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Ratepayers want development slowed down

By BRUCE STAPLEY
WHITCHURCH — Adopting the motto from the 'The Hare and the Tortoise' tale, Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers Association are telling Town Council that 'slow and steady wins the race'.
"It's the speed of change that concerns us," Ann Belanger told a public meeting in the Ballantrae Community Centre, Monday.
An estimated 70 people attended including Councillors

Margot Marshall, (Ward 1), and Jim Sanders, (Ward 6).
Much of the discussion related to the Town's Official Plan and what it can mean to the municipality. The meeting agreed, it should contain definite goals and objectives and while not 'etched in stone', it should not be altered without serious deliberation.
"And always with the interests of local residents in mind, the members stressed.

Mrs. Belanger, the meeting's chairman, recommended an orderly flow. "Too much spot development is occurring," she said, "people in the country are finding themselves surrounded by subdivisions."
Mrs. Belanger recommended Council adopt a tougher stand with respect to would-be developers. "These people should not be able to develop whenever and wherever they please," she stated. The Town, she said, should have a pre-set plan and hold to it.

Wayne Warnica, the Association's new president, said he's able to understand Council's position. "The only thing constant about planning is change," he stated, adding "it's the speed of change that concerns us and the apparent inconsistency."
"As ratepayers, all we can do is encourage sensible interpretation and modification," interjected Mrs. Belanger with reference to the Official Plan.
The meeting recommended Town Planning Committee include a member independent of Council so that views of the rate-

payers can be more fairly reflected.
Members also requested stricter adherence to environmental conditions saying certain areas should be declared 'out of bounds' to all types of development.
The meeting suggested Whitchurch-Stouffville learn from the mistakes of Scarborough and Markham.

While Councillors Marshall and Sanders spoke to several issues, Mrs. Belanger ruled both be regarded as ratepayers rather than municipal representatives.

Wayne Warnica, the 1987 president-elect, resides at R.R. 2, Stouffville. The Association's vice-president is Bill Richardson, Gormley, R.R. 1.

A cross

A cross marks the spot.
On Sunday, motorists travelling Ninth Line North, slowed at the sight of a floral cross implanted in the ground at the edge of the west ditch.
It had been placed there by the parents and sisters of Giuseppe Luciano, a 21-year-old Scarborough man, killed in a single-vehicle accident April 18.
The cross was erected at a point where the victim's 1984 Corvette had left the road. A second cross was carved into the trunk of a tree on the property of Murray Oldham. It was here the driver was thrown from his vehicle following impact. The grieving family first sought permission from Mr. Oldham. He granted them approval.
Later, friends of the victim also visited the site, including Charles Gurreri, a passenger in the Luciano car on the evening of the accident.

Volunteers honored

STOUFFVILLE — Nine volunteers, including six associated with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and three with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, were honored Monday at a ceremony in the McMichael Gallery, Kleinburg.

The Hon. Greg Sorbara presented citations to the following: Jean Barkey, (Museum); Carol Brodie, (Library); Gladys Clarkson, (Museum); Maurice DeWitt, (Museum); Linda Giles, (Library); Wilnot Pattenden, (Museum); Marjorie Richardson, (Museum); Monica VanMaris, (Library) and Michael Wade, (Museum).

In addition, Frank and Ida Barkey and Frank Johnson, all of Stouffville, were honored for their volunteer work with the Markham Historical Society.

The Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture hosted the event.

'Tiny Perfect' Liberal bid

DURHAM-YORK — Wm. G. (Bill) Ballinger, the Uxbridge answer to Toronto's 'Tiny Perfect', has come out of political hibernation.
In a big way.
The former Uxbridge Twp. mayor will seek the Liberal nomination in the provincial Riding of Durham-York. He announced his candidacy Monday.
While those closest to the political scene predicted it would

only be a matter of time, few thought it would be this soon or at this level.

Ballinger's only declared rival to date is Vic Wilson, Stouffville, R.R. 3.

The Riding member is Conservative Ross Stevenson.

Bill Ballinger's political experience is impressive, extending from 1973 through 1985.

He was first elected to Town Council in 1973, served as a Regional Councillor from 1974 to 1976 and held the office of Mayor from 1980 to 1985.

A graduate of Waterloo University and Toronto Teachers' College, he served on the staff at Uxbridge Public School from 1972 to 1973.

He's presently the chairman of the Uxbridge/Hydro Electric Commission and a director with the Durham Region Plowmen's Association.

Ballinger's associations outside of politics have included: Director on the Uxbridge Hospital Board; Director on the Uxbridge Music Hall Board and a member on the Uxbridge Library Board.



BILL BALLINGER

Hostage in home

WHITCHURCH — A 22-year-old Cedar Valley man appeared in provincial court, Monday, following an alleged ordeal, Friday, in which a female complainant told police she was repeatedly raped in her own apartment on Leslie Valley Drive, Newmarket.

Darcy Samuel Watson of Conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville, faces charges of sexual assault with a weapon, forcible confinement, pointing a firearm and possession of a prohibited weapon.

According to the 20-year-old victim, the accused held her hostage April 24 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Police were told he was armed with a saved-off rifle and threatened to kill both the woman and himself.

After the suspect left the residence, members of York Region's Emergency Response Unit surrounded the Watson home at Cedar Valley and took the accused into custody without incident.



A truck roll-over on Hwy. 48, south of Ballantrae, April 22, required the assistance of ambulance officials and firefighters from Stouffville Station II to release an injured passenger.



Passenger injured in truck roll-over

The injured woman had been carried to a place at 10,000 The Road, where a car was waiting to take her to the hospital. The ambulance was driven by Kathy Strouse of Ballantrae, then (truck driven by Jeremy Dyde, the victim's husband, was careened out of control).
The band was demolished with property damage.
— Jim Thomas

Rides

Music Mania '87 opens April 30 (to-morrow night) and continues May 1 and 2. The location is Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Curtain time is 8 p.m.
To enable seniors to attend transportation is being provided Thursday evening. The pick-up schedule follows: Silver Jubilee Club — 6:30 p.m.; Parkview Village — 6:45 p.m.; Parkview Apartments — 7 p.m.; Elm Road Apartments — 7:15 p.m.
The return trip will immediately follow the show.
There are still some tickets available at Card's Hardware, Fame International and Stouffville Printing.
General admission is \$5, children \$2 and under \$1.50.
On Thursday night only, a special rate of \$1 is being offered seniors and students.

School on LSD alert

STOUFFVILLE — An LSD alert, contained in a memo to all Bell Telephone employees, was passed on to mothers attending a Principal-Parent Meeting at Summitview Public School, Friday.

Principal Lorne Boadway said tattoos, laced with LSD, come in the form of blue stars on small sheets of white paper. These brightly colored tabs can be removed and placed in the mouth. Absorption, Mr. Boadway said, can also occur through the skin by simply handling the paper while applying the tattoo.

Many of the stars are overprinted with pictures of butterflies, clowns and Disney characters, making them especially attractive to children, he explained.

Circulation of the blue star tattoos began in the United States. They've since appeared in border cities such as Windsor and Port Huron.

"I understand its rampant in some areas," Mr. Boadway warned, "it's frightening."

The Summitview principal noted the practise of exchanging stamps and hockey cards is popular with children. "I haven't seen any, (LSD blue stars), but I want all parents to be alerted to it," he said. "I can see it spreading."

Parkview reply

Relief available for homeless

STOUFFVILLE — The April 22 edition of The Tribune's Community Focus carried a story on Stouffville's Mansion House under the heading 'Hotel Residents Seeking Refuge.'

The Page 1 feature by Community Editor Chris Shanahan told of plans to renovate the century-old building, making it necessary for tenants to seek lodging elsewhere.

The item has brought response from the Executive Administrator of Parkview Village, Parkview Apartments and Parkview Home. In a letter dated April 27, Mr. Nighswander writes:

Dear Editor:
At Parkview, we read with interest the article in the April 22 'Tribune Focus' on the plight of the people now living in the Mansion House on Main Street. One cannot help but empathize with these persons in their need for affordable housing.

While they must make their own decisions, there are options available to them. Both at Park-

view Village and the Elm Road Seniors Apartments, there are Ontario Government subsidies that should make housing available to persons over 60 years of age at a rental cost of approximately 25% of the income of the individual.

From the information contained in the article, such housing should cost them less than they are now paying at the Mansion House.

Because of waiting lists, however, an apartment might not be immediately available.

"The point I wish to make is that for persons on limited income, the rent at Parkview is not \$500 to \$600 as quoted in the story, but actually 25% of their income. Currently, several of our tenants are paying less than \$100 per month in rent."

We are always ready to explore with serious enquirers, the possibilities for affordable housing at Parkview Village.

Sincerely,
J.M. Nighswander,
Parkview Executive Administrator

STOUFFVILLE MACHINE Inc.



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BERT BAKER
Hockey Reunion