

Keith Saunders

Diplomacy best policy says new bylaw officer

By JIM THOMAS
Editor

STOUFFVILLE — Bylaw enforcement officers are supposed to frighten people. Purpose of their visits is to "correct visible wrongs."

Keith Saunders is different. For him, public relations is top priority. He feels he can accomplish more through co-operation than confrontation. And his attitude is working.

Keith was the Town's choice following interviews conducted this spring. He started the job April 6.

Keith has three main areas of jurisdiction — bylaw enforcement, weed control and dog licensing. He works out of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Building

Department headed by Bruce Arrowsmith.

Keith acts on all complaints. He also checks out problems reported to him by members of Council. While most people he's met have been very co-operative, absentee landlords are often difficult to track down, he says.

Born in England, Keith and Valerie Saunders arrived in Canada seven years ago. They reside in Newmarket with their three dogs and three cats.

"It was a step up," Keith says of his new position. "The work is more varied; never a dull moment." He enjoys being busy, sometimes working nights in an effort to catch folks at home.

Keith says the Town's Property

Standards and Sign Bylaws are important new regulations that require considerable time.

"We're asking people to clean up their acts," he says.

With respect to dog licensing, Keith plans to employ extra help this summer, possibly starting as early as May. Sales are completed door-to-door or at the Town Office.

While fear and trembling may accompany Keith's job description, the broad smile and hearty laugh give him away. Co-operation rather than confrontation is the secret of his success.

Changing landscape

WHITCHURCH — Now you see it, now you don't.

These days, the countryside is full of surprises.

A prime example is the former Jim Rae farm on Conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville, north of the Bloomington Road. The barn is gone, the pond is gone and the lay of the land is rapidly changing.

Only the house remains.

The property has been purchased for an 18-hole golf course and heavy equipment is now working at the site.

Re-construction of the course should be completed by early fall; The Tribune was told. Seeding will follow.



Keith Saunders is Whitchurch-Stouffville's new Bylaw Enforcement Officer. He commenced his duties

April 6. So far, he's found the majority of people very co-operative. He believes diplomacy is the best policy.

— Jim Thomas

Places third

STOUFFVILLE — Jeni Montgomery, Asbury Park Ct., Stouffville, enjoyed excellent success in the Lions District A-16 Final Speaking Contest, April 9 at Oakwood.

Jeni, a student attending the Stouffville Christian School, placed third in the class for girls. The title of her address was 'Expo 86 Passport.'

First place went to Robin DeGroot of Brechin and second to Sheila Bonness of Tribunederland.

Todd Lee of Woodville was top boy with Stephen Kyte of Blackstock, second, and Stephen Umphrey of Dunsford, third.

"The Lions members found the speeches fascinating with new and varied topics that captivated the large audience," said chairman Ivan Harris of Stouffville.

Both Jeni Montgomery and Stephen Kyte were winners in the Lions' Zone Contest held in Stouffville March 24.

NEW

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Take notice that application to amend the zoning order filed as Ontario Regulation 104/72 has been received by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The application is:

Applicant: The Windmill Golf Course Limited

File No.: 19/ZO/002/8701

Proposal: To permit the extension of the Windmill Golf Course onto approximately 29.40 ha of land located in Part Lots 28 and 29, Conc 6.

All submissions in support of, or in opposition to, the application, described above, and received by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, 14th Floor, 777 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2E5, on or before the 7th day May, 1987 will be fully considered before a final decision is made. Please refer to the file number indicated above.

In addition, under Section 46(10) of the Planning Act 1983, any interested person may request a hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board on an application for amendment to a zoning order.

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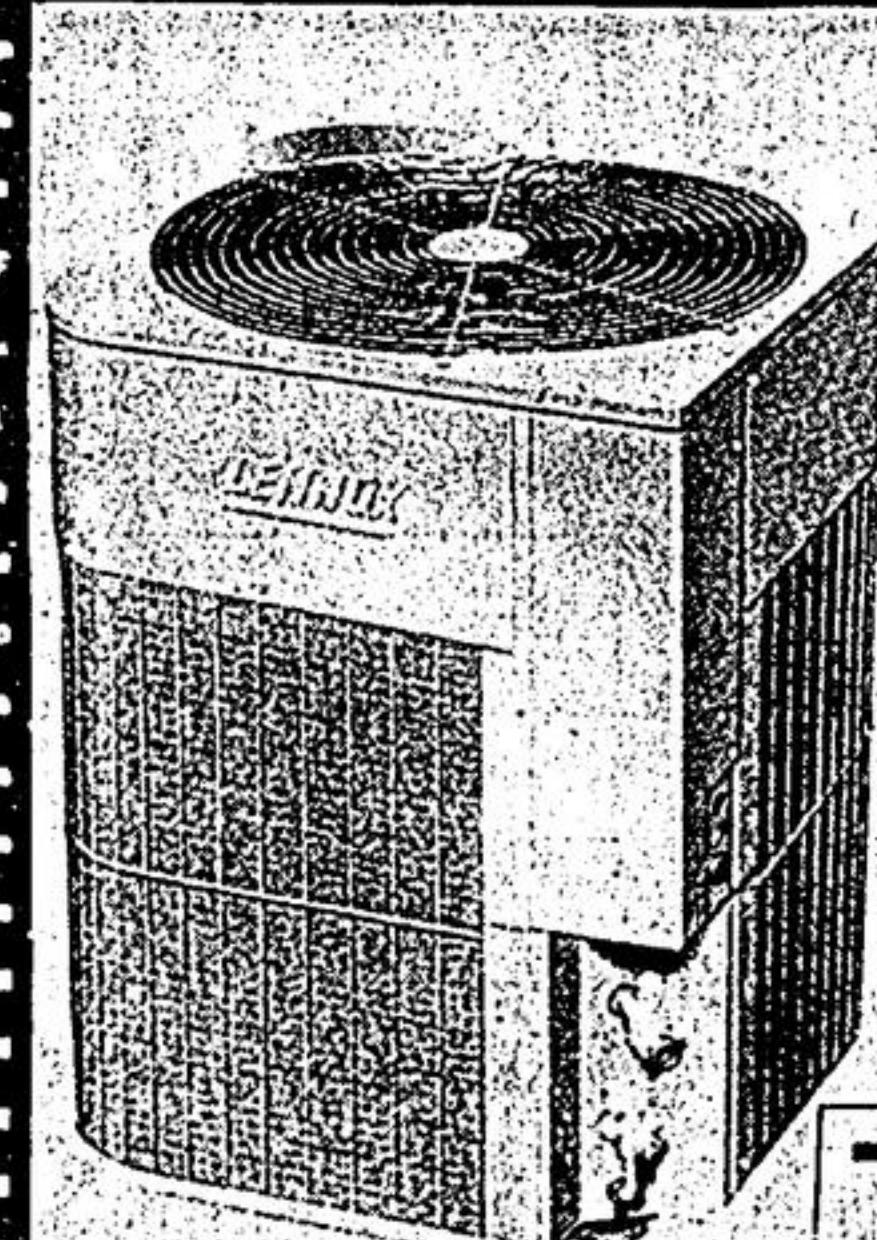
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