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Bottling plant turned down by Council

GORMLEY — Council has unanimously rejected a proposed water bottling plant north of Gormley.

Robert Woodworth of Laurentian Water Limited failed to receive approval for an Official Plan and zoning by-law amendment at a lengthy public meeting, June 4.

These are required to allow conversion of an existing barn-like structure into a small bottling operation for spring water products.

The subject site is located west of Woodbine Avenue and south of Bethesda Sideroad.

Councillors were vocal in their opposition including Fran Sainsbury, who spoke of Whitchurch-Stouffville's long-running fight to preserve its "precious commodity" of water.

Her major difficulty is with the principle of water for sale.

"I can't support the selling of a common heritage for the profit of one," the Ward 4 representative said, while also questioning the economics of Mr Woodworth's proposal.

Mr. Woodworth claimed the plant would pump 3,200 gallons of water weekly during the initial year of operation, slightly less than the average household consumption. (Intake would increase in future years.)

The proposed use of water will not present a hazard to the aquifer we're tapping," he said, adding that the quantity is limited and would continue to be so for a number of years.

The amount of water required by the plant is a fraction of that used by a community of 5,000, he argued.

"It's almost like taking a cup of sand from the beach."

He suggested that one of the benefits of the operation is that we would serve as a monitoring agency for the water quality in the Gormley area.

The firm never considered locating in the nearby Cardico industrial subdivision because it didn't offer the "rural, rustic environment" desired in the spring water business, the meeting was told.

Councillors Jim Sanders and Ron Robb spoke of the importance of protecting Stouffville's water supply in view of increasing pollution levels in the Great Lakes system.

The property owners adjacent to the planned bottling plant, Elke and Elsa Volken, are opposed to the location of such an industrial operation next to their residence.

And an official letter of objection was submitted by Gormley resident F.B. Munroe, listing a number of water-related concerns. It read in part: "The ground water of this community is the heritage of 10,000 years. We should take every means of protecting it and if we do it well, it will serve us for another 10,000 years."

Council's only control is to deny rezoning, deny any extraction and sale of aquifer water.

The applicant has the right to have the Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments referred to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing, noted Town Planner Michael Saunders.



Life Member cuts anniversary cake

Viola McCreight, a Life Member of the Altona Women's Institute, cuts the 75th anniversary cake at a special meeting held in the lower auditorium of Stouffville United Church. Representatives from several institutes in the area attended. For story and additional photo see Page A-12.

Jim Thomas

Demolish block

STOUFFVILLE — If all goes well, demolition of the front portion of the former Sanders Block building will be completed by the end of the year.

Owner John Baird told The Tribune that, barring further resident objections, a spring construction start is anticipated for a new two-storey structure.

It'll include two studio apartments on the bottom level and seven additional rental units above.

The project, architect Jack Shaw, detailed the revised plans at a committee of adjustment hearing, Friday.

He said it would cost more to restore the original structure than to demolish it and rebuild, therefore the decision was made to start from scratch.

The number of parking spaces has been increased to 15, the committee was told.

Concerns voiced by neighboring residents include on-site parking, plus the existing problem of garbage build-up on adjacent Commercial Street.

Following in-camera discussion, the committee ruled in favor.

Golfer 'winged'

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville auctioneer Terri Surman will be 'winging it' with one wing in a cast following a freak accident near the 7th hole of the John Evelyn Course, Saturday.

A golfer on the 6th tee failed to provide sufficient clearance. His ball shattered her right hand.

Surgery was performed in Scarborough Centenary Hospital where the hand was fitted with a cast.

Weekender coming!

The Tribune Weekender is coming.

Twenty-one thousand copies will be free distributed every Saturday, beginning June 15, in Stouffville, Clarendon and Uxbridge as well as Markham, Unionville and Milliken Mills.

A tabloid format will be used, setting it apart from the regular Wednesday paper.

No water

BALLANTRAE — For several months about 60 Ballantrae residents with properties fronting on Hwy. 48 and the Aurora Sideroad, have been unable to use their wells. All are utilizing alternate water supplies. Road salt contamination is suspected.

A public meeting had been planned for the end of this month. However, the date has now been changed to July 19, at the Municipal Office in Stouffville.

Town man electrocuted

STOUFFVILLE — A 33-year-old Stouffville man was electrocuted June 5 when he came in contact with a live extension cord at his place of employment in Markham.

Larsen Finn, 334 Main Street East, was rushed by ambulance to North York General Hospital but was pronounced dead at 5:35 p.m.

An inquest is pending.

Mr. Finn, a native of Denmark, had lived in Stouffville about eight years. He was described as "a great guy" liked by everyone.

"He was very generous," a neighbor told The Tribune, "always anxious to help anyone in need."

His favorite recreations were fishing and camping.

The deceased was a plant foreman at the company where he worked.

Funeral service was held Saturday from the Danish Lutheran Church, Finch Avenue West, with interment, Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery, Unionville.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a son, Bradley, 13, and a close friend, Kim Beaudoin of Stouffville.

Build-up booms

STOUFFVILLE — There's no let-up in Stouffville's building boom.

Within the Dulverton Development agreements have been signed releasing 128 additional lots in an area east of the flood control dam. Ninety lots will be developed by Greenpark and 38 by Fairgate. Forty-two additional lots remain in this section.

West of the Conservation Area, a road from the C.N.R. right-of-way to the Ninth Line is being roughed in, to accommodate the installation of sewer and water mains. A level crossing will be created with flashing lights.

The road will not be available for public use until some time in 1986.

If the demand for homes continues, build-up east of the C.N. line could be completed this year, Town Planner Michael Saunders told The Tribune.

Residential construction is not contemplated west of the tracks in 85. There are 44 lots in Phase 7 and 42 lots in Phase 8. All will be developed by Greenpark.

Mayor Tom Wood said build-up in the Dulverton Development had proceeded faster than expected. "These are exciting times," he concluded.

Office

STOUFFVILLE Green Sorbara Liberal M.P.P. (of the riding of York North) is opening up a constituency office in Stouffville.

The location is 23 Main Street East, second floor. The telephone number is 640-4767.

Mr. Sorbara is also opening up offices in Aurora and Woodbridge.

In the meantime, the local Member can be reached at his Queen's Park Office, 965-9595. His legislative assistant, Debra Smith.

Big show a great show

Star a 'no show'

STOUFFVILLE — The star of the show was a 'no show' but the show went on just the same.

Toller Cranston's unavoidable absence at Thursday evening's extravaganza in Latham Gallery was disappointing to organizers. They had hoped for even a brief appearance by the professional skating star. But it wasn't to be. A prior commitment in Markham that had run several hours behind schedule, made it impossible for him to leave. But he'll make amends, Judi VonZuben, Gallery director, has been assured by Cranston he'll be available for autographs and interviews, Thurs. June 27 at 7:30 p.m.

While what they didn't see was a let-down for some, what they did see was 'out of this world.' And that was the way one visitor described it — "the 8th wonder of the world." Others called it "fantastic" and "incredible."

The pieces of art, (priced as high as \$6,000), and items of furniture, are all from the Cranston home in downtown Toronto. They're on loan to the Gallery and will remain on display until July 6.

While Toller himself didn't make it to the opening, his parents did. Monte and Stewart Cranston arrived around 9:30 p.m., and remained about one-half hour.

A sell-out

STOUFFVILLE — The Whitchurch-Stouffville Trade Show, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, is completely sold out with a waiting list, committee chairman Jack Chambers told The Tribune this week.

The dates are Sept. 12, 13 and 14. The location is the Town's new Recreation Centre.

Seventy-six booths will be accommodated with displays ranging from snowmobiles to automobiles. A \$10,000 budget has been established to cover expenses, Chambers said.

It will be the first major event at our new Complex. We're expecting between fifteen and twenty thousand people.

The show will feature a variety of entertainment as well as exhibits, Mr. Chambers said.

Profits from the venture will go to the Rec. Centre Fund.



A picture's worth a thousand words

Saturday was Photo Day for teams and individual players in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball House League. The man behind the camera is George Ross of George Ross Studio, Stouffville. The smiling batter is five-year-old Carmen Pignatelli of R.R. 1, Gormley.

Jim Thomas



"Fantastic" and other superlatives were heard Thursday at the grand opening of the Toller Cranston exhibit in Latham Gallery, Stouffville. Equally enthusiastic was Judi vonZuben, the Gallery's director. The display will remain through July 6.

Jim Thomas