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Residents are upset over trucks

WHITCHURCH — Bethesda Sideroad residents, immediately east of Hwy. 48, are showing increased concern over truck traffic generated by Standard Industries Limited, Lot 4, Conc. 8, Whitchurch-Stouffville.

A delegation of home-owners brought their complaints before a meeting of Town Planning Committee April 19.

The company, members were told, had promised to create an exit-entrance to and from Hwy. 48 more than two years ago but nothing had been done. One member of the delegation said the entrance from Bethesda Sideroad was

unsafe for residents, especially children.

A petition was signed by ten people.

It was back on June 20, 1986 that Greg Sorbara, then the MPP for the Riding of York North, requested the Minister of Transportation approve an exit-entrance to the site from Hwy. 48. Authorization followed.

Later, the Committee of Adjustment, in a decision dated July 17, 1986, approved the following: "That the owner, (Standard Industries), shall agree with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville that the only entrance and exit ramp will be by way of Hwy. 48." Councillor Wayne Emmerson was adamant.

"These people have put up with a lot. They're prepared to wait if the company will co-operate. I maintain the Hwy. 48 entrance should go through."

"That's what we've been waiting to hear," replied a member of the delegation.

Due to a lapse in time, a new application must be submitted to the Ministry, the deputation was told.

Councillor Emmerson maintained Standard Industries should have done this on its own.

Councillor Wilf Morley observed that new curbs had been installed at the Bethesda Road entrance, contrary to the site plan agreement.

"I'm sick and tired of people coming into our Town and ignoring bylaws and procedures," he stated.

The Committee agreed to request the Ministry to close the Bethesda entrance and authorize the opening of a new one onto Hwy. 48.



Award-winning Lawnie cuts a record

Eleven-year-old Lawrence Wallace of Ballantrae, winner of Stouffville's Snowbird Carnival Talent Contest, cut a record at Chateau Studios. Talent contest winner Lawrence Wallace, Ballantrae, is seen here with his family friend Grant Milford. — Jim Thomas

Big show

The 28th edition of Music Mania is all set to go.

The three-night performance opens Thursday (tomorrow), and continues Friday and Saturday. Show time each evening is eight o'clock.

Tickets are available at Card's Hardware and Stouffville Printing.

The director is Ed Warlow. The producer is Doris Harvey.

Proceeds will provide a \$200 Scholarship for the Performing Arts at Stouffville District Secondary School and underwrite the cost of performances by travelling musician Jack Grunsky. Mr. Grunsky will visit all elementary schools in Whitchurch-Stouffville during the month of June, including Summitview, Orchard Park, St. Mark, Dickson's Hill, Whitchurch-Highlands and Ballantrae.

Unique plans for downtown

STOUFFVILLE — A walk through Stouffville's downtown business core may soon be reminiscent of a stroll along some of Europe's finest and quaintest streets.

This is the goal of the B.I.A. (Business Improvement Area) board.

Improvements, supplemented by a government-approved \$230,000 PRIDE grant, are scheduled to begin soon, members indicated at a meeting April 20.

Included will be fashionable lamp posts, hanging baskets and possibly signs indicating the location of individual merchants.

Jack Verhoog said illuminated signs could be attached to the light standards. These, he said,

would be leased to the businesses with ownership retained by the B.I.A.

"Hydro is anxious to do away with overhead wires extending from post to post," Mr. Verhoog explained.

The signs, he said, would prove beneficial to strangers in town, since they'd know immediately where to find what they're looking for.

Member Mike Larkin wondered about hanging baskets on metal posts, pointing to the danger of electrocution when flowers are being watered.

He noted that wooden standards, similar to those on Main Street, Markham, could solve this problem.

Budget hike attempt berated by trustee

STOUFFVILLE — Six trustees attempted to increase York Region's already inflationary education budget by 2.4 million dollars, Monday night, but failed. They were out-voted 8-6.

An angry Harry Bowes, member for Whitchurch-Stouffville, told The Tribune that had the proposal gone through, the budget hike would have soared to almost 14 per cent.

The finance committee's original figure of \$270,000,000 was approved. Bowes was opposed.

"The service we're providing has reached a point where it's more than taxpayers can afford," Mr. Bowes told the meeting.

He urged the budget be drastically cut so the Ministry of Education gets the message.

An anticipated government grant of \$12 million was cut to \$5 million.

Mr. Bowes didn't let his cohorts off the hook either. He said he'd opposed various projected increases during the year and wasn't about to change his mind. Summer school for elementary

and French Immersion students isn't required, he claimed.

"The local municipalities attempt to live within their means and so should we," he stressed.

People, he said, are becoming increasingly upset over education cost increases that this year soared by over \$38 million.

Despite the hike, no renovations are planned for the music and science rooms at Stouffville High and the roof at Whitchurch-Highlands will not be repaired. A port-a-pak, (modern portable), has been approved for Orchard Park, Mr. Bowes announced.

Honored

Nine charter members of the Stouffville Region's Auxiliary will be honored at a banquet Saturday, hosted by the Legion Men. Engraved pins celebrating 25 years will be presented to the following: Marion Gaske, Gladys Clarkson, Mary Lathorne, Ernie Malloy, Marion Murphy, Elaine Sanders, Audrey Smith, Marjorie Smith and Ailene Slinchik. The president for 1988 is Gwendolyn Phelan.

Theme planned for business core

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's past will become part of its future. Such is the driving force behind the Business Improvement Area board's recently created Heritage Committee as it seeks to develop a theme for the downtown business core.

Al Dickson, owner/operator of The Snowbird, said he's been reading up on town history and finding it very fascinating. He feels something of the community's background could be incorporated into an appropriate theme.

He also suggested an identifying cartoon that could be incorporated into all business advertising.

The B.I.A. is anxious to recruit members for its Heritage Committee. In this regard, Mr. Dickson advised against representation from the Chamber of Commerce.

"That group has a wide diversification of interests," he stated. "I'm more interested in concentrating on the heritage core from Albert Street to Park Drive."

Two B.I.A. members, Paul Roney and Jane Rooney indicated a desire to become involved with additional support expected once the project becomes better known.

Auction

STOUFFVILLE — A house was sold by auction, Saturday.

Five serious bidders ran the price up to \$187,500 for the home of Clarence Summerfeldt, 398 Elm Road, Stouffville.

In the end, only the owner's nephew, John Summerfeldt, Westlawn Crescent, Stouffville, survived.

Sale of the residence and contents was handled by auctioneer Frank Bennett, R.R. 1, Unionville.

Mr. Summerfeldt, now a resident of Parkview Home, Stouffville, was in attendance.

Other selected prices follow: A dining room suite, \$2,350; a player piano, \$850; a bookcase, \$750; a set of silverware, \$540; a bedroom suite, \$305; an antique rocker, \$120.

Vet clinic to move

RINGWOOD — The O'Connor Veterinary Clinic is moving from its present location at the corner of Hwy. 48 and the Bethesda Sideroad to Ringwood.

The centre for treatment of small animals will operate out of the former Johnson residence, west of the intersection.

A&S Construction are completing renovations with an opening planned for May 2.

Dr. Brian Laing and Dr. Peter Weidlich will operate the clinic Monday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

In addition to small animals, livestock including cows and horses will be treated as farm calls like before, Dr. Laing told The Tribune.

The Johnson property was acquired a year ago and leased until the Clinic was ready to move, Dr. Laing explained.

Treatment of small animals was a main reason for the switch in sites, Dr. Laing said.

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