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Downtown hydro plan big project

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STOUFFVILLE — Town Council, the Stouffville Hydro Commission and members of the Business Improvement Area Board (B.I.A.), will meet Nov. 9 to discuss a major lighting project for Stouffville's downtown.

There are two choices, says Hydro chairman Herb Peach — bury the wires along the 2,600 foot business strip or go for decorative lighting only, at lesser expense.

The estimated cost of putting hydro underground is said to be in excess of one million dollars.

Study Completed

The firm of Ronald T. Gayowsky Limited, electrical consulting engineers in Mississauga, have prepared a report that's now in Hydro's hands. Mr. Peach declined to reveal its content saying members of Council and the B.I.A. should see it first.

"We'll hash it out on Monday," he said.

Chairman Peach leans towards decorative lighting only, feeling the magnitude of the wire-burying project is prohibitive both in cost and inconvenience.

Grant Reduced

The Town had applied for a provincial PRIDE grant that, if approved, would have been sufficient to do the job. However, the government 'donation' was considerably less than requested, prompting some second thoughts on the project.

The expense will be split three ways with Hydro, the B.I.A. and the Town each accepting a share.

Mr. Peach admitted discussions between the parties involved had been "kept under wraps until all facts are in." The meeting Nov. 9 will be held 'in camera', The Tribune was told.

"It's something that can't be taken lightly," the Hydro chairman said. If the underground project proceeds, the \$100,000 portions from Hydro and the B.I.A. would be spread over four years. The Town would pay the rest.

A New Application

The municipality, he said, plans to renew its PRIDE grant application in 1988, "but there's no guarantee of approval."

With respect to decorative fixtures, the poles, 50 in number, would be about 30 feet in height with coach-like lamps, Mr. Peach said. The effect, he claims, would be attractive.

With respect to placing wiring underground, the chairman says the job would be put out to tender since it goes beyond what local staff could handle.

"Lighting's extremely important to the B.I.A. strip, (Albert Street to Park Drive)," concluded the Hydro chairman, "there are many things to consider."

Town plans to host 1988 hockey reunion

STOUFFVILLE — Plans are underway for the second annual Markham-Stouffville Hockey Reunion.

It will be held next spring, likely in May at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Rec. Centre.

Bob Lawrie and John Lunau, co-organizers of the '87 Reunion, attended a meeting in Stouffville, Thursday. Others present included ex-Clipper defenceman Les Clarke and Tribune editor Jim Thomas.

The first gathering of former hockey greats proved a tremendous success with 150 in attendance. Next year, the wives of players will be invited.

A trustee committee of five will be named to finalize two worthy recipients of The Max Reesor Award. This honor will go to a hockey player and a hockey builder. John Bayes of Markham and Jack Watson of Stouffville were winners in '87.



Supreme authority at Summitview School
Summitview Public School where principal and staff teacher Susan Payne adopted a Mighty Mouse theme for Halloween. In a play, Bob Elliot adopted a Mighty Mouse role.

Enthusiasm displayed for children's theatre

STOUFFVILLE — A Little League Theatre is opening in Stouffville.

The program is planned to encourage theatre participation by young people in two age groups, five to nine and ten to thirteen years.

The project's promoter is Steve Payne, Rupert Avenue.

Three courses are planned, one beginning Nov. 7 and ending Dec. 12; another starting Jan. 9 and concluding Feb. 27 and a third commencing March 26 and ending May 14.

Two plays will be presented at the conclusion of each course. Children will have the option of performing on stage and/or working behind the scenes.

The registration fee is \$5 for residents; \$10 non-residents.

Aim of the Little League Theatre is to take plays out into the community for performances in nursing and senior citizens' homes, explained Mr. Payne.

"It's an ambitious project that will serve to enhance the community and make Whitchurch-Stouffville a better place in which to live," he said.

The workshop schedule (first course), follows: Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28; Dec. 5, (dress rehearsal) and Dec. 12, (performance), all at the Library. Times extend from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Admission to all plays is free.

The budgeted cost per session is estimated at \$1,040.00. Financial support from businesses and retailers will be appreciated.

Steve Payne, a graduate of Pickering High School, moved recently to Stouffville from Claremont. He's had considerable experience in stage and television work, winning a silver medal at the International Film Festival in Houston, Texas in 1984.

The Little League Theatre is wholeheartedly endorsed by Roger Glazin of the Stouffville Players. "We see such a move as an important development within the community," says Mr. Glazin, "it will offer young people another outlet for their creative and imaginative energies."



Director

Ed Warlow, a teacher on the staff of Summitview Public School, is the new director of Music Mania '88. Mr. Warlow, a chorus member this year, agreed to accept the challenge following a meeting last week. The show's producer is Doris Harvey. The music director is Linda Hollin. "Music Mania's accessible to everyone," he said, "it's going to be a great show."

Health report

STOUFFVILLE — The rural estate subdivision, proposed for a 46-acre site north-east of the Stouffville Sales Barn, (Flea Market), will not proceed.

The development's been rejected by York Region, owner Norm Faulkner told The Tribune. The property's since been sold.

"It would have made a good subdivision, with one-acre lots," Mr. Faulkner said, "the Town was in favor but the Region turned it down. They were opposed to septic tanks."

The new owner is a medical doctor, Mr. Faulkner revealed. "He bought it as an investment — for his children," he said.

Faulkner didn't reveal the price, saying only "I got a good thing for it."

The purchaser, he said, was anxious to buy the family home as well, but Norm refused.

There are two right-of-ways into the site, one from Hwy. 47, (Tenth Line North), and another from the Uxbridge-Whitchurch-Stouffville townline.

The transaction has no relationship to the Sales Barn business, Mr. Faulkner concluded.

Estate site is sold

Patient visits accident site

STOUFFVILLE — Twenty-eight days after his right arm was severed at the shoulder, then reattached, Steve Navratil, Thicketwood Blvd., Stouffville was back at the site where the accident occurred.

He was released from St. Michael's Hospital on a weekend pass and went directly to his business operation in a gravel pit north of Goodwood.

"Workers were sure surprised," Steve's mother told The Tribune.

Mrs. Navratil said her son returned to hospital Sunday evening and will undergo further nerve graft surgery to improve hand movement.

"Everything's working out well and right on schedule," Mrs. Navratil concluded.

Search for water

STOUFFVILLE — Test-drilling is continuing in Whitchurch-Stouffville in an effort to find a new source of water.

The International Water Supply Co. of Barrie has the contract. Town Council has budgeted \$75,000 for the project.

"It's on-going," York Region engineer John Huby told The Tribune, "they're feeling their way along."

The work comes under the authority of the Region, Mr. Huby explained, at the request of the Town.

Whitchurch-Stouffville is responsible for all costs involved, he said.

Remembrance

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Branch 459 of the Royal Canadian Legion will hold its annual Remembrance Day Service Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:30 p.m., in the Veterans' Memorial Hall, Ninth Line North.

Rev. Calvin Stone of the Stouffville Christian Church will bring the message.

On Saturday, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary will host their annual Remembrance Day Bazaar in the Legion Hall at 1:30 p.m.

No-shows zap magic festival

STOUFFVILLE — The free shows were well supported but the paid performances proved a disappointment.

Such was Magic Festival '87 that played to meager audiences Friday night and Saturday.

However, the High School show Friday afternoon was enthusiastically received. So were magic antics up and down Main Street and in the Town Square.

"We won't make any money but we'll clear expenses," George Schukbler, Chief Librarian and the behind-the-scenes program promoter, told The Tribune.

Festival organizers this year were Dan Haffey of Claremont and David Houston of Altona.

Mr. Schukbler feels the Magic Club should take to the road and return to Stouffville every five years. He says, "It's like Harbourfront and the Fall Fair would be resurrected in this kind of thing."

With respect to the future of the Magic Club, Mr. Schukbler said he'd like to see a professional magic show played to mixed audiences before. However, he said, "I'm not sure."



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