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Affordable homes real concern

STOUFFVILLE — Affordable housing is very much a concern of Town Council.

At a meeting March 15, Councillor Ron Robb stressed the fact young people born and raised in Whitchurch-Stouffville can no longer afford to live here.

He suggested an area be zoned where basement apartments are permissible.

"There are people living in illegal basement apartments now," he stated. "I'm not about to squeal on them, but there must be some way we, as a Council, can help them remain here legally."

Council was told that at least

two farmers had been looking for help but couldn't afford to pay sufficient wages to cover rental rates up to \$1,000 a month.

Councillor Jim Rae wanted to know if a mobile home would be permissible under such circumstances. "Sixty per cent of the people out there wouldn't mind in the least," he stated.

Robb recommended the Town undertake a Housing Statement and that staff be authorized to proceed with this as soon as possible.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury said York Region had agreed in principle to setting up a Housing Authority.

Alan Wells of the Region's Community Services Department informed The Tribune they were applying for 350 non-profit residential units in their 1989 allocation but these wouldn't be ready for another three to four years.

Councillor Jim Sanders agreed with Councillor Robb on the need for a Housing Statement. This, he said, would give the Town some direction.

With speculators holding so much land in Whitchurch-Stouffville, affordable property's now a thing of the past, Mayor Sainsbury commented.

Councillor Wilf Morley placed the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the province. He recommended a means test.

"Why should we subsidize a doctor or a lawyer to live in affordable housing?" he asked. "They (Queen's Park) should get off their butts and get busy," he concluded.

Hamlet signs are in demand

WHITCHURCH — Community signs installed by the Town in 1987 are proving popular — too popular in one instance.

A hamlet nameplate, located at Vivian, has been stolen; it was reported to Council March 15.

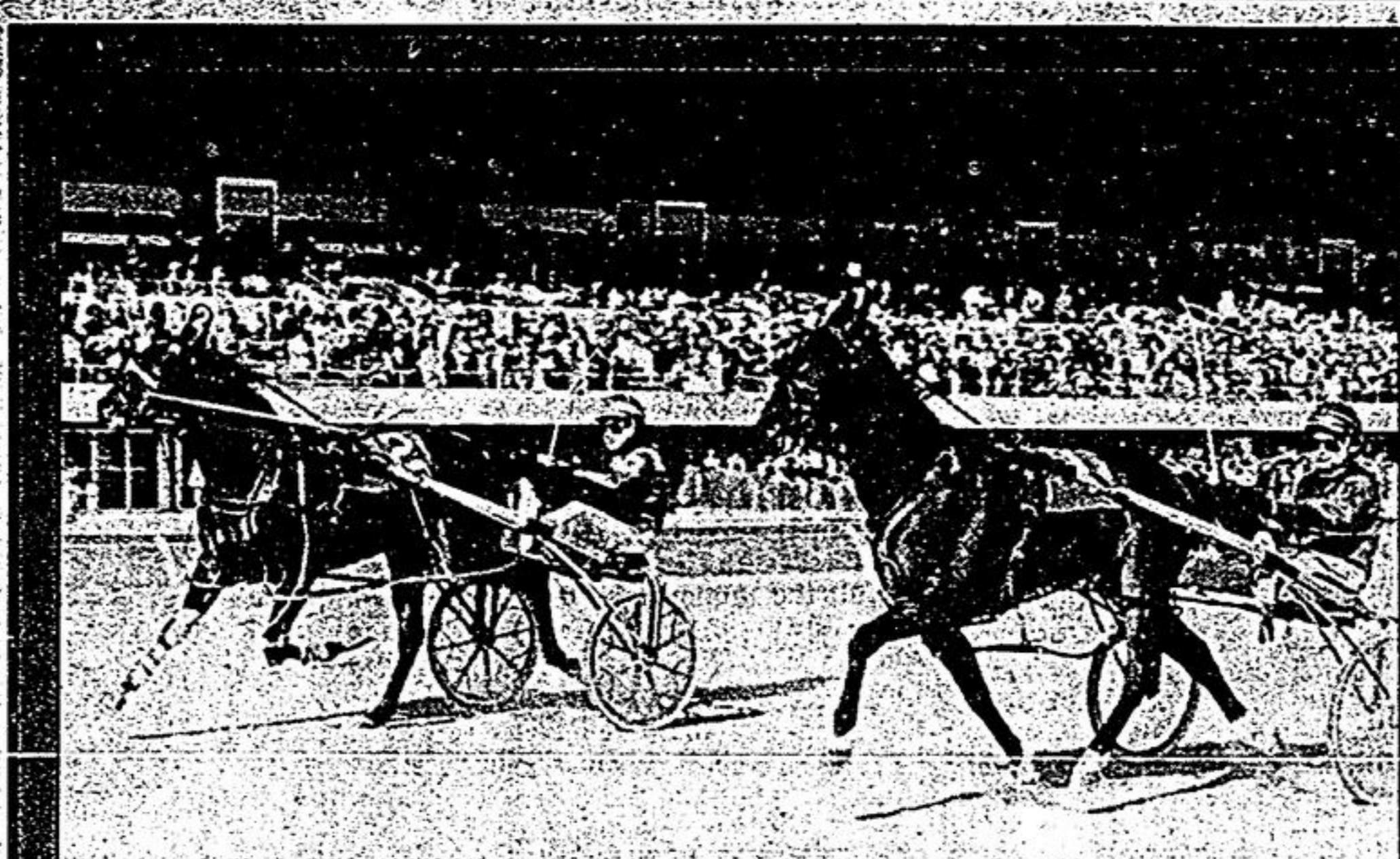
The replacement value is estimated at \$200.

Regardless, The Town has authorized the Engineering Coordinator to erect 20 more at the following locations — Pleasantville, (2); Bethesda, (2); Cedar

Valley, (2); Churchill, (1); Musselman's Lake, (2); Ballantrae, (4); Vandorf, (2); Wesley Corners, (4) and Lincolnville, (1).

Councillor Ron Robb said those people residing within communities without official roadside designations, had requested they not be overlooked.

Councillor Margot Marshall admitted the Town was going beyond its original intention when the project was first recommended.



As a field race, owned by Norm Clements of "Pacing Series" at Greenwood Raceway, Toronto, Ontario, and Norm Bullinger of Stouffville, March 6, the three-year-old son of Gamella, named "Vivian" in the first of the Gamella, after whom the Series is named.



In the Sport of Kings, you can't win 'em all.

Norm Clements (left) and Norm Bullinger (right) with the three-year-old son of Gamella, named "Vivian" in the first of the Gamella, after whom the Series is named. Tony Kerwood (center) is the Series winner. Photos courtesy, Ontario Jockey Club.

Farewell

A farewell gathering for George Schlukbier, Whitchurch-Stouffville's chief librarian, will be held Thursday, March 24, (tomorrow), at The Maples of Ballantrae, Hwy. 48, R.R. 2, Stouffville.

The event, hosted by the Library Board, begins at 8 p.m., with a gift presentation at nine. Tickets, (\$10) are available at the Library.

Mr. Schlukbier leaves his present position March 31. He will manage a newspaper library in Sacramento, California.

Reception for guests

STOUFFVILLE — The mayor and members of council are undoubtedly spending spare time this week studying their French-English dictionaries.

The cram course relates to the anticipated arrival of students and accompanying teachers from Carpentras, France.

The contingent, 85 in number, is part of an exchange involving students of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Twenty-five will be accommodated in Whitchurch-Stouffville homes; 28 in Markham; 20 in Unionville and three in Aurora.

All arrangements have been worked out by Maureen Cunningham, Head of Moderns at S.D.S.S.

Arrival date is Saturday, April 2. Departure is set for April 14.

Although Carpentras students have been here before, this year marks a first time the Town's been involved. Recently, Council approved a 'twinning' between the two communities.

The delegation will be received at a Council meeting, April 7. A reception, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, will follow in Latham Gallery.

The guests will be presented with a history book of Stouffville, a Town flag and individual pins. Carpentras students and teachers will meet their hosts at the Markham Theatre where pairing will take place.

A full program is planned including visits to the CN Tower; the Science Centre; the McMichael Gallery and Queen's Park where they hope to meet personally Ontario Premier David Peterson.

'Drive To Survive'

Crash victim tells his story

STOUFFVILLE — In a split second, Mike Frogley's life was changed.

He was travelling at 90 kph outside Kazabazua, Quebec when his Fiat Spyder failed to negotiate a curve.

The car rolled over, pinning him beneath. Extensive injuries left him a paraplegic, paralyzed from the chest down. Two passengers suffered only minor cuts and bruises.

On Tuesday, Mike, now 23, brought his message to students of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. He addressed an assembly arranged through the co-operation of York Region Board of Education and Principal Peter Bright.

The program, called 'Drive To Survive' is sponsored by Texaco Canada Limited in conjunction with Young Drivers of Canada. Main purpose, Mike told The Tribune, is to make young people more aware of their responsibilities behind the wheel of an automobile and to promote defensive driving through professional training.

Student reaction, says Michael is usually good: "There are always a few in every crowd who feel 'it can't happen to me,'" he notes. He speaks from experience.

"I too thought I'd never get in an accident. Some of us are lucky, some are not. Sometimes it takes a close call to get the point across."

Mike will be visiting schools all across Ontario from Windsor to Thunder Bay. On short trips he uses a GMC mini-van with hand controls. On long jaunts, he travels by air.

Mike explains "the ability to survive under difficult situations."

"You never really know your driving skills until you're put to the test," he says.

Mike claims his student audience is usually attentive "because the message is coming from a kid just like them."

"I want them to think, to be aware," he explains.

A graduate through three years of a Commerce Program at Carleton University, Mike plans to return shortly and complete his de-

gree in History. A sports enthusiast, Michael coaches a Jr. Boys' high school basketball team in Ottawa. He hopes to participate in wheelchair marathons some time in the future.

The 'Drive To Survive' program is endorsed by several organizations including the Insurance Bureau of Canada and the Police Chiefs' Association of Ontario.

Ball league donation

STOUFFVILLE — When it comes to recreation, Town Council is accustomed to spending money.

Recently, the municipality was on the receiving end. A cheque in the amount of \$10,000 was presented to the Town by the Community Ball Association for the purpose of restoring an area in the south Stouffville Park for softball activity.

Jim Sanders, on behalf of Council, expressed appreciation to the Association for its generosity.

With diamond time in demand all summer long, an additional playing field will remove some of the pressure from locations already in use, Mr. Sanders said.

Award

Andrea Thomas Blake, Street, Stouffville, a second-year student attending the University of Georgia, is the 1988 recipient of the coveted McMinn Award.

This honor goes to the college gymnast displaying the most competitive consistency.

A news release from the university campus at Athens, Georgia reads as follows:

"Throughout the 1988 campaign, Andrea has been a mainstay on the balance beam, posting top honors in nine of ten competitions, scoring no lower than a 9.60. Against the top-ranked UCLA Bruins, Andrea turned in a season-high 9.80, taking the title."

Andrea is classed as a gymnast All-American. She was an entry in the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984.

Mail recovered

A quantity of mail found in a ditch on Tenth Line, South Stouffville, Friday, has all been sorted and delivered to its rightful owners.

This is the word from Ed Rowarth, Manager of Media Relations, Canada Post, Toronto.

The assortment of magazines and envelopes including cheques and credit cards, was discovered by Gary Cummings, Souther Street, South Stouffville, at the time on Tenth Line, south of Lori Avenue.

There were about ten bundles in total, Mr. Rowarth said, about 300 individual pieces. They'd been there only a short time and in good condition, he stated.

The postal mark was March 17.

Most of the mail was destined for a single rural route although several envelopes were addressed to residents in Stouffville; they ranged from first through third class, Rowarth said.

The Toronto postal official said York Regional Police and Post Office investigators were notified immediately and an investigation was started. A suspect has been questioned but no charges laid.

Mr. Rowarth said the mail was collected and returned immediately to the Stouffville Post Office for re-sorting.

The staff worked overtime to handle it, he noted. No thing was lost, he said.

Mr. Rowarth declined to give details of the investigation, only that the bundles were found on a road on Tenth Line, south of Lori Avenue, Friday.



Gary Cummings and daughter Erin, Souther Street, Stouffville, inspect a bundle of mail found in ditch on Tenth Line, south of Lori Avenue, Friday.

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LIFE'S MOTHER OF MUMMIES