

Norah Stoner Report

Road repairs pave way to safety

By NORAH STONER
Safety on Brock Road will be substantially improved in the next few weeks with the installation of traffic signals at Finch and Brock. These signals have been delayed because of the sewer work taking place at the intersection.

CP Rail has begun erecting barriers at the crossing on Brock Road and Conic. Judging from the number of fatalities that have occurred at this location, the sooner the better!

The unusual spring weather this year has played havoc with Pickering's roads, both local and regional. The weather stayed mild for weeks on end rather than freezing at night and thawing each day, meaning the frost came

out of the ground quickly. Traditionally the frost comes out at the rate of a few inches a day, but this year the deeper thaw meant deeper mud and potholes.

Residents have had to put up with some very difficult situations and the Town will have to allocate more tax dollars for road repair and maintenance. It's fortunate the provincial government has allocated an additional \$30 million to municipal roads in 1986. In the past, the funds to municipalities for roads have been cut, meaning that towns and cities have had to put more property tax dollars in the pot just to stay even. I can only ask ratepayers to bear with us as we attempt to repair the damage.

The question of waste manage-

ment arose at a recent meeting of the Regional Works Committee. Members received a report on the status of the negotiations between Metro and the Region in search for a new landfill site. The Town of Pickering requested the report because of a concern that Metro may attempt to extend the Brock West, re-open Brock North or create another landfill in town. In a recent letter, the Commissioner of Metro Works said he intended to use both the Brock North and

Brock South. Metro has set up two committees: one in conjunction with Durham to search for a new site, and another with both Durham and York to prepare a master plan for Metro waste management.

The Regional Works Committee also received a report on the options available for Durham Recycling Inc. for a building from which to operate the Region's recycling programs. Members endorsed a resolution to ask the

Minister of the Environment to pay half the capital cost of \$450,000 to build a 12,000 square foot expandable facility. Don Evans, the Region's Chief Executive Officer, suggest it could finance half the project "in house" and would not have to debenture the building.

I hope Council will endorse this resolution, bringing a facility to the area that'll enable us to ex-

pand our recycling programs. With the building in place, the municipality would be able to recycle glass and cans as well as the newspapers presently being picked up. We should be setting an example for Metro in responsible waste management and resource conservation.

Norah Stoner is regional councillor for Ward 3 in the Town of Pickering.

Montessori plan

UXBRIDGE — A Scarborough resident wants to open a private Montessori school in downtown Uxbridge.

Adair Gilmour outlined her proposal to members of the Township's planning and development committee at a meeting April 17.

The school would be operated by Mrs. Gilmour's daughter, Tracy, a graduate of both the University of Western Ontario and Toronto Montessori Teacher Training program.

She's now teaching at a Montessori school in Frankston, Australia, pending her return to Canada at the end of 1986.

The Uxbridge facility would have a total daily enrolment of about 60 students under the guidance of two instructors.

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