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## Smokers' complaints 'a puff'

STOUFFVILLE — Where there's smoke there's fire as the saying goes.

In Whitchurch-Stouffville, there's nary a puff.

Pending legislation to ban smoking in all Town-owned buildings (with the exception of the Rec Centre lounge), as of August 1, 1988, has been acclaimed by most employees, a Tribune survey revealed.

Although certain aspects of the bylaw are effective immediately, a smoke-enders course will be established for those wishing to quit.

The Stouffville fire hall, said to be a "hot-bed" of dissent over the order, produced an opposite reaction from both Chief Bill Brown and Deputy-Chief Murray Emmerson.

"I agree with the concept," said the chief, "it's a bad habit, I'd like to quit."

Brown estimated not more than 11 of the 32 volunteers are smokers. Each, he said, had received a copy of the questionnaire but to his knowledge only three or four had replied.

The chief said he hadn't discussed the issue with his men "but I hope they all agree."

"We'll go for the program, we'll live with it," he said.

Deputy-Chief Emmerson agreed.

Chief Brown said he'd attempted to give up smoking several times, "but then I go back again."

Marilyn Henriques, a Planning Dept. employee said second-hand

smoke has a detrimental affect on her health.

"In a Toronto office where I worked, half the staff smoked and I was sick quite a bit of the time," she said.

"I think it's a good idea," replied staff member Yvonne Hurst, "but I feel Toronto's gone overboard."

"Smoking doesn't bother me," Susan Slack told The Tribune, "but I'd prefer if no one did."

"I love it, (the legislation), commented Connie McVicar. "I'm allergic to smoke."

Barb Scaife, staff employee at the Rec Centre says smoking in public is no longer socially acceptable. At the same time, she believes smokers should be shown consideration. She favors smoking areas. "That way, no one's affected."

Cathy Richardson, also of the Rec Centre staff, doesn't oppose the ruling. However, she sees nothing wrong with smoking if it doesn't impose a hardship on others. "But I think it's a move in the right direction."

Mayor Fran Sainsbury claims it will be difficult to establish smoking areas in the Town Office because accommodation's so limited.

With regard to the legislation, most feel they can handle it," she said.

"Yes," I smoked — three times," Mrs. Sainsbury admitted. "The first time, I choked. The second time I was sick and the third time I turned green."



Variety Show leaders had reason to smile. Director, Rose Hoover, left, and Producer, Sandra, center, and Robyn, right, had a reason to smile Saturday at the Variety Show. The conditions of a successful show are the result of their hard work and the hard work of the talents of our allied...

## Revenue promises action

STOUFFVILLE — In the recent war of words related to Phase 1 of Stouffville's Westfield Heights, much has been heard from local home-owners and members of Council, but little from Revenue Properties.

This week, The Tribune made contact with two spokesmen for the firm, Theodore Sherman, President and Chief Executive Officer and company solicitor Paul Hellen.

"We're not walking away from anything," Mr. Sherman assured The Tribune with respect to unfinished lots, "whatever has to be done, will be done."

Both Mr. Sherman and Mr. Hellen agreed problems had been allowed to drag on too long.

Mr. Hellen said tenders had been let for the ditching and this work should be completed by May or June.

When asked about a time schedule, as suggested by one of the residents, Mr. Hellen said a meeting had been arranged with the Town this month to review deficiencies, and arrange who's responsible for what.

Home-owners will not attend.

"We are working with our consulting engineers, the Town's consulting engineers and Council to fulfill our obligations as expeditiously as possible," concluded Hellen.

## Town chief librarian resigns accepts position in California

STOUFFVILLE — George Schlukbier, the Town's Chief Librarian, has accepted a position with a daily newspaper/library chain, based in Sacramento, California.

News of his leaving, effective March 31, was made public this week. Mayor Fran Sainsbury called it "a great loss to the community."

A graduate of the University of California, Mr. Schlukbier spent his teen years in the San Diego area. He joined the Library staff here almost ten years ago.

While here, Mr. Schlukbier wore many hats, some at the

same time. For a period he was not only the Manager of Recreation but also Administrator of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Chief Librarian.

The 36-year-old "idea man" was involved in many extra-curricular activities as well including the Magic Festival, the Strawberry Festival, the Trade Fair, the Classic Car Show, the Business Improvement Area, the Cultural Foundation, Music Mania and the Chamber of Commerce.

He was a strong promoter of Latham Gallery and the many exhibitions held there.

"He was an excellent promoter," Mayor Sainsbury said, "a tremendous salesman for Whitchurch-Stouffville."

Off-times controversial, Mr. Schlukbier never lost faith in things in which he firmly believed, Mrs. Sainsbury continued.

"He'll be missed. He was a household word."

Mrs. Sainsbury said it was mainly through his persistence that the PRIDE grant was obtained and improvements will continue within the downtown business core. His influence, she said, touched people of all ages, from high school teens to senior citizens.

George and Maureen Schlukbier and family Blake and Lauren will leave Whitchurch-Stouffville for Sacramento early next month. Prior to their departure, Mr. Schlukbier will be honored at a public farewell, Thurs., March 24 from 8 to 10 p.m., at The Maples of Ballantrae. Tickets, \$10 per person, are available at the Library.

## Councillor Marshall Cutting back

In a period of twelve hours, Wednesday, Councillor Margot Marshall hadn't smoked a single cigarette.

And while she's not promising to quit, she plans to cut back. Presently, she smokes about one pack a week.

"I'm not proud of it," she told The Tribune, "I know it's not good for me."

Councillor Marshall said she began smoking at age 18. "It seems like forever," she said.

Mrs. Marshall claims the smoking ban, legislated by Council, doesn't bother her one bit. She says she understands why non-smokers object — for health reasons and odor.

The Ward 1 member says she tends to reach for a cigarette when in contrasting moods, angry and relaxed.

Husband Tom, she notes, once smoked a pipe, but stopped when taken ill with pneumonia.

Councillor Marshall's advice to non-smokers is "don't start."

With respect to "butting out," Mrs. Marshall pulls up short of a promise.

"I never set goals I may have trouble reaching," she concluded.

## Road problems

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Residents of Hillsdale Drive, Musselman's Lake have two complaints.

First, relates to the condition of the road. They want the surface lowered to halt flooding of adjacent properties. They also want the street paved and lighted.

The second relates to noise.

The 17-name petition placed before Council March 1 claims the roar and banging of gravel trucks, (as early as 5 a.m.), "is unbearable."

Mayor Fran Sainsbury said she'd visited the area to view the problem first-hand. Mud, she said, had been washed from the embankment onto the road. The situation had been worsened when the mud was moved by snowplows, causing dams and preventing normal spring runoff.

Council referred the matter to its chief bylaw officer and the engineering co-ordinator for a report.

## Hockey heroics said a fleeting thing

By JIM THOMAS

GORMLEY — Many treasures are related to association with the Toronto Maple Leafs. Some are for real while others are only memories.

For Ron Ellis, a leather-bound Bible with a Maple Leaf crest is a most important possession. He takes it everywhere.

On Saturday, he brought it to Gormley.

Ron, accompanied by brother Roger, visited a men's fellowship breakfast meeting in the Missionary Church. Close to 30 people attended.

The much-travelled Scriptures is a gift from Mel Stevens, head of Teen Ranch near Orangeville. Mr. Stevens, with permission from club owner Harold Ballard, presented a Bible to each member of the Leaf team, Ron recalled also to Team Canada players of the unforgettable '72 series.

Since then, the gift has been expanded to include all members of the Blue Jays and Argonauts, Ron said.

Describing himself then as "a baby Christian," the classy right-winger told how his life had been changed through association with Teen Ranch.

"Up to that time, I never understood what personal commitment was all about. Now, every aspect of my life is motivated by God," he stated.

Ellis headed up the first chapel program within the Maple Leaf organization. "I'm grateful to Mr. Ballard for that," he said.

At the initial service, 14 players attended.

Now owner of a sporting goods store in Brampton, the guest speaker pointed to past hockey heroics as a fleeting thing.

"The present doesn't mean anything," he noted, recalling how he had to come back and battle for a position with the Leafs after playing on both a Stanley Cup champion team and with Team Canada.

Ellis mentioned the names of many high-profile Christian hockey stars within the N.H.L. including Mark Osborne of the Maple Leafs.

Now a director on the board of Teen Ranch, Ellis told of the work being done by this organization. All money raised through speaking engagements is funded back to this operation, he said.



GEORGE SCHLUKBIER

## A family tradition

STOUFFVILLE — Jason Brock had his say.

And he said it well, well enough to earn second place in an elementary oratorical competition at Beverley Acres Public School, Richmond Hill, Friday. Title of his address was "Hockey Night In Stouffville."

The nine-year-old Duchess Street, Stouffville student, upheld a family tradition and took his place on the verbal podium.

Previously, an older brother won the York Regional Public Speaking Contest on two occasions while another brother advanced to the area finals.



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