

Markham planning briefs

Milliken plaza opposed

Plans for a plaza in Hagerman's Corners were referred back to planning staff for further study last week while the Town decides "what we're doing with this development."

Several residents came out to oppose the two-storey plaza proposed for construction at the southwest corner of Kennedy Rd. and 14th Ave.

It would include retail uses, a restaurant, a fast food establishment and a bank. The second floor would be used for offices.

Council members opted to refer the matter before scheduling it for a public meeting.

"Sooner or later we're going to have to look very hard at the Hagerman's Corners area," remarked Mayor Carole Bell.

Planning delay for restaurant

A restaurant plan for the Hagerman's Corners schoolhouse

was referred back to the Riseborough subcommittee for further discussion Tuesday before a public meeting will be held.

Owners George and Patricia Zarafonitis plan to turn the old schoolhouse on 14th Ave., east of Birchmount into a local eatery.

A September public meeting has been called to decide the Zarafonitis' application, following subcommittee recommendations.

Housing plan gets approval

A revised plan for a Milliken subdivision was given the initial go ahead by planning committee last week that will allow Monarch Construction Ltd. to develop eight lots.

The committee called a public meeting to implement a change in the housing mix for the development, located south of Denison

St., east of Brimley Rd. The site requires a zoning bylaw amendment because the property had originally been incorrectly zoned.

Draft approval from the Region of York is still required. The meeting is scheduled for Aug. 12.

Nursery school given go-ahead

A day nursery was given the approval stamp of planning committee last week to operate in Markham Mall on Hwy 7.

Kid's Stop Inc. plan to operate a daycare out of an empty unit at the plaza.

According to a planning report, the centre will supervise up to 32 children on a half-day basis with drop-off and pick-up facilities in the plaza parking lot.

No outdoor play area will be provided.

Full approval for the project is expected by Council at its next meeting.

Notice of appeal

Tony Roman back in court

By PAUL PIVATO

The election overspending case against York North MP Tony Roman is being appealed by the Crown on the grounds that the judge dismissed critical evidence gathered by a Mountie.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sergeant D.W. McFadyen investigated charges of overspending and had gathered figures which purportedly showed that Mr. Roman did not account for \$11,358 in an expense report.

In a notice of appeal filed at the District Court in Newmarket, an attorney representing the Crown also stated Judge Hugh Zimmerman "erred" in his finding that Mr. Roman and Official Agent Walter Donkin exercised "due diligence...in carrying out their responsibilities."

Judge Zimmerman said that Mr. Roman and Mr. Donkin did their best to ensure the expense

return was correct — that they had, in his opinion, exercised "due diligence."

The appeal notice also claimed the judge "erred" when he said the Crown had to produce evidence that a complaint in writing was filed with the Elections Commissioner.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections, Mr. J.O. Gorman, was unavailable for comment.

A spokeswoman at the Elections office in Ottawa said the decision to appeal was made by Commissioner Gorman.

She further said that the office could not divulge the name of the person who allegedly filed a complaint on the grounds that it was "confidential."

In the June 19 trial, Judge Zimmerman dismissed charges against Mr. Roman because the Crown did not prove that a written complaint had been filed with the

Elections Commissioner. The Judge added that, even though he dismissed the case, he would have handed down a verdict of not guilty based on the evidence presented.

In testimony at the trial the riding's returning officer said the only person who asked to see Mr. Roman's expense return was former York North MP John Gamble.

Mr. Roman was also unavailable for comment.

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Found Guilty

A former Stouffville man has been found guilty of sexual assault of a juvenile, but was given an absolute discharge by Provincial Court Judge Kenneth Langdon.

The Toronto man has been sufficiently punished for his first offence, the judge said, ordering that his name not be published.

The charges of sexual assault against the 38-year-old man and his 30-year-old common-law wife were laid in January, 1984.

The couple was alleged to have committed the offences against 13 and 14 year-old youths. Evidence in court revealed that the man had sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl when she attended a pyjama party held by the man's daughter.

Defence lawyer Morris

Manning who argued for an absolute discharge said no serious damage to the girl had resulted from the assault. But he added that the man and his wife had both lost their jobs and were forced to give up their home when they couldn't meet mortgage payments.

The defendant had a heart attack while his wife suffered a miscarriage.

Charges of committing an indecent act and contributing to juvenile delinquency were dropped against the man and all charges against his wife were dismissed.

Crown Attorney Mary Lou Dickey asked the judge for a short jail term saying there was damage done to the girls involved. While their names have never been published, she said local people knew who they were.

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