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Hearing board agrees to visit residential site

By KATE GILDERDALE
STOUFFVILLE — An Ontario Municipal Board hearing related to a proposed rural estate

development on the 9th Conc. of Whitchurch-Stouffville, south of the Vivian Road, opened Monday in Latcham Hall.

ed, the application should be turned back to the Town for further discussion.

Cost concerns

Alleged cut-backs in provincial education grants will highlight a public meeting Wednesday (tonight) at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. The time is 7:30 p.m. The Ontario Public Education Network, supported by various Home and School Associations, is hosting the discussion. A principal speaker will be Robt. Cressman, Director of Education, Region of York. Bill Ballinger, MPP for Durham-York has been invited. Educators claim current under-funding by the province places an ever-increasing tax burden on local municipalities. In 1975-76, they say, the public education system received 11.3 percent of the provincial budget and separate schools 3.8 percent. In 1987-88, payments into the public sector were reduced to 6.2 percent with the separate system increasing to 4.2 percent.

Arguments, expected to last two weeks, concern an application by O.T. Baggio for permission to build 17 homes on a 25-acre property at Lot 30, Conc. 9.

Originally, the request was for 22 homes. A year after, this number was cut back to eleven. The application was refused.

Mr. Baggio filed an appeal to the O.M.B.

Later, area residents learned Council had changed its mind, agreeing to support the 17-lot plan. This caught opponents unprepared so the hearing was rescheduled to Dec. 5.

Lawyer Stanley Stein, representing the ratepayers, suggested that since the proposal before the Board was for 22 homes and not the 17 now planned,

The objection was overruled by the chairman who claimed numbers of lots as irrelevant.

Mr. Stein recommended a visit to the site. "The topography doesn't lend itself to the number of homes proposed," he said.

The chairman agreed, pending approval by all parties.

Pudge Hartshorne, one of 25 residents in attendance, said she was satisfied their case was being heard.

"We're being listened to and that's what we want," she stated.

Jenny Renewych said lack of support by the Town was disappointing.

"We're on our own," agreed ratepayer Vern Morrow. "I'm pleased the O.M.B. has agreed to visit the site. Hopefully, this will lead to something," he concluded.

Thirsty thieves

STOUFFVILLE — A thirsty thief with a liking for liquor, has committed another smash-and-grab robbery at the LCBO Store in the A&P Plaza, Stouffville.

As in the previous break-in, four weeks ago, entry was gained by breaking a front window. Investigating officers believe the

two incidents are related. Police declined to reveal the value of contents taken. No arrest has been made.

The same night, a break-in was also reported at the automatic car wash on Winona Drive. Again, the amount of money stolen was not revealed.

SDSS band concert praised by parents

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — Winter Concert '88 will be written into the annals of High School history as one of the finest musical performances ever presented.

The program, featuring the Grade 9 and Sr. Bands plus a bonus presentation by a 21-member Jazz Choir, was enthusiastically received by a large audience in the Markham Theatre, Thursday.

Leaders Peter Samuelson and Douglas Walker shared the podium with Principal Peter Bright serving as the evening's emcee.

A visit from Santa Claus concluded the event. The program's repertoire ranged from Rockin' Robin to Silent Night. Principal Bright read a portion of scripture from the second chapter of Luke.

The Jazz Choir, a new addition to the music itinerary at SDSS, had the audience bouncing in their seats and applauding for more. Members included — Robin Duke, Colleen Whittaker, Andrea Doucette, Leslie Snooks, Tracy Blackwell, Sheri Brushette, Audrey Brummell, Wendy Houghton, Linda Whiteside, Faye Rosenberger,

Chris Topping, Kevin Harmer, Bob Hartal, Cameron Harden, Paul Winger, Steve Holder, Jerry Shields, Mark Bowman, Stacy O'Brien, Andy Green and Todd Snooks.

One proud parent described the program as "the most exciting evening of music she'd heard in years."

Guest soloist

Nancy Argenta won't be performing at the Markham Theatre as initially anticipated.

The closest she'll come to this area is Massey Hall, Toronto.

The world-famous soprano, daughter of Agnes (Klinck) Herbison of Argenta, British Columbia and formerly of Stouffville, is the lead singer in the Dec. 16

presentation of Handel's Messiah along with the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir.

Mrs. Herbison, Nancy's mother, will be visiting friends in her old home town from Dec. 12 to Dec. 16 and staying with Frank and Ruby Burkholder, Parkview Apartments, Stouffville.



Santa Claus came to town Saturday. The kin-sponsored parade was viewed by thousands along Stouffville's Main Street. After more than 22 years, the event continues to be the biggest attraction in the community.



St. Nick was a busy man Saturday. Following the parade, he visited the Canadian Tire Store on Main Street West, where he was greeted by five-month-old Jocelyn Gray, daughter of Lawrence and Shelli Gray, R.R. 2, Stouffville.

Parade seen by thousands

By KATE GILDERDALE
STOUFFVILLE — Saturday's kin-sponsored Santa Claus Parade, protecting the theme "Christmas of the Future," included many creative floats and a host of space angels, resulting in a serious shortage of tin foil. The Stouffville Lions' outstanding entry, featuring a silver rocket called "The Mars Tour Bug" and a Martian Tabernacle Choir, caught the attention of judges. It was voted Best Theme.

A giant Christmas pudding adorned the Newcomers Club entry. It also featured a space ship called S.S. Christmas.

Theme of The Block Parent float was Christmas Past and Future. It included two Christmas trees, one surrounded by traditional figures, and the other by silver-helmeted children.

Both Cable, Tech and Don Anderson Haulage made effective use of foil-covered snowmobiles. The Anderson rocket was christened S.S. Santa.

Rockets were prominently featured by Schell Lumber Ltd. and the Moms and Tots Club.

St. Mark's School float was beautiful, with a flying Santa saucer surrounded by a dozen pretty angels.

It won Most Original.

The Best School entry was from Summitview.

Steam train buffs enjoyed floats entered by York-Durham Railway and Glisch Canada Ltd., Uxbridge.

As usual, there was something for everyone from little sized puppets to a model whale and, of course, the beloved entry of all, courtesy McNell Pharmacy — Santa Claus himself.

Winners

Selecting winners in Stouffville's Santa Claus Parade Saturday posed a difficult task for judges Cathy Richardson, Neil Patrick and Doug Allen. After much deliberation, results are revealed as follows:
Best Overall — The Movers (Prophy) — The Stouffville Kiwanis Club
Best Theme — The Stouffville Lions Club
Most Spectacular — The Canadian Progress Club
Most Original — St. Mark's School
Stouffville's Best School — Summitview School, Stouffville

Crosswalk petition grows

STOUFFVILLE — Support is growing for installation of traffic lights at Main and Stouffer Streets in the area of Summitview School.

A petition has already been signed by 80 residents agreeing with the document's demand to have Whitchurch-Stouffville Council remedy this inherently dangerous situation.

Town engineer Paul Whitehouse, meanwhile, has been directed to study the problem and report back with recommendations.

The petition was drawn up in response to the recent death of Carl Watson, Tenth Line South. Mr. Watson was hit by a car as he attempted to cross Main Street near the school.

Two other people, Fred Pilkey and Judy Fockler, have also been traffic fatality victims at this same location.

Many students attending Summitview cross here several times daily, the petition states.

"We cannot condone allowing that which endangers the very life and limb of our families," the petition concludes.

Bowes sets precedent

YORK REGION — For an unprecedented third time, Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes has been elected chairman of York Region Board of Education.

The vote was taken at the inaugural meeting Thursday night. Bowes defeated King Township trustee Louise Walter. Both Mr. Bowes and Mrs. Walter had served as chairpersons previously, Bowes in 1981 and 1986 and Walter in 1985.

The seat was left vacant by Charles Cooper who decided not to stand again.

Incumbent vice-chairman Jane Robertson of Richmond Hill has been returned. She defeated challenger Patti Grand of Markham.

Teachers move on

STOUFFVILLE — With announced leaveings and anticipated retirements, students of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School will see several teacher changes when the fall term resumes in September.

Don Hamilton, Head of Mathematics, is going to the new Dr. John Denison High School in Newmarket. So also is Adel Kamel, Head of Science.

Doug Walker, instructor in Music and English, has been accepted on staff at the new secondary school in Vaughan. Its completion is expected by September, 1989.

Denison High school will not be ready for occupancy until September, 1990, a spokesperson at the Board office said. Between times, an 18-unit port-a-pack will be located on the site of Huron Heights Secondary School, 40 Huron Heights Drive.

Mr. Hamilton, a teacher of long standing at SDSS, is now in his 25th year. Principal Peter Bright told The Tribune.

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Struck by car

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville businessman was injured and admitted to Scarborough Centenary Hospital Sunday after being struck by a car near the intersection of Main and Mill Streets.

Neil Katzman, owner of Savex Drugs, suffered cuts to the head

requiring several stitches. He was also badly bruised, but no bones were broken.

He's presently convalescing at home.

In addition to Savex Drugs in Stouffville, Mr. Katzman owns stores in Markham and Unionville.