

Grant may aid water solution

CLAREMONT—A new provincial grant program could influence the route Claremont takes to correct its water pollution problems.

The program, announced recently by Environment Minister Andy Brandt, is designed to aid small Ontario municipalities experiencing water or sewage difficulties.

York-Durham M.P.P. Ross Stevenson said the province could help fund a proposed communal water system for the north Pickering hamlet.

"That might very well alter the people's decision on what way they might want to go," Mr. Stevenson told The Tribune.

Up to now, a majority of Claremont residents with sub-standard wells have favored private replacement.

He noted that homeowners usually select individual well replacement because they are eligible for a 75 per cent government subsidy. And they also avoid water bills.

The alternative to private wells, a communal water system, would cost up to \$1.6 million. Cost of connecting into the service is about \$2,600 per household plus an annual water rate.

Hamlet residents, including members of the Claremont and District Community Association, are awaiting the results of test drilling and analysis at four locations within Claremont.

These findings, due in report form Jan. 16, 1985, will recommend the best alternative water supply.

A draft study prepared last summer indicated that a high percentage of Claremont's well systems are unsatisfactory.

A survey of residents' water requirements was conducted at a public meeting held in June. Results showed 17 people favored having a new well drilled (at the

approximate cost of \$1,500 per home) while only six chose the communal method. Another 12 residents indicated they were

satisfied with their present water supply and didn't want to be liable for any costs associated with a new system.

A Ministry of Environment spokesman said the new water and sewage funding allocation is still in its early stages.

Letters will be sent to Ontario municipalities over the next couple of weeks explaining the purpose and availability of these grants, he said.

Mr. Stevenson said the increased provincial funding is geared toward communities with a population under 1,000 people. On that basis, the M.P.P. said, Claremont should qualify.

Under the funding scheme, the province would pay 60 per cent while the regional municipality would be expected to contribute 25 per cent of the total cost. The other 15 per cent would be the responsibility of local government, in Claremont's case the Town of Pickering.

Open house features quilts

UXBRIDGE—A 4-H quilting open house will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, at Uxbridge Secondary School.

Featured at the event will be the Canada Packers Quilt Display. It will run from 1 to 4 p.m.

A total of 21 clubs from Durham Region will take part.

Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.



Cabbage Patch clothes are big seller

Dianne Bennis, operator of The Book and Craft Cellar in Uxbridge, makes many of the Cabbage Patch Doll clothes she sells in her Brock Street shop. Crafts are in demand during the Christmas

shopping season and a selection of books are also popular. Mrs. Bennis says the Cabbage Patch Kids are not part of the saleable merchandise.

—Chris Shanahan

Petition crossing

UXBRIDGE—A 40-name petition calls for the immediate posting of a school crossing guard at the four corners of Brock Street West and Victoria Street, Uxbridge.

The group of residents claim a crossing guard is necessary to ensure the safety of children travelling to and from school.

"Let's not wait until a child is killed or injured before something is done about this long overdue matter," the petition reads.

The ratepayers, concerned over recent incidents of child abduction, claim "children waiting to cross this unsupervised intersection are at a greater risk."

Members of Uxbridge Twp. Council discussed the request at a public protection committee meeting, Thursday evening.

About 10 of the petitioners don't have school-age children but are still concerned about safety, it was noted.

A motion was carried requesting roads superintendent Lorne Wall to gauge traffic at the crossing before reporting backing in a couple of weeks.

Crafts sell well at shop

UXBRIDGE—Everything from Cabbage Patch clothes to second-hand paperbacks are available at the Book and Craft Cellar.

Crafts and books share equal billing at the store, located at 68 Brock Street West, Uxbridge.

Owner Dianne Bennis says demand for locally-crafted gift items peaks during the Christmas shopping season.

Cabbage Patch apparel is in high demand right now. Mrs. Bennis, who makes many of the items herself, says camouflage army outfits, track suits, overalls and diapers are all popular.

"A lot of the stuff is for children," she explains, noting that the crafts are all sold on consignment.

Mrs. Bennis buys, sells and trades books. Paperbacks are the biggest seller.

Also available at the Book and Craft Cellar are quilts for an infant's crib; wooden egg cups; sweaters for the newborn; decorative bread boards; wooden cookie jars; hand-painted silk scarves; mirrors; and stained glass figures.

Paintings by Uxbridge artist Lynn Bewley are featured at the shop.

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MEMBER OF COUNCIL - WARD TWO

Ed Henry John McCracken
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ADVANCE POLLS:

Date: Saturday, December 1, 1984
Location: Municipal Office
Time: Advance Polls will be open from 9 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

REGULAR POLLS:

Date: Monday, December 10, 1984
Location: Community Centre, Ballantrae
Time: Regular Polls will be open from 11 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

PROXY APPLICATIONS

A person who has been appointed a voting proxy may apply to the Clerk not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Polling Day to receive a certificate to vote by proxy for the polling subdivision in which the person appointing the voting proxy is entitled to vote.

Patricia G. Muir,
Clerk and Returning Officer.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE NOTICE

By-law #68-17 as amended by By-law #80-57

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1. On any Street in such a manner as to obstruct traffic.
2. ON ANY STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock a.m. during the months of December, January, February and March.

During the winter season, owners of motor vehicles should comply with the above provisions to facilitate the snowplowing of roadways and streets.

The Police Department is required to enforce the above provisions. Your co-operation is requested.

PATRICIA G. MUIR, TOWN CLERK

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