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'TOWN AT CROSSROADS'

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville is at the crossroads. This is the feeling of Mayor Fran Sainsbury and Chief Administrative Officer Ed Lundman following two days of in-depth discussions at a motel "hideaway" near Aliston.

Specific results of these discussions were not revealed at a press conference Monday. However, Mayor Sainsbury said councillors would be "placing their cards on the table" in the form of draft resolutions this week. A second press meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, (today).

Proposals relate to the following: (1). Over-all population to the year 2001. (2). Population of Stouffville. (3). Population of individual hamlets. (4). Limits of "defined" sewage area. (5). Suburban residential criteria. (6). Location of suburban residential. (7). Rural lot sizes. (8). Limitation on severances. (9). Areas of industrial growth.

Draft resolutions were also proposed relating to water and sewer services.

A portion of the prepared statement read: "There is no simple answer to providing 'the type of community' our citizens expect and, at the same time respond to the pressures and realities of today's society. Council and senior staff, through this strenuous two-day study session, have taken a first step forward in dealing with the future of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville."

It was generally agreed, Mayor Sainsbury said, that Stouffville's population should increase from its present 6,400 to 9,000 by the year 1990.

It was also generally agreed that the population of the entire town, (Whitchurch-Stouffville), should increase from 14,300 to 19,000 by the year 1990.

All members of Council

attended along with the Chief Administrative Officer; Town Clerk Pat Muir; Town Planner Michael Saunders; Town Treasurer Ed Blackburn and Town Engineer Glen VanDusan. A figure of \$1,600 was budgeted to cover the cost.

"Nothing of this magnitude has ever been done before," Mayor Sainsbury stressed. She said Council was "almost unanimous" on most issues.

Mr Lundman told The Tribune that, in his opinion, growth here is inevitable. "Speed of growth is the question," he said.

"Many people," he said, "find Whitchurch-Stouffville attractive because "it's not wall-to-wall housing." Also, homes here are cheaper.

Mayor Sainsbury warned that build-up can't occur at such a rate as to outgrow facilities such as schools, the library and the fire department.

Mr Lundman said the Town's several hamlets will be permitted to expand, in some cases even double and triple their present size.

Mayor Sainsbury explained that Whitchurch-Stouffville's proximity to Metro Toronto places the municipality under tremendous growth pressure. This pressure, she said, has been increased even more through the construction of Hwy. 404.

Motor Speedway

Application

STOUFFVILLE — A motor speedway for Whitchurch-Stouffville.

It now seems a certainty if the project's given the green light by the Town.

On Tuesday, (April 1), promoters will meet with a committee of Council and present their plans.

Gordon Hooper, Vice-President of Operations, calls it "the most exciting development in motor sports in the Toronto area in two decades."

Exact site of the proposed half-mile oval track remains secret. Mr. Hooper will say only it's in a Whitchurch-Stouffville gravel pit with seating accommodation, (when completed), of ten thousand.

The potential investment has been placed at close to seven million dollars.

"It will prove a benefit to the town," Hooper said, "a real tourist attraction and a boon to the economy."

An industrial park is proposed in conjunction with the track. Noise will not be a factor, Hooper explained, because the site will be properly bermed and heavily treed. Also, the cars will be equipped with regulation mufflers, he said.

Main Street plan 'exciting' -- Chamber

STOUFFVILLE — "An exciting program!" is the way Chamber of Commerce president Ged Stonehouse described future plans for Stouffville's Main Street.

Addressing a Chamber meeting, Thursday, he said at least seven commercial establishments were likely to undergo facade improvements in the next few months.

Work is already underway at Linda's Beauty Salon, 40 Main Street East.

Stonehouse explained that with facade and streetscape included the cost estimate for the Main Street Plan had escalated from \$6,000 to \$10,000. "But it's well worth it," he stated.

Improvements to Stouffville's downtown core were also discussed by the Hydro Commission at its meeting, March 19.

"We want to co-operate," said Commission Chairman Herb Peach. New poles and fewer lines will make a tremendous difference, he said.

Chairman Peach said the Commission's main concern was for the safety of the public. "We want to make the place safe," he explained, "we want to prevent a disaster."

He noted that many poles were 40 years old.

"It's been a case of band-aid treatment for over 25 years," he claimed.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury said the Commission had limited funds with which to work, making it uneconomical to erect cement poles or bury wires.

"Unionville and Markham are ten years ahead of us," she said. "Mayor Sainsbury praised the work of the Business Improvement Area Board, (B.I.A.). "With only an \$11,000 budget to work with, they've done a lot," she concluded.



Flames roar through the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Todd and family (Goodwood) minutes after 17-year-old Heidi Todd (inset) awakened her parents, two brothers and a sister and aided their escape. The loss, excluding contents, has been

estimated at \$80,000. Firefighters from Stouffville, Uxbridge and Pickering battled the blaze fanned by strong north-west winds. No one was seriously injured.

— Jim Thomas

Goodwood fire hero

Action praised

By JIM THOMAS
GOODWOOD — Seventeen-year-old Heidi Todd would just as soon forget the events of Thursday morning, March 20.

She'd like to put it all behind her. And neither can her parents, her two brothers and her sister.

For it was Heidi's quick actions that alerted members of her family to a fire that destroyed their Goodwood home of 13 years.

"I don't know what made me wake up, but I'm glad I did. There were flames coming up the heat vent but I wasn't sure if it was only in my room."

Heidi didn't wait to find out. She awakened her mother and dad, also brothers Cameron and Stewart. She then carried her sleeping nine-year-old sister, Becki, to safety.

"The smoke was really thick downstairs," Heidi recalled. She remembers gathering up a few items of clothing and her father's wallet. She then drove directly to the home of Don and June Harper, a few doors up the street and remained there the rest of the night.

"I really didn't think it was as bad as it was," Heidi said. However, when Jeff (Harper), reported flames coming out the front windows, she knew the house couldn't be saved.

"But the scene the next day was even worse than I thought," she said.

Heidi managed a smile when she recalled showing up at the Harper home wearing her father's track pants and sweater. "I'd just purchased \$400 worth of clothes," she said. "All were destroyed. So also was a gold watch, a treasured gift from Scott Harper, a boyfriend more than three years."

The loss, excluding contents, has been estimated at \$80,000.

Heidi is appreciative of support received from many friends, particularly Alison Geddes and Kathy Fur, Grade 12 classmates at Uxbridge High.

"The Harper family have been super too," she said.

Heidi says things are slowly returning to normal. "But it seems strange not to be going home."

Arena proposal

Indoor golf

STOUFFVILLE — The former arena will not be demolished if Ken May's plan to renovate the facility is approved by council.

In a letter to the Town, received recently, the local realtor proposes to maintain the site as a recreational venture.

His plan calls for a roadhouse-style restaurant, a non-licensed cafeteria, indoor miniature golf and a golf driving range. The area, Mr. May believes, could also be used for badminton or tennis.

During the Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting last week, four proposals were opened. Mayor Fran Sainsbury described this as the only plan meeting the town's need for sports oriented entertainment.

Council, at its last meeting, granted Mr. May five weeks to prepare a detailed presentation of his ideas for the building.

In his original proposal, Mr. May said he would require a 20 to 25 year lease if his plans were approved.

Trade Fair

STOUFFVILLE — The success of Trade Show '85 has prompted a repeat performance this fall.

The dates are Sept. 11, 12 and 13.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the exhibition. The committee chairman is Jack Chambers.

"At a Chamber meeting, Thursday, vice-president Ken Sandford called the Show impressive. All display space was sold out well in advance," he stated.



Bunnies hop on Main Street

Bunnies of Easter fame and Bunny's Flowers of Stouffville, would seem to go hand in hand. And they will this week. Every floral purchase will be delivered personally by a beautiful bunny, similar to the pair

pictured above. Fully expecting to be kept 'on the hop', two cuddly cottontails went through a practice run Monday. They were greeted by Karen Heise of The Tribune's office staff.

— Jim Thomas

Lady apartment tenant

Trapped in elevator

STOUFFVILLE — For almost a half-hour Wednesday, 71-year-old Anita Wright was confined to the darkened interior of an elevator at the Elm Road Apartment where she resides.

"I hurt my toe banging on the door. I didn't stop pounding until the time the elevator stopped until the door opened," she told The Tribune following her release.

The third-floor resident's ride

suddenly stopped about a foot below the top floor of the three-storey building after power in the area went off.

Pearl Barkey, also a resident on the third floor, heard the commotion and summoned Ivor Vickers, the building's superintendent.

While stuck in the darkened elevator, Anita tried to pry the door open. "I saw a little crack and tried to push the door, but it wouldn't move," she said.

Mr. Vickers shouted to the trap-

ped woman, "relax, take it easy. There's help on the way," Mrs. Wright recalled.

Firefighters responded quickly. They pried the third floor elevator entrance open and helped Mrs. Wright out.

During the interview, an hour after the incident, Mrs. Wright's was still shaking. She insisted her nervousness was due to "climbing up and down the stairs, not from being trapped."

She admitted, however, "it was a bit frightening."

Pageant

Thurs. June 26 is still fourteen weeks away. However, for Bruce and Bunny Burton, organizers of the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant, the date is coming up quickly.

They're seeking sponsors' co-operation.

To enter, a young lady in the competition costs about \$50, Mrs. Burton said. This expense provides each entrant with an evening gown, a banner, and a corsage.

The Pageant will be held at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School in conjunction with the 1986 Citizen of the Year ceremony. It's all part of the Town's Strawberry Festival-Canada Day celebrations.

Whitchurch-Stouffville's reigning queen is Christine Hodgson, Loretta Crescent South.

Cash or trip?

Lions' grand prize to Brooklin man

STOUFFVILLE — Hugh McLeod of Brooklin, an employee on the staff of Chas. Richards & Sons, Stouffville, was the grand prize winner in the Lions-sponsored Elimination Draw held at Cedar Beach Hall, Musselman's Lake, Friday.

Mr. McLeod, in attendance when the ticket was drawn, can choose between a trip for two to Venezuela and \$1,500 cash.

Second prize, a color television set, was won by Evelyn Patrick, Burkholder Street, Stouffville.

Third prize, \$50 cash, went to Doug Saunders, Main Street, Stouffville.

Forty dollar winners were: Ross Hetherington, Gord Ness; Fay Minton, Doug Lehman and P.G. Harrington.

Several area businessmen donated spot prizes for the evening. Through The Tribune, the Lions Club wish to thank the following: Deer Park Inn, Dell Restaurant, Scott's Chicken Villa, Mr. G's Pizzeria, Pizzeria Giova and Stouffville Pizzeria for their generosity.