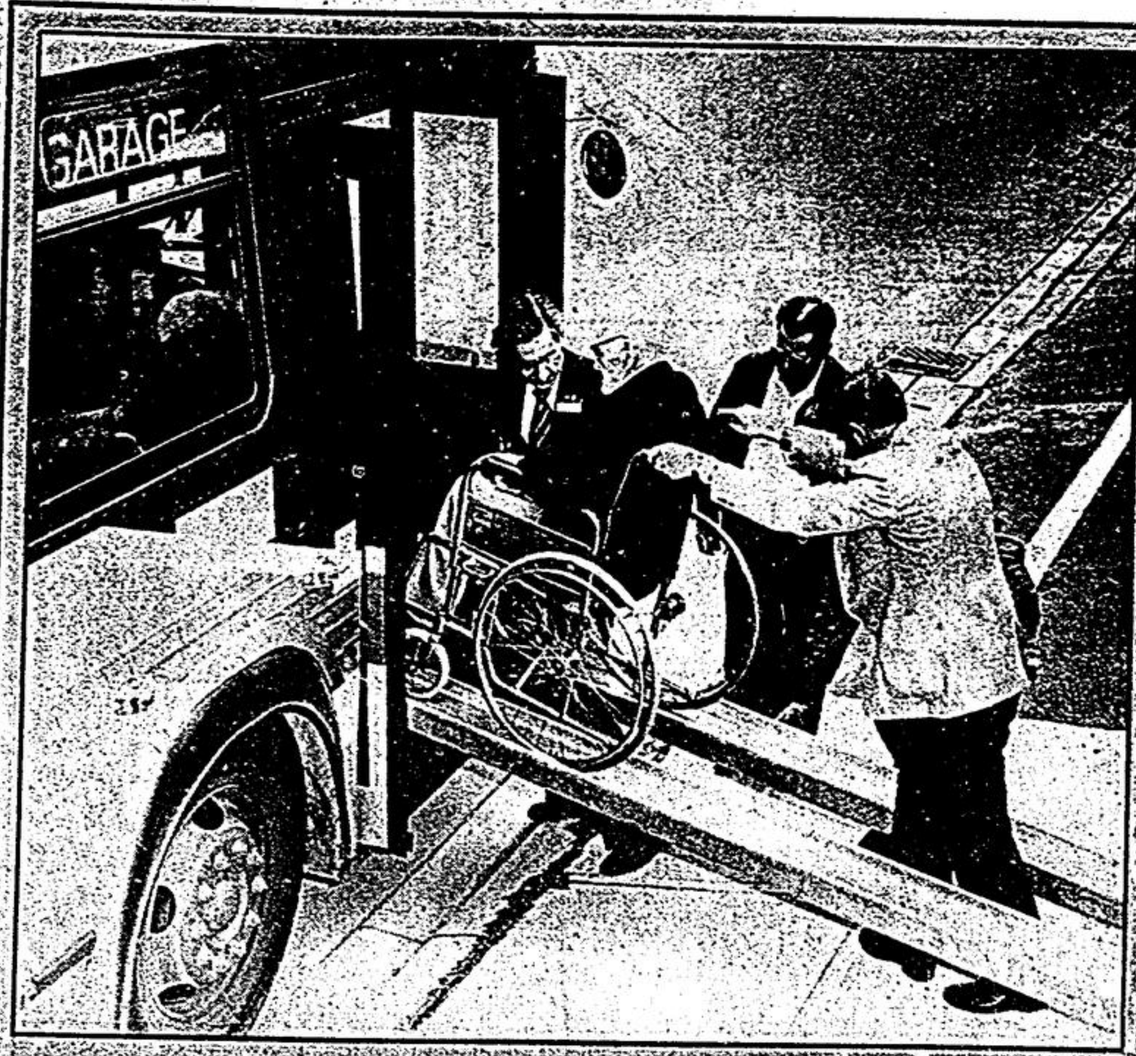

Stouffville Legion hosts vets from Sunnybrook

Stouffville Legion Branch 459 and members of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary hosted 37 veterans from Sunnybrook Hospital, Sunday afternoon. The guest list included seven veterans of World War I. One of these, Tom Bommer, recently marked his 101st birthday.

—Jim Thomas

Editor's Mail

The process failed

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the Letters to the Editor from two Stouffville residents, published in The Tribune issue of April 20.

Indications are these individuals do not wish to hear about residents' problems in the Westfield Estates subdivision. They express the following views:

(1). They are tired of hearing of our difficulties.

(2). We should look after our own landscaping.

(3). The Town has been sympathetic.

Indeed, we are tired of expressing our difficulties to those who will not listen and hear the exact nature of the difficulties.

We make two major points:

(1). Supervision of the Development and its progress was lacking. As citizens, we do not wish this to occur in future developments within the municipality.

(2). Because of the lack of supervision, we wish assistance in the resolution of the resultant difficulties.

Why do we have the right to expect Town action?

Residential and indeed business development is sought by all towns large and small. Stouffville is no exception. What then is the development process?

(1). A developer wishes to create a residential development.

(2). The developer approaches the Town with a plan.

(3). The Town and the Developer produce a document called a Subdivision Agreement. This agreement outlines the requirements of the subdivision development in terms of building code standards, water drainage, land elevations, municipal services, etc.

(4). The developer provides the Town with a Letter of Credit to ensure that the builder complies with the terms of the Subdivision Agreement. As work progresses to the satisfaction of the Town, this Letter of Credit is diminished.

(5). When all is complete, the Town grants the Developer the required occupancy permit and then the Developer has the authority to permit the home-buyer to become a resident in his/her new home.

(6). The Town, because the development is complete, now assumes responsibility for the development.

The process as outlined appears simple enough. However, with the Westfield Estates development, the process failed. The Town, in progressive stages, allowed the Letter of Credit to be diminished. This very act indicates the work was done to the satisfaction of the Town. Because of this, the Town allowed the developer to close the purchase deals with the future residents.

The Westfield Estates residents find that the properties which they occupy and pay substantial taxes for, are not in the condition they should be: Yet they were approved by the Town.

The essence of the situation is:

(1). The Town failed in its responsibility. This failure is hardly an act of sympathy.

(2). The residents of Westfield Estates want completion and acceptance of the subdivision.

(3). The Town has authority to act. It must do so!

(4). The Town has the resources to act. The balance of the Letter of Credit is that resource.

For these reasons, we have been insisting that the Town should utilize the remaining Letter of Credit to complete this development.

The issues certainly are not landscaping or 'strings attached' to occupancy of homes.

It should be clear that the Town must complete the subdivision at some point in order to assume the subdivision. If we are not part of the municipality, why should we pay taxes to the municipality?

Swift resolution of the situation will benefit all parties concerned.

Sincerely,
Joachim (Joe) Schmeiss,
Cam Fella Boulevard,
Stouffville

Bus trips planned

STOUFFVILLE — The Silver Jubilee Club is sponsoring two bus trips during the month of May.

The first is to Orangeville Raceway, May 15. A buffet lunch will be served.

The second is to the Bayview Playhouse to see the popular English comedy 'Run For Your Wife', May 25. A buffet lunch is included.

For reservations or more information call Marion Murphy, (640-2443); Marjorie Smith, (640-3604) or sign in at the Silver Jubilee Club, Main and Market Streets, Stouffville.

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