

Project Home helping with special babysitting service

While it's normal for parents to want to get away from their children once in awhile, for some it's not an easy task.

Parents of handicapped children who have special needs can't rely on the regular neighborhood babysitter. But York Region's Project Home program is helping.

Established in 1981, the program is designed to give temporary relief to families with de-

velopmentally handicapped members.

Sponsored by the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Project Home links "host families" who are capable of caring for handicapped people with parents who need relief.

There are currently three host families in the Markham area, but more are needed. Cathie

Buckley, co-ordinator of Project Home, said there's a definite shortage of host families in Markham.

"We can always use more," she said. "We currently have a waiting list of 10 (families). We can never have too many (host families)."

Families using the Project Home program are entitled to 21 days of placement per year. Host families tell when they're available and the appropriate arrangements are made.

"We try to match families from the same area whenever possible," said Mrs. Buckley. "The hours are very flexible. It can be for a weekend or through the week."

Host families receive a nominal fee of \$20 per day to help cover expenses.

"It's volunteer work, but we don't want out-of-pocket expenses," she said. "The natural family is asked to contribute what they can."

John and Barb Challies of Unionville have been host parents for about six months.

"As a Christian I just feel it's important to help other people. It's a good program," said Mrs. Challies. "We really enjoy it. It's the ideal way to do something good. It's very satisfying."

For further information on Project Home call 884-9110 or 889-5239.



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"IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS"

**TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE
PROPOSED GENERAL ZONING BY-LAW**

NOTICE OF MEETING
TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will hold a public meeting on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. in LATCHAM HALL Located at 32 PARK DRIVE SOUTH, STOUFFVILLE, Ontario to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, the proposed GENERAL ZONING BY-LAW to be passed pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act.

SUBJECT PROPERTY
The proposed General Zoning By-law will apply to ALL LANDS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE.

EXPLANATORY NOTE
The proposed General Zoning By-law will, among other matters, do the following:
Replace Zoning By-law No. 72-7
Consolidate the numerous Zoning By-law Amendments.
Convert measurements from imperial to metric units,
Modify present zoning categories,
Introduce new zoning categories,
Change the zoning on selected properties and neighbourhoods, and
Implement the Official Plan as amended.

REPRESENTATION
ANY person may attend the public meeting and make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed General Zoning By-law. If you are unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the meeting.

INFORMATION
A copy of the proposed General Zoning By-law may be obtained at the Planning Department, Municipal Building, 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, at no charge, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at this office.

DATED at the TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE this 31st day of December, 1985.

Patricia G. Muir, Clerk
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