker space, pick up timetables, and other essentials previously reserved for opening day.

Dates and times follow.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m. for Grades 9 and 10.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Grades 11, 12 and 13.

If the above daytime hours are inconvenient, students can call at the school on Wednesday, Aug. 29 between 7 and 9 p.m.

The idea while new to S.D.S.S., has been practised at some other secondary schools several years. Principal John Nikifork believes it makes for a smoother opening if some of the preliminaries are dispensed with at an earlier time.

# Church to be unique

STOUFFVILLE — The congregation of Christ Church (Anglican), Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville, is watching the progress of a project that, when completed, will be unique to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The sanctuary, shaped like a horseshoe, will accommodate 250 people. Rev. Philip Poole told The Tribune. Other facilities

will include offices for the rector and secretary; a meeting room; two washrooms and a sacristy. The contract price is \$380,000.

The present church building will be retained and used as an all-purpose hall and for daycare.

Rev. Poole described member support as "overwhelming". He said lack of Sunday School space has been a problem and a main factor in the decision to proceed. One class, he said, was meeting at the bottom of the basement stairs.

The 5,700 square foot addi-

tion will be completely accessible to the handicapped, a benefit senior citizens will appreciate, Mr. Poole said. The sanctuary will be served by five aisles with choir space on both sides of the altar.

Target date for completion is mid-October.

# Nurse aids victim

STOUFFVILLE — Reta Laushway, wife of former Town mayor Ken Laushway, was rushed by ambulance to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill and then to Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, after a fall outside her Park Drive North home, late Monday afternoon.

Mrs Laushway suffered a fractured skull, necessitating a three-hour operation Monday night. She was still unconscious, Tuesday.

Mrs Laushway was standing on a chair, watering a hanging basket, when she lost her balance. It's believed she struck her head on a cement step below.

Bruce Empringham, a neighbor across the street, was the first on the scene.

Wife Margaret called an ambulance and the fire department.

It was fortunate that Cynthia Puente of Manitoba Street, a registered nurse on

the staff of North York General Hospital, was driving by at the time. She rendered first aid and remained with the victim until an ambulance arrived.

**Flower Show**  
 The Stouffville Horticultural Society is holding its annual fall flower show, Wed. Aug. 22 and Thurs. Aug. 23, in the lower auditorium of Stouffville United Church.  
 Viewing times are 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday; 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.  
 This is the Society's diamond anniversary.  
 There are 84 classes for adults and eight classes for children. Child classes are divided into two categories, six to eleven years of age and twelve to sixteen years of age.  
 This event is one of the largest of its kind in York Region. The Society has 210 members.



With spade in hand, Rev. Philip Poole of Christ Church (Anglican), Stouffville, contemplates his next odd job as construction work goes on behind him. Target date for completion of the \$380,000 project is mid-October.

— Jim Thomas

**Sod-turning**  
 STOUFFVILLE — A sod-turning ceremony marking the start of construction on Phase I of Whitchurch-Stouffville's new Community Recreation Complex, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.  
 Many dignitaries will attend including representatives from Town Council, the Co-ordination Committee, York Region Board of Education and the Ministry of Industry and Tourism.  
 The public is invited with a reception to follow at the Stouffville Legion Hall, Ninth Line North. To reach the site, guests should travel north on Edward Street to the High School, then west. Mayor Eldred King said he's hopeful construction equipment will be on location Monday.