

Sainsbury promises a busy three years

Mayor-elect Fran Sainsbury has hardly drawn a breath since her decisive victory in the recent election but already she's busy

planning her next three hectic years.

"The biggest priority on our list will be the resolution of the sewage problem," she states. "We'll have to sit down with the Durham and York regional people and the ministry of the environment and see what the next step should be to bring it to fruition."

"At the same time, adequate water capacity should be addressed, she says.

Also high on the agenda is a public meeting regarding land use planning. "With growth we have a lot of levies and resources whereby we can solve the traffic problems, put in stop lights and improve traffic flow." With modest expansion, says Sainsbury, facilities such as an indoor pool can be considered.

However, paying off existing debts on the recreation complex and library must come first, she

insists, and serious consideration should be given to methods of fundraising to help defray the cost of a pool.

"We had no trouble raising money for the new complex. If we could raise \$200,000 with 50 per cent of the rest from a higher level of government, then we probably wouldn't have to debenture."

She cautions that the capital costs are just the beginning.

"Once you have it, it has to be maintained." It's estimated that a pool would carry an operating loss of around \$100,000 per year.

"It's a service we'd be providing,

but everyone would be saddled with the tax burden whether they use it or not," she says.

The town will also consider enclosing and upgrading the existing pool. "Because it is already there, I can see a use for the small pool for seniors and from a therapy standpoint for the handicapped, especially during the day," she observed.

The problem of municipal office space has been temporarily alleviated with the acquisition of the blue sales office currently located outside Westfield Estates. "It will be brought to the park south of the town office," Sainsbury explains.

The new office will accommodate the planning department, which will have its current space taken over by the treasury department. She hopes to have the building in place by the new year.

"Council can move back into its committee room for meetings

instead of using council chambers," she noted.

The erection of stop lights at Mostar and Main (by Cable Tech and McNeil), and Winona and Main has been approved and the stop light at the IGA will be moved to the intersection of Main and Market and Mill Streets.

"We hope to budget for lights at Stouffer and Main, and that's priority with me," Sainsbury confirms.

"I'd like to see the interior of the Brown House at the museum finished," she says.

She's hoping the town can provide a "Happy Days place" where young people aged 13 to 18 could get together in their free time and enjoy board games which would be supplied through town funding.

The Main Street beautification project will be completed, and she'd like to see CN work with the Co-op and the Mill to pave the area to the west of the railroad tracks. The restoration of the Mansion House will include paving and some landscaping, Sainsbury adds.

With some 100 acres of parkland in the municipality, she would like to set aside part of the budget to provide adequate and attractive signage for each park, "this year for sure if we can."

She'd like to see landscaping and lighting around the signs, similar to those in the Unionville area. She also wants to see the remainder of the hamlet signs erected in the next year.

Continued road improvements are "one of our highest priorities



FRAN SAINSBURY
Full agenda

We will work towards fixing as many as possible. Sidewalk projects scheduled for completion include the east side of 9th Line North, which will be extended to the recreation complex. More street lighting in darker areas of town is also a priority.

"We hope to amend the Gormley industrial plan to lower the tax base and we'll be keeping a close eye on the development of Preston Lake," declares Sainsbury. She also plans to address the concerns of residents in the Musselman's Lake area.

Water systems for Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake should be completed by the spring of 1990.

She hopes to maintain the volunteer fire force for the future. "We have a complement of 30 men," she says. "The volunteers love what they do; their heart is in it."

She estimates that a full-time force of 30 would cost \$1 million in salaries alone. "I don't think a 6,000-household base warrants full-time protection," she says.

Nevertheless, the problems of keeping volunteers does present a growing problem, she acknowledges. "Every time they leave their job, it places that job in jeopardy." Sainsbury stresses that the fire fighters are "worth their weight in gold."

The next three years are going to be a challenge; one Mrs. Sainsbury is eager and willing to tackle.

"I'm going to have fun," she concludes with a smile.

Man charged in fatal crash

UXBRIDGE — A 21-year-old Toronto man died Saturday when the car in which he was a passenger, veered off, Regional Road 1 and hit a tree.

Pronounced dead at the scene was Victor Psaila of Lapp Street. The crash occurred a mile north of the Sandford Sideroad.

A Durham Regional police officer discovered the wreckage on his way to work Saturday morning.

Charged with criminal negligence causing death and leaving the scene of an accident is Stephen Chambers, 23, of Sunderland.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE SINCLAIR H. HAGEMAN HOUSE, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 14TH AVENUE, EAST OF WARDEN AVENUE, PART OF LOT 6, CONCESSION 5 IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM; IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known as The Sinclair Holden Hagerman House located on the north side of 14th Avenue, east of Warden Avenue, Part of Lot 6, Concession 5 as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The Sinclair Holden Hagerman House on 14th Avenue in Lot 6, Concession 5 is recommended for designation for its historical and architectural importance as a particularly ornate example of an Ontario farmhouse built by a leading pioneer family. The house is a well-preserved example of mid 19th century architecture that has been decorated with picturesque and regency features.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty (30) days of the 30th day of November, 1988.

Dated at the Town of Markham this 30th day of November, 1988.

Christine Palmer,
Deputy Clerk

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