



**"Get 'em while they're hot --- hamburgers that is!"**

Revenue Properties Limited, developers of Stouffville's Westfield Estates, were in a giveaway mood, Friday, giving away hotdogs and hamburgers, not houses. The company hosted a barbecue at the Hwy. 47 site, attended by construction staff, Town employees and

members of Council. Here Councillor Wilf Morley, (second from right), accepts a sizzling hamburger fresh of the griddle from company chef, Allan Grundy. Next in line are Mayor Tom Wood, (left) and Executive Vice-President Peter Alexander. — Jim Thomas

# Standards set for pet cemetery

**WHITCHURCH** — The partners proposing Whitchurch-Stouffville's first pet cemetery have been encouraged to apply to the Town's committee of adjustment for a minor variance.

Members of the planning advisory committee accepted Planner Michael Saunders' recommendation at a meeting, May 21.

Toronto residents Beverley Gun-Munro and Lynda Hill presented their proposal at a May 7 meeting, but had not made application to the committee of adjustment as of Monday.

They wish to operate an animal burial ground on a 53.5-acre property, fronting on the west side of the Ninth Line, south of Musselman's Lake.

If granted, the minor variance as to use would allow a pet cemetery under the site's present Rural (RU) zoning.

While Ontario has no government regulations for such animal burial sites, the women said they will operate their business much like a cemetery for humans.

The planner's report stated, in part: "The proposed pet cemetery is in keeping with the Town's rural development policies. Cemeteries are a permitted use under the existing Rural (RU) zoning for the site. However, this use is restricted to the

cemetery definition under The Cemeteries Act of Ontario which refers to "human bodies and remains, etc." and not animal corpses. Accordingly, a minor variance to expand the definition of a cemetery use is necessary in order to allow the subject proposal to proceed.

"As for the site, in my opinion, it is an appropriate location for a pet cemetery."

In a prospectus submitted to the Town, Gun-Munro and Hill include the following points about their planned Forest Lawn Pet Cemetery: Regulation plots will be drawn up and numbered, and marked clearly on a map. Pet owners will choose a numbered lot designated to them exclusively. After each burial, the lot will be marked with a flat cement marker bearing the owner/pet name and the date.

All animals will be buried below the frost line (a minimum of 4 feet beneath the natural surface of the ground), and will be immediately covered with at least 4 feet of earth. Every animal will be buried in a wooden box.

Owners will be permitted to attend the burial of their pet if they so wish. It is also thought that a crematorium will be erected at a later date.

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