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Our Fran stirs group to tears

STOUFFVILLE — Government officials and environmentalists, familiar with case histories across the province, were moved to tears during an address, Thursday, delivered by Town Mayor Fran Sainsbury at the Park Plaza Hotel, Toronto.

The symposium, related to environmental and occupational health, extended over three days and included top-ranked specialists in their fields from across Canada and the United States.

The seminar was sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Health, (Eleanor Caplan, Minister); the Ontario Ministry of Labor, (Greg

Sorbara, Minister); and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, (Jim Bradley, Minister).

The three main categories were: (1) Professional issues. (2) Public concerns. (3) Positive action.

"I was accepted by the 'brains of society,'" Mrs. Sainsbury told The Tribune. "I related 13 years of my life in 15 minutes."

The main thrust of Mayor Sainsbury's address was "if you have an environmental problem, fix it!"

She referred to the governmental foot-dragging that had occurred with respect to the Whitchurch-Stouffville landfill site before it was finally closed.

Many in the audience sat unbelieving as Mrs. Sainsbury told her story.

Mayor Sainsbury, working in conjunction with The Concerned Citizens Association, began her fight against the landfill as a private citizen in 1974. The site was eventually closed in 1985.

Said Mrs. Sainsbury: "Many caring people dedicated long hours to resolve this situation. Valuable lessons were learned, with communication, co-operation, patience and trust among all involved being the cornerstone to successful resolution. Together, we have opened the doors to future mediation rather than confrontation."



FRAN SAINSBURY

Principal issues ultimatum over beer at school dances

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — Alcohol and dances are a bad mix.

So says Peter Bright of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

In light of two successive social functions marred by alcohol, Principal Bright has lowered the boom.

At a special assembly May 17, he issued the ultimatum that anyone found under the influence of liquor or beer will face immediate suspension. Further, dances will be cancelled for a period of two months.

Mr. Bright told The Tribune he regrets such action because the

majority of students are "good kids interested only in a good time." He noted too that the Student Council looks on such events as a form of fund-raising.

"But dances are a school function and we're responsible," he stated.

Mr. Bright said the situation, May 13, reached a point where he had to halt the dance at 10:15 p.m. and clear the school. The main instigator, he said, was a non-student who "slipped in" through a side door.

One of the students under the influence was from Grade 9; another was from Grade 10.

Mr. Bright said nothing physical occurred, aside from some pushing and shoving, but some harsh words were exchanged. Following the Tuesday assembly, he said one parent called to thank him for his action. Most students, he feels are also in agreement.

Principal Bright says two part-time police officers are employed at all dances. He claims the "drinking" student isn't always easy to detect when he or she enters the school. Later, as the evening wears on, the alcohol begins to take effect and the person becomes sick or abusive.

"For two years, there's been

virtually no problem," he said, "now it's happened two dances in a row."

Further to suspension, a student caught drinking will be banned from future dances for an entire year, Mr. Bright stated.

The principal told The Tribune students continually complain concerning lack of teen activities in Whitchurch-Stouffville. To help solve this problem, he's been in touch with Mayor Fran Sainsbury and a questionnaire will soon be completed and presented to Council. He said Mrs. Sainsbury promised co-operation.



Dance pupils prepare for Recital '88

At the Stouffville Community Centre, dance pupils are preparing for their recital. The girls are dressed in black and white costumes. The boys are in dark suits. They are standing in a line, holding hands, and smiling for the camera.

Honor veteran

Trouper Joseph R. Bell, killed in action during the Korean conflict, June 6, 1953, will be honored at a full-dress Legion ceremony in Stouffville, Sunday, June 5.

The event, organized by The Royal Canadian Dragoons Association, The Korean Veterans Association and Stouffville Branch 459 of The Royal Canadian Legion, will take place at the cenotaph in the Stouffville Cemetery.

Time of the service is 1:30 p.m. A cross, erected in memory of Trouper Bell, will be unveiled. A monument to the Korean conflict will also be dedicated.

Refuse Town funds for overseas trip

The Lord helps those who help themselves — Town Council does too.

A request by the Stouffville Panther Soccer Club for assistance in financing a team trip to Europe has been turned down.

The issue was introduced at a meeting May 17.

Councillor Wilf Morley was irritated, noting that when a hockey club with which he was associated, went overseas several years ago, they raised all their own funds. He recommended the Panther players do the same.

The municipality will provide engraved pins for exchange purposes.

Grants Received: The Town was more generous with respect to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association. Each will receive \$2,000, to help subsidize operating expenses.

The Minor Softball Association request is \$1,300 less than last year, Marlene McKee-Wetheral, Manager of Recreation told the meeting.

"They're taking steps towards becoming self-supporting," she said.

Donate \$200

In a turn-around from usual practices, the Town was on the receiving end of money from a local organization.

The Stouffville Girl Guides presented a cheque for \$200 accompanied by a covering letter from

Volunteers honored

By DENISE McDONALD
STOUFFVILLE — They're the lifeblood of the Canadian Cancer Society.

In a special recognition ceremony held at Stouffville United Church, May 18, twenty-four volunteers from the Stouffville area branch were presented with 20 and 25-year service pins in honor of "outstanding dedication."

Recipients were: Twenty-five years — Norma Brillinger, Elva Boyd, Mary Davidson, Rita Forsyth, Doris MacAloney, Merle Mathewson, Grace Murray, Beryl Sanderson, Shirley Rehill and Dorothy Wagg.

Twenty years — Gladys Badgerow, June Bolton, Audrey Clarke, Miriam Duckett, Marjorie Duxbury, Anne Ermen, Audrey Gibson, Helen Hamilton, Donald Hodgins, Beulah King, John Mathewson, Alida Naulta, Sadie Ratcliff and Dixie Sellers.

Although the 1988 fund-raising objective had been set at \$24,300, Mr. Giles announced this goal had been exceeded by 12 per cent, with a final figure of \$27,648.19.

There were 209 volunteers resulting in "the best year ever," the chairman stated.

Commissioner Barbara Hie.

Mrs. Hie said she hoped the money would be put towards the purchase of cutlery for the Latcham Hall kitchen. The Guides use the hall three nights a week for meetings.

"The Guides look on the Hall as home," Mrs. Hie said.

"It's nice to receive money for a change," responded Mayor Fran Sainsbury.



Budget by June

Tax rate increase likely five percent

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council hopes to hold the 1988 tax increase to five per cent, Mayor Fran Sainsbury told The Tribune this week.

"As close as possible to the cost of living," Mrs. Sainsbury said.

The budget, she explained, should be finalized early next month with the rate reflected in the year's August and October tax payments.

The cost of garbage disposal,

she described as phenomenal, up from \$18 to \$50 per tonne. "It's a means of forcing recycling," she said.

The refuse site at Maple is owned and operated by Metro Toronto.

Locally, roads will have top priority in 1988, Mayor Sainsbury stated. In the past two years, recreation and fire protection had been tops on the priority list, she concluded.

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