

Editor's mail

Ratepayer lets off steam

Dear Editor:
This letter is rather long. However, there comes a time when, if you're not satisfied with merely mumbling to yourself about town-related matters, (our family's lived here over 17 years) to write your local newspaper and voice an opinion.

First, the Traffic Report that cost Council, (you and I), considerable money. It showed exactly what anyone, walking or driving, could have told the Town for free.

Even then, it didn't go far enough.

Stouffville requires a street extending north off Main. That street should be Edward.

When you're in the main core of traffic, one must drive all the way to the Ninth Line to get out of it or reach home.

Mayor says thanks

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Fran Sainsbury lives at the end of a long lane off the 9th Concession south of Bloomington.

Getting to and from the Ninth Line isn't always easy, especially during winter months.

To this end, Ward 2 Councillor Ron Robb has been a big help, living proof that chivalry isn't dead.

At a recent committee meeting, Mayor Sainsbury presented Councillor Robb with a gift of appreciation, an engraved mug in a see-through bag.

Urged to make public the inscription, Mr. Robb reluctantly held the cup aloft. It read:

"I gave up drinking, smoking and sex. It was the worst fifteen minutes of my life!"

Flowery message

Dear Editor:
Through The Tribune, I wish to thank the Claremont Guides and Brownies and their leaders for their part in selling daffodils April 8.

My appreciation also to operators of the Claremont Corner Store and the Greenwood and Balsam General Stores for participating in the campaign.

A total of \$351.13 was raised for the North Pickering Canadian Cancer Society.

To all purchasers of daffodils my thanks as well.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Timms,
Branch President,
Claremont

Undoubtedly, Edward Street residents would object; it would make their street too busy, but I disagree.

When driving to the High School, I go by these homes all the time. This wouldn't be necessary if Edward was open through to Millard.

I'm sure business places like Schell Lumber and the Co-op would approve. It would make it so much easier to reach both locations.

The High School speed bumps could remain to slow down traffic on Edward.

I believe Council should check motorists' speeds on Hemlock, (a residential area with many children), before a child is injured or killed. I may sound prejudiced because I live there. Regardless, many drivers travel too fast. Additional stop signs might help. The cost would be small compared to lives saved.

Second, I've heard complaints for years about how Government becomes involved in Regional matters and issues pertaining to the private sector. It's been said this shouldn't be and I tend to agree. However, when it comes to Sunday Shopping, I feel the decision should be up to the municipalities.

Here in Whitchurch-Stouffville, we're fortunate to have two newspapers. They should be asking the people how they feel. The question could be put on a ballot.

I feel we're fortunate to live close enough to larger communities who will probably approve Sunday openings. If we must shop on the Sabbath, we can go there.

Let us not forget, Stouffville isn't completely closed on Sundays now. The Library is open. The Sales Barn is open and so are several variety stores.

With respect to the Westfield Estates Subdivision, it stands to reason that the complete purchase price shouldn't have been paid for these homes before they were approved.

In the future, the Town should hold sufficient money in reserve until all work is complete. This could be accomplished by the purchaser paying a certain amount to the municipality that would be held in trust.

It's human nature to lose interest in a project when all the money you're going to receive has been obtained.

Up to now, I've been talking only to myself.

The aforementioned concerns should be seriously considered by Council.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Suzanne Gold,
Stouffville

Caribana celebration



April 27 was Caribana Day at Ballantrae Public School. Students snacked on Caribbean food and enjoyed a touch of Caribbean culture. Shown here with a model of the Santa Maria of Christopher Columbus fame is model Grade 4 pupil April Yakeley.

Appropriately dressed for the occasion are Carina Aird, 10 (left), of Grade 5 and April Yakeley, also 10, of Grade 4. The students nibbled on pineapple chunks and listened to Caribbean music. All activities took place in the school gymnasium.

High School reunion

MARKHAM — Markham Dist. High School student graduates of ten years ago are holding a reunion, Saturday, June 4.

Invited guests include grads of Grade 12, (Year 1977), and grads of Grade 13, (Year 1978).

Staff teachers are also invited.

A family picnic is planned for Morgan Park, Markham, from 2 to 4 p.m. In the evening, a dance will be held in the Penalty Box Lounge of the Markham Centennial Centre, McCowan Road, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets, (\$17 per person), and additional information call Leanne (Page) Lewis, 427-5768.

Town site convenient

Dear Editor:
With respect to the 'tight fit' being experienced by staff employees at the Town Municipal Offices, I wish to make comment. I believe the building is past the point of no return. As the community grows, so must the municipal staff.

I'm sure the present structure wasn't acquired with a population of 16,000 in mind.

If and when Council makes its move towards larger quarters, I hope the site stays the same. I feel the 'head of government' should remain in downtown Stouffville. It's convenient for the majority of people as well as for the majority of staff.

It would seem to me to be a good move, to acquire the former Creamery property next door. The site could be used for parking, thus enabling the Town to extend the present Office to the south.

Whitchurch-Stouffville is growing. This is good. Our Council must continually look and plan ahead. I just hope our Council plans to stay in Stouffville.

Sincerely,
Murray Packer,
Millard Street,
Stouffville



"I'll try it if you will," says Jennifer DeGeer, Grade 4, as they pass each other pineapple chunks. (left) of Grade 5 (to) Christie Foster, 10, of Grade 4.

Traffic poses a hazard

Walter O'Rourke of 250 Hemlock Drive, Stouffville, is concerned over the amount of traffic on his street and with the speeds some travel. In a recent letter to Mayor Fran Sainsbury, Mr. O'Rourke makes the following points.

Dear Mrs. Sainsbury:
Residents living on or around Hemlock Drive in Stouffville's east end are concerned about automobile traffic on Hemlock. Our concern is for the many children living in the area who must cross the street or ride bicycles on it. We consider it dangerous for the following reasons:

- (1) The street is over one kilometer long which allows cars to reach high speeds quite easily.
- (2) The street has two sharp curves, one at each end that pro-

hibits drivers from seeing far enough ahead to stop safely if a child is crossing.

(3) Many Flee Market-goers have figured out they can bypass the Main Street traffic by driving across Hemlock to Millard and then over to the Ninth Line. This problem greatly increases the volume of traffic on Saturdays. Most of the people using the road as a short-cut, drive with little or no regard for the children who may be playing or riding their bicycles on this residential street.

(4) Hemlock Drive is a main street for school bus pick-up and drop-off. Our children are standing on the side of the road several minutes in the morning. If they live on the south side, they must cross the road daily. The bus stop for the children attending Orchard Park School is just at the end of the curve at the east end of Hemlock. Any driver speeding

around that corner would have no chance of stopping in time to avoid a child crossing the road at the bus stop. This problem is complicated further by the large number of parked cars on the street.

(5) There's been a lot of development at the east end of Hemlock that makes it an access route for many people. This has increased the volume of traffic considerably.

Sincerely,
Walter O'Rourke,
Hemlock Drive,
Stouffville

Mr. O'Rourke enclosed a map indicating required stop signs in the area. In addition, he requested a sign at the corner of Hemlock Drive and Hwy. 47, prohibiting turns from Hwy. 47 onto Hemlock during weekends and limiting Hemlock to local traffic only.



More than a hockey reunion

It was both a hockey reunion and a school reunion for Bud Watson of Unionville. Friday night, Bud, a former star centre with the Stouffville Clippers, attended the Oldtimers' get-together at the Rec Centre. Who should he meet but former school friend Fran Sainsbury, now the Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas

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