



TERRY RYAN
He'll run again

Ryan seeks re-election to separate school board

Separate School Trustee Terry Ryan has announced he will run for re-election to represent Markham on the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

Mr. Ryan, 38, is running in the new Area III, municipal wards 4 and 5. Recent redistribution of the five Town of Markham seats on the separate school board has reduced Markham village's representation from two trustees to one.

Milliken Mills will now have its own trustee, rather than sharing one with Unionville.

Mr. Ryan was first elected to the school board in 1982 and has served on the board's education committee, was elected vice-chairman of the education committee in 1984 and chairman of the committee in 1985.

"It has been an honor to serve the Catholic community for the last three years," said Mr. Ryan. "The challenge of the next term will be the implementation of Bill 30, the Act to expand the Catholic school system to the secondary level. I am looking forward to being able to continue to serve the community as its trustee during this period of growth and expansion."

Mr. Ryan lives in Markham with his wife Anne and three children Jennifer, James and Jillian. He has been employed by IBM Canada for 20 years.



Premier opens recreation centre

Ontario's Premier David Peterson (right) cuts the ribbon, to officially open Phase 1 of Whitchurch-Stouffville's \$2.3 million Recreation Centre. Other participants in the ceremony include York Regional Chairman Eldred King

(left) and Greg Sorbara, MPP York North. Premier Peterson called the event "a magnificent occasion" and praised the community for its support.

—Chris Shanahan

Fear for their wells

Residents oppose rezoning

By PAULA CROWELL
Staff Reporter

Residents of Glenbourne Park and Dickson Hill are opposing housing developments in their neighborhoods because they fear depletion and contamination of their water supply.

Builders have applied for rezoning in both areas to permit more housing, but residents fear for their wells. Currently the land in both areas is not serviced.

In Dickson Hill, residents are opposed to construction of 12 houses that a rezoning bylaw will allow. They say the ground isn't suitable for septic systems and anticipate problems in that regard.

One resident said the land slopes down from the new area to the established homes.

"Our well is 40-feet deep. I am certain we're going to have problems with our well. With the land coming straight down, it's surely going to affect our water," he said.

The lawyer for the developer said residents' wells will be tested before and after the new homes are in place. He assured residents that their water supply would not be affected because new wells would be dug much deeper.

The committee tried to reassure residents that if and when the subdivision is approved, a letter of credit would be required from the builders. The letter would be held for two years after the project is finished while established wells are tested for contamination.

A neighboring farmer was on hand to warn the committee that new residents might not appreciate living close to his farm.

He raises pigs and cattle and said the smell of manure and noise from a corn dryer might be offensive to future residents.

Regional Councillor Ron Moran said prospective buyers should be made aware of the farm adding that "different people are affected by different levels of noise and smell."

The councillors also suggested that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food be informed of the situation, so that the farmer will be protected from complaints of home buyers.

In the second rezoning proposal, water supply was again the concern of residents. Developers have asked for the rezoning of land off Warden Ave. north of 16th Ave., to allow the construction of 36 homes where 23 were originally permitted.

Residents of the Glenbourne Park area and owners of the York Downs Golf and Country Club are upset that the new community will create a shortage of water in the area.

If they could decide, they would choose to leave the 4 1/2 acres of woodland as it is but because zoning already permits development, they would prefer to see 23 houses over 36.

One resident quoted a letter of a neighbor who described the woodland as an environmentally sensitive area. He listed a variety of birds and plantlife unique to the area, hoping to convince the committee that the land should not be developed.

Other reasons mentioned to deny the rezoning were noise, pollution from increased traffic, disturbance caused by extra street lights and further overcrowding of Unionville Public School.

The committee decided to permit the rezoning defining the number of houses as up to a maximum of 36, subject to a report about the impact of more housing on the area.

Scarpitti to assist MP Tony Roman



FRANK SCARPITTI
Helps Tony Roman

Frank Scarpitti of Markham has been appointed constituency assistant by York North MP Tony Roman.

Mr. Scarpitti, 25, will assist Mr. Roman with his responsibilities in the riding on a part-time basis.

"I'll be keeping him in touch with things in the riding while he's in Ottawa," said Mr. Scarpitti.

A graduate of Markham District High School and Seneca College, Mr. Scarpitti has been employed in the communications field at Classicomm Cable since 1982 and was appointed program director of Cable 10 in 1983. He will continue his duties at the cable company.

Mr. Scarpitti's job with Classicomm has acquainted him with many of the responsibilities of the different levels of government.

He headed up the coverage for the 1982 municipal election, the 1984 federal election and this past year's provincial election.

"I'm really looking forward to it. It's a great opportunity," said Mr. Scarpitti. "I have a lot of respect for Mr. Roman."



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