



Ontario Municipal Board
Commission des affaires municipales de l'Ontario

IN THE MATTER OF Section 17(1) of the Planning Act, 1963

AND IN THE MATTER OF a referral to this Board by the Honourable John Eglins, Minister of Municipal Affairs on a request by O.T. Baggio, 704160 Ontario Limited and 671235 Ontario Limited for consideration of proposed amendment No. 52 to the Official Plan for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Minister's File No. 19-OP-0032-052 O.M.B. File No. 0 880042

APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD hereby appoints Monday, the 12th day of September, 1988, at the hour of ten o'clock (local time) in the forenoon at the Latcham Hall, Park Drive South, Stouffville, for the hearing of this matter.

If you do not attend and are not represented at this hearing, the Board may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. In the event the decision is reserved, persons wishing a copy of the written decision may ask the presiding Board Member at the hearing or contact the Board's Offices. The decision will be mailed when available.

DATED at Toronto, this 8th, day of July, 1988

J.G. MALCOLM
SECRETARY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

AMENDMENT NO. 52

TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE
TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

The purpose of the Amendment is to modify the Estate Residential density policies of the Official Plan in order to require a minimum lot area of 0.8 hectares (2 acres) for estate residential development in the Town.

This matter will be heard in conjunction with an application made by O.T. Baggio for a proposed amendment to the Town's Official Plan to permit an estate residential development on lots having a minimum lot area of 0.4 hectares (1 acre) (O.M.B. File No. 0 880044) as well as a request for an order amending Zoning By-Law 87-34 accordingly (O.M.B. File No. Z 870136) and a proposed Plan of Subdivision to be located in Part of Lot 30, Concession 9 (O.M.B. File No. S 880043).

Father and son began business in basement of Don Mills home

By KATE GILDERDALE
When Robert and Svend DeBruyn moved their home and their company from Don Mills to the Bloomington Road in 1969, the busy highway was little more than a path.

The company was called Detronics and up until then the father and son had been operating out of their basement in Don Mills. "We knew we couldn't do this forever," Robert declared, "so we started to look for a place we could both live in and work from because we weren't sure what the future had in store."

A native of Holland, Robert worked there for Philips, arriving in Canada in 1951 where he got a job with an American company called Philco. The experience he gained from his background in both companies led him to work with Motorola, a major manufacturer of car sound systems.

"We built 97 per cent of all the special test equipment and fixtures for them," Robert explains. The DeBruyns went on to service GE, Philco and General Motors in Oshawa, working on specialized radio equipment, some of their projects being one-of-a-kind. "We found ourselves doing a lot of engineering and taking the bugs out of designs," he says.

Designing rather than building became their main thrust, which in turn involved a high percentage of research. One project Robert is particularly pleased with is the Portable Lane Control System; a traffic signal on wheels which can be programmed to control traffic automatically, 24 hours a day.

The units are linked by radio, can be controlled by one person manually and adjusted to suit conditions wherever they are used. "They are meant to replace flagmen on the construction site," Robert explains. Some of the units had been brought in from Europe where problems related to cold and wet weather had made them unreliable.

"We built a better unit and we

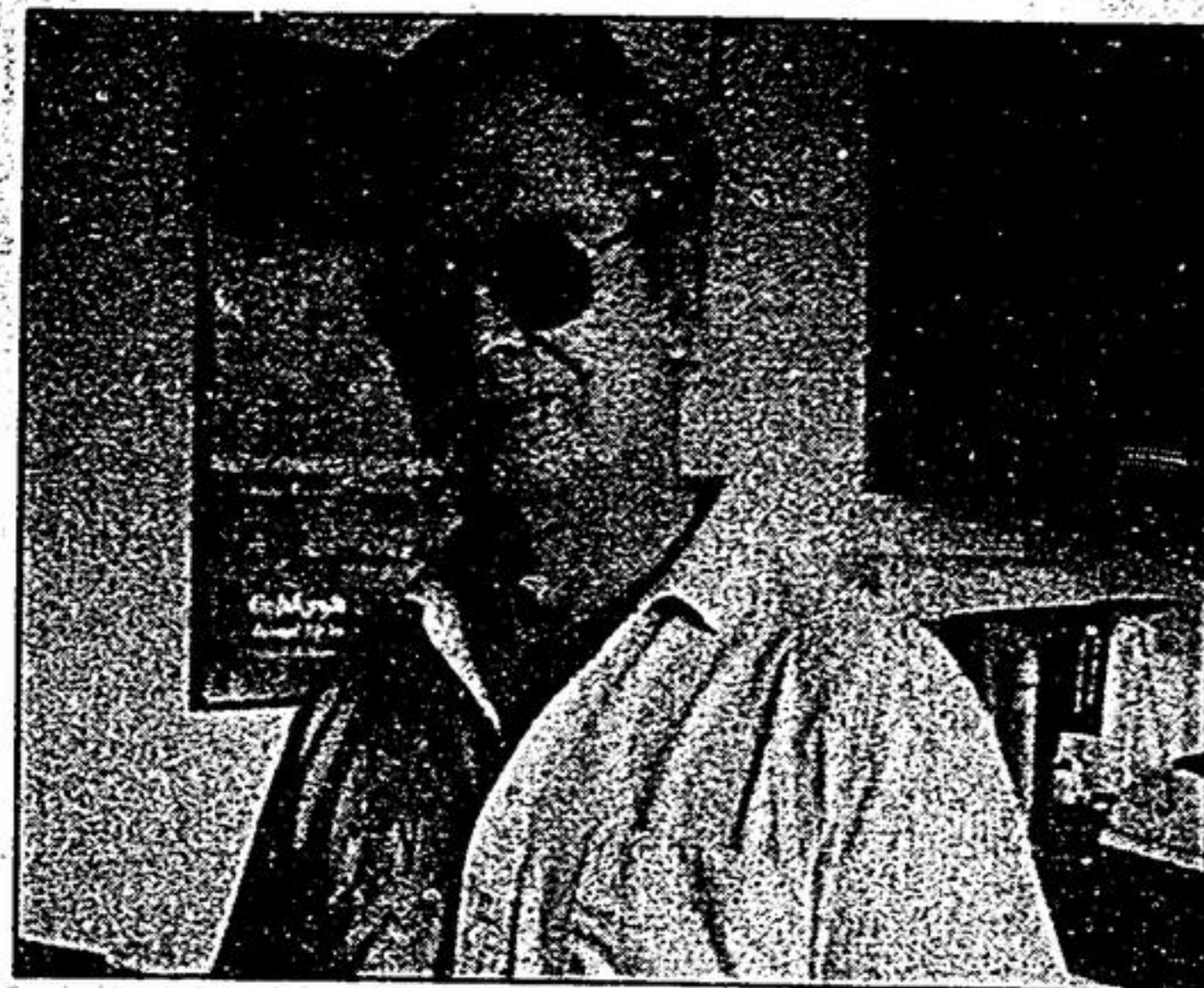
have a patent on it," he notes. "When we inherited the device, we thought it had a great future." Nevertheless the company is having trouble convincing governments of its value. "We are still waiting for North America to wake up," maintains Robert. "Last year between the United States and Canada, over 200 flagmen were killed on the job." There are over 50 of the units in use in British Columbia.

He points out that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications in Ontario has been considering the Portable Lane Control System for years. "Unfortunately there is no money for safety." One of the reasons for this, he believes, is that everyone is frightened of lawsuits, a problem he feels is something of a red herring.

Robert notes that whether a company uses the lane control units or flagmen, the trick is to slow traffic well in advance of the construction area, and the company now represents a manufacturer of portable warning signs which can be erected in advance of the site. The heavy duty signs are highly visible and durable as well as being easy to transport from place to place. They are currently in use by Ontario Hydro and are being considered by Bell Telephone.

Detronics has also produced boards for the backs of Hydro trucks, featuring flashing lights and arrows, which can be adjusted to point in both directions. These are used when the trucks have to stop in awkward places giving clear warning to other traffic.

The company has developed heavy duty plastic stop signs and flagmen signs with flashing lights and also makes the big arrow boards on the Don Valley Parkway, which are controlled by a micro processor. The boards are not recognized by the Ministry of Transport, which is frustrating to Robert. "Dealing with government is an unfair contest," he maintains.



Robert De Bruyns moved his home and his company to Bloomington Road in 1969 when it was a mere path.

Latcham to host Collector's Choice

By KATE GILDERDALE
Three paintings from Gary and Wanda Fisher's art collection will form part of the Latcham Gallery's upcoming exhibition, Collector's Choice.

A beautiful forest landscape in oils by French Canadian artist Langevin, which can be seen at the gallery, was a birthday present from Wanda to Gary in 1974. The picture was signed on the back for the Fishers by the artist.

"We have purchased all our paintings at Juliane Galleries of Fine Art at Scarborough Town Centre," Wanda notes. The gallery owners, who deal mostly in Canadian art, also have periodic showings at their home in Uxbridge.

In an alcove off the living room, a delightful watercolor of a sugar shack by John Joy hangs above the piano. Joy, a well-known Canadian artist, painted this picture in Medonte, Ontario, just south of Barrie.

The Fishers feel fortunate to have one of his works, since they are becoming harder to obtain.

"We understand he no longer paints as much as he used to," Gary explains.

The third work, a brooding landscape entitled *Early Morning*, is by internationally acclaimed artist Mariano Ortizar.

Paintings by Ortizar are owned by Nelson Rockefeller, Mrs. Aristotle Onassis and other famous collectors. He is also represented in the collection of Pope Paul VI in the Vatican.

"I suggested a long time ago they should have a private show representing local collections at Latcham Gallery," Gary states. When the gallery decided to go ahead, Deen Glover phoned Wanda and asked if they would be interested in including some of their paintings.

The Collector's Choice exhibition begins Thursday and runs until August 31.

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