

Town wants control of arena

STOUFFVILLE — Jurisdiction over operation of the Stouffville Arena will likely pass from the Community Centre Board to Council.

Board members were told of the proposed management change at a meeting, Thursday. Council has already placed itself in charge of the new Recreation Centre, at least until the

facility's first phase is completed.

News of the planned 'take-over' prompted mixed reaction. Some felt it proper that Council should control both buildings while others suggested a volunteer committee worked best.

The Community Centre Board would still manage Latham Hall, it was explained.

Culture and recreation chairman Jim Sanders said there was no thought of dissolving the board. Rather, he said, it would continue to operate in the same way as committees at Lemonville, Ballantrae and Vondorf.

"We hope the Board agrees to this," he said, "we want things to operate as smoothly as possible."

Councillor Fran Sainsbury said a number of major decisions have to be made, "too major to place on the public's shoulders."

Town jurisdiction, she explained, will likely be withdrawn in the fall after the new facility opens.

Councillor Jim Rae recommended a Parks and Recreation Board be

established, comprising volunteers from the Town's rural and urban areas.

"Right now, we don't know what the future holds for the old arena," he said.

Board member Ken Cosgrove criticized the move. He said Council would be wearing two hats "and answering questions that they

themselves ask." He stressed the importance of the board's watchdog role.

"There are volunteers wanting to help, but their help's not wanted," he said.

Councillor Wilf Morley stressed the change as only temporary.

Although Councillor Sanders said no date had been set when the change-over in jurisdic-

tion would take place, board member Harry Schell suggested the end of the year.

Councillor Sainsbury explained that a bylaw would have to be prepared and passed. She noted too, that a Rec. Centre general manager would have to be hired.

"We'll merely carry on until told otherwise," stated chairman Bill Murphy.

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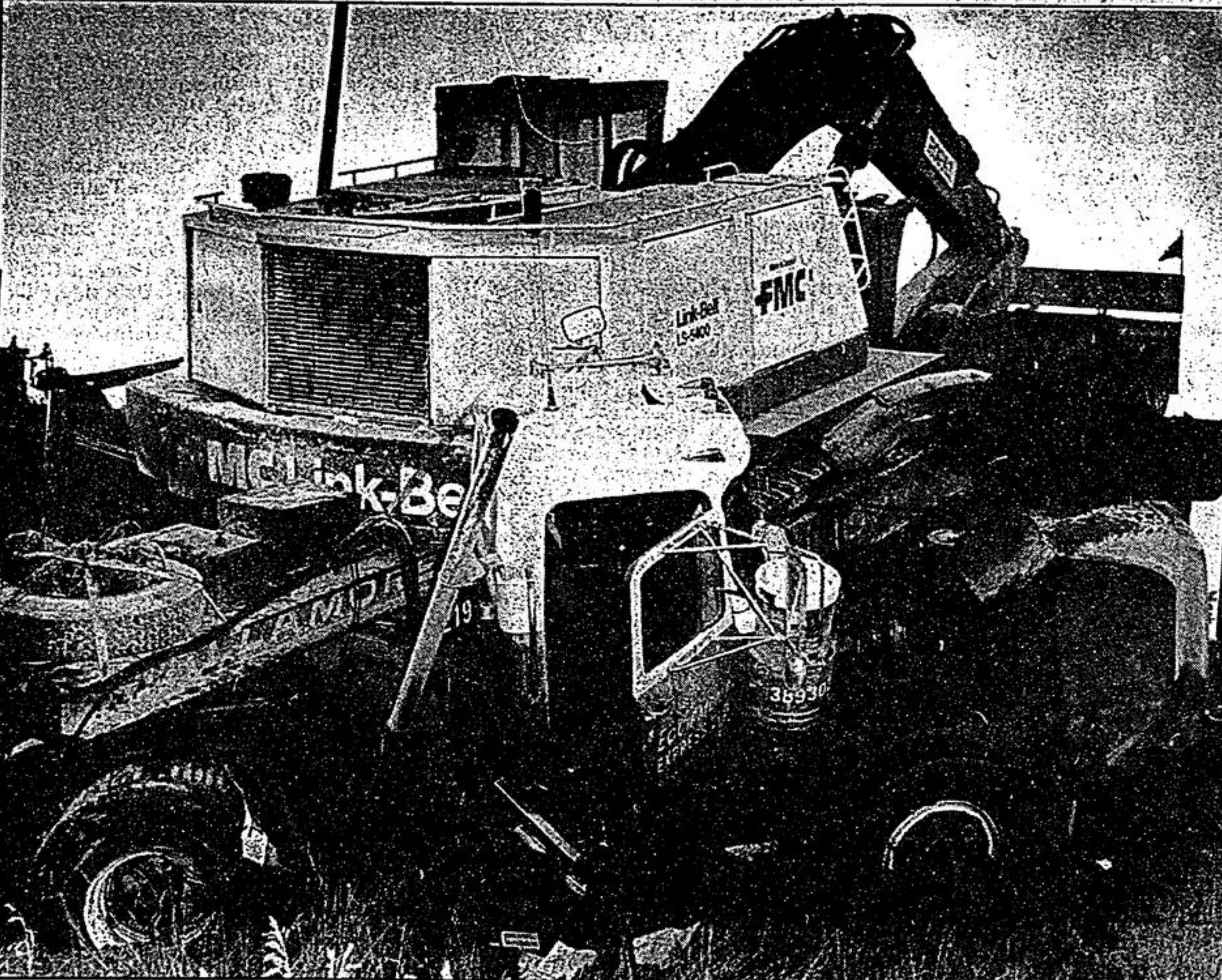
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Stouffville transport driver has miraculous escape

A Stouffville driver had a miraculous escape from serious injury, Tuesday, when his southbound flat-bed transport, carrying a 50-ton backhoe, was in collision with a gravel truck at the intersection of Hwy. 48 and the Bloomington Road. John Pollard, 23, of Fairview Avenue, suffered only a bruised knee. The other driver, Ernest

Jones, 51, of Newmarket, had a cut over one eye. Both were treated in hospital and later released. Property damage was estimated at \$60,000. The flat-bed, owned by Equipment Express of Markham, careened through a guardrail and came to rest in a deep ditch.

— Jim Thomas

Half pets euthanized

STOUFFVILLE — Within a period of four months, 47 dogs and cats have been euthanized (painlessly put to death), Daniel J. Lawrence, Manager of Kennel Inn, Aurora, informed Town Council, Nov. 13.

From June 1 to Sept. 30, ninety-two were picked up, including 59 dogs and 33 cats. Out of this number, 47 were 'put down'. Seventeen of these were dogs and thirty were cats.

Thirty-one dogs were claimed and eight were

adopted.

Only one cat was claimed and one was adopted.

Wildlife, trapped during the same four-month period included four raccoons, three rabbits, three foxes, three groundhogs, two skunks, two porcupines, one muskrat, one pigeon and one bat.

Approximately 35 percent of all dogs and 90 percent of all cats picked up are euthanized, Mr. Lawrence told The Tribune. While the law requires all animals to be

kept five days, Kennel Inn holds them from eight to fourteen days, he said.

As far as dogs are concerned, the problem would be solved, if owners would attach tags to their pets' collars, Lawrence explained. Through tag numbers, householders' names are obtained from the Town Office and dogs are returned immediately. The fee is fifteen dollars. Rabies tags serve the same purpose, he said. The owners are traced through veteri-

ary files.

Lawrence believes the high number of unclaimed dogs and cats from Whitchurch-Stouffville is due to the fact, "people don't know we're here." Kennel Inn is located on the west side of Yonge Street, south of Aurora.

"If your pet is missing, call us every day," Lawrence urged. The number is 888-1129.

Kennel Inn answered 174 complaints during the four-month period, including 165 regular and nine emergencies. Their vehicles completed 112 patrols totalling 11,778 kilometers.

The service was praised by members of Council with Mayor Tom Wood describing the operation as "very professional."

Four candidates seek Ward 2 seat

WHITCHURCH — Three times and in that's what Ron Robb is hoping as he makes his third attempt at winning a seat on Whitchurch-Stouffville Council.

He's a candidate in Ward 2. The election date is Dec. 10.

Robb, 42, holds the rank of acting captain with the Toronto Fire Department, a career that began 20 years ago. He has used this experience to good advantage,

serving as a training officer with the No. 2 Fire Station, Ballantrae-Musselman's Lake.

Robb says he's letting his name stand, not for one year, but for four. The next municipal election is in 1985. He feels it will take at least a year "to get to know the ropes."

The 16-year Musselman's Lake resident would like to see the No. 2 Fire Area expanded. He also wants to see the South Lake Road improved. "It's in rough shape," he said. If elected, he's promised to check into day-care needs within the ward. Many mothers and fathers work, he stated, and this presents problems.

In his first bid for election, Robb was defeated by the late Becky Wedley. The second time, he lost out to Tom Wood, now the Town's mayor, by 57 votes.

Ron and Jean Robb have three children, two sons David and Stephen and a daughter Shelli.



RON ROBB

Re-adjust population maximum

STOUFFVILLE — The Town could one day face a growth explosion if it's not careful with population planning.

This was the warning issued by Councillor Margot Marshall during a Nov. 13 discussion on Whitchurch-Stouffville's new expansion goal.

Although the majority of members eventually agreed to accept recommended guidelines of 22,000 people by 1990, the preceding debate generated a lively exchange on future growth strategies.

Councillor Marshall strongly objected to the maximum five per cent population figure favored by Council. She urged extreme caution be exercised.

The Ward 1 representative claimed not to be anti-growth, but warned that problems could result if land developers should all decide to build here at once.

"The rezoning is there and sooner or later they are going to build," she said. "I tell you this place is going to change in a hurry."

Jim Sanders, Councillor for Ward 6, considered controlled growth of prime importance.

"These population limits are important because they make us pick and choose so we obtain the right type of growth," he said.

Wilf Morley, Fran Sainsbury and Jim Rae said they believed the Town's real growth potential lies in the rural areas.

Councillor Sainsbury said lack of access to the York-Durham sewer line, combined with limited urban sewage capacity, makes outside expansion all the more important.

"The rural area is the only thing we have going for us," Councillor Sainsbury commented. "And as long as we grow in an economically sound manner, I don't foresee any problems."

Councillor Marshall wanted the goal lowered, so that Whitchurch-Stouffville's projected size would be under 20,000 by 1990.

Jim Sanders agreed with a proposed amendment reducing the growth figure from five to three per cent, stating this would prompt future Councils to "look at things even a little more carefully."

However, the motion was defeated by Councillors Sainsbury, Morley and Rae, and the original one approved.

Mayor Tom Wood reminded members that the population goal can be reviewed annually and adjusted to reflect current trends.

Mrs. Marshall was critical of her colleagues for so eagerly supporting the five per cent target, as recommended by the Town Planner.

Big winner

STOUFFVILLE — For ten-year-old Tim McCammon, Albert Street South, Stouffville, Tuesday was the happiest day of his life; to be exceeded only by Saturday.

Tim, a Tribune newspaper carrier, was the winner, Tuesday, of two tickets to Maple Leaf Gardens. On Saturday, he'll watch the Minnesota North Stars play the Toronto Maple Leafs and later meet and talk with Minnesota's Keith Acton, a native of Stouffville.

The draw was arranged by Tribune Publisher Bruce Annan and Circulation Manager Doreen Deacon to show the paper's appreciation of its carriers' hard work week after week. Tim's name was selected by Editor Jim Thomas.

Build-up booms

STOUFFVILLE — No longer is Whitchurch-Stouffville the development 'graveyard' of York Region. Quite the opposite. Build-up is booming.

Bruce Arrowsmith, the Town's chief building official, reports residential construction far ahead of 1983 with 112 permits issued to the end of September com-

pared to 66 for the same period last year.

The value of residential construction, (Sept. 30, 1984), was \$12,172,160.

The value of total construction, (Sept. 30, 1984), was in excess of eighteen million dollars, including close to ten million in the third quarter, (July-September), alone.

The value of residential

construction in the third quarter, (July-September), was \$6,593,701.

An Economic Report prepared by the Region of York for the first half of 1984, (Jan-June), shows Whitchurch-Stouffville in sixth place with respect to residential build-up. The Town's ahead of King and Georgina. Vaughan is well out front with Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury following in that order.



She's a doll among dolls

One-year-old Brett Bowdway is happy. She's among friends. But she'd better enjoy the companionship while she can. The four dolls, made by Jackie Petrie, Edward Street and Charlotte Simonds, Clarke Street, will be won by ticket-holders in a Chamber of Commerce Raffle every Friday, Nov. 30 to Dec. 21. Smiling Brett is the daughter of Bob and Julie Bowdway, Main Street, Stouffville.

— Jim Thomas

Bequest

Harvey Bunker Long (time farmer on the 9th Conc. of Markham) died Feb. 29, 1984 at Green Gables, a Manor, Bloomington. He was 91.

Prior to his passing, it was his wish that a donation in his name be made to the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Building Fund. An amount in excess of \$500,000 was written into his will.

Recently a cheque as prescribed was made payable to the fund raising committee.

The Hospital Board are extremely appreciative of this gesture and will be recognizing it in formal letter to the donor to be published in the Tribune.