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## Parents demand street safeguards at Summitview

STOUFFVILLE — Concerns with respect to safety of both children and adults crossing Main Street East in the area of Summitview Public School, have been brought to the attention of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council. A delegation, representing the

Summitview Parent-Teacher Association, attended a meeting Jan. 10.

June Ferris, spokesperson for the group, pointed to the fact 200 pupils cross Main Street at Summitview, four times daily, five times a week. This, she said, is far too many with only a crossing guard for protection.

The lives of adults, particularly the handicapped and senior citizens are also in jeopardy, Mrs. Ferris stated.

The speaker pointed out that many children cross the highway when no guard is on duty, in order to attend extra-curricular school activities as well as events in the Park. Adults also use this location, she said, to shop at Success Square Plaza on the south and attend local churches to the north.

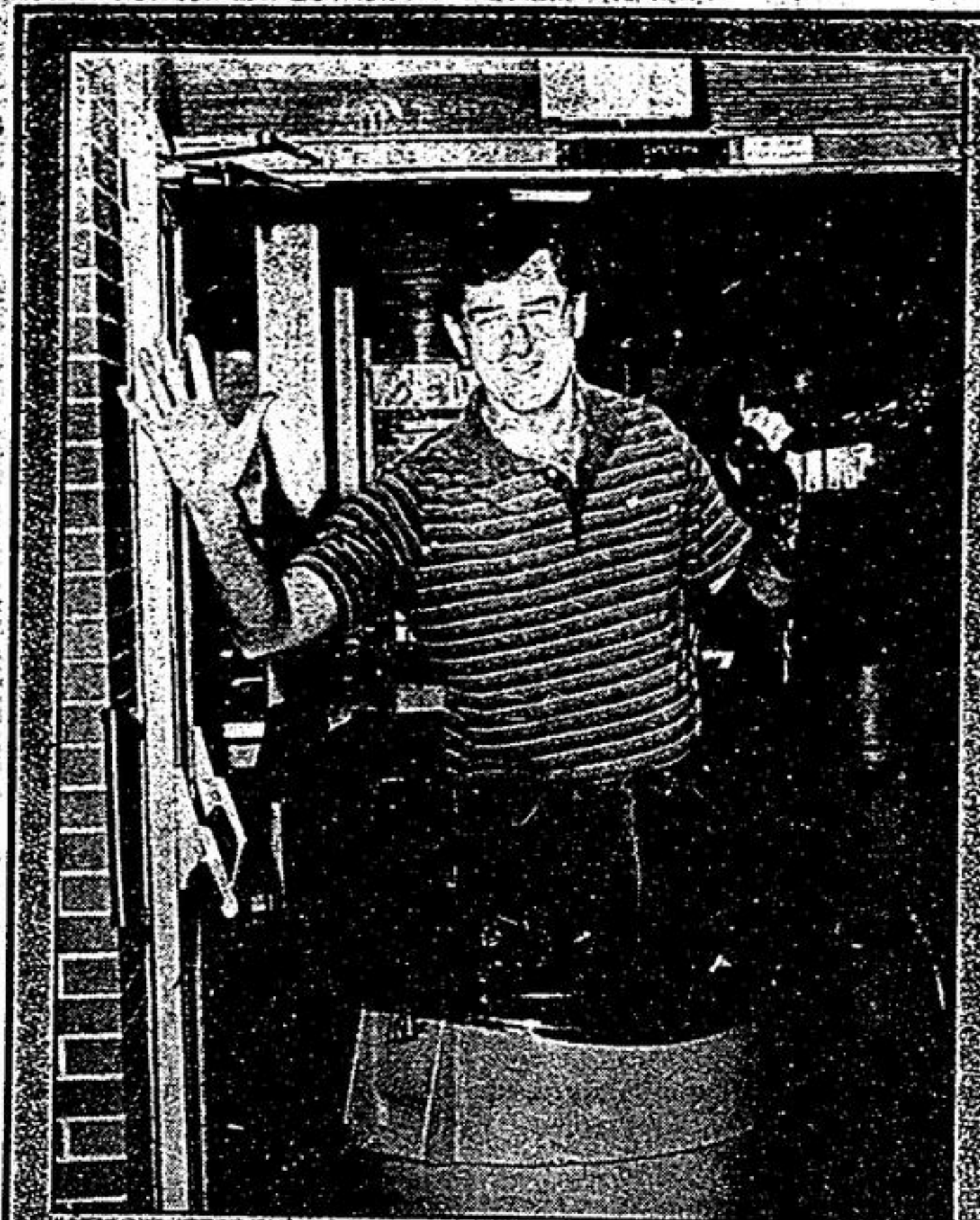
The Association is calling for the immediate erection of traffic signals at the intersection of Stouffer Street and Main.

"There can be no compromise with safety, particularly when it applies to those least able to protect themselves — in this case, our children," the appeal read in part. "We cannot afford to wait for more studies or until traffic signals are 'justified'. We do not think this is a normal budgetary item and believe Council should take whatever steps are necessary to appropriate the required funds immediately. We are not prepared for any further fatalities to establish a need."

The appeal was supported by a 550-name petition.

"I can go home secure in the knowledge I've done all I can," said parent Ed Schmeler. "I hope you, (Council), can leave in the same frame of mind."

Councillor Jim Sanders assured the delegation an amount sufficient to provide corrective safeguards would be included in the 1989 preliminary budget.



The York Region public school custodian strike forced staff and students to adjust their work (and play) habits during the one-week walkout. Here Principal Peter Bright carries out garbage from the SDSS cafeteria.



Mrs. Leonard will never believe this! SDSS vice-principal Rod Leonard sweeps in the cafeteria floor. The strike ended Monday. — Jim Thomas

## Strike over for custodians

STOUFFVILLE — Public school caretakers are back on the job. The new agreement provides a 14.7 percent increase over two years.

In 1989, a No. 1 custodian will be paid \$12.55 an hour or an annual salary of \$26,104. The second year, he/she will receive \$13.48 an hour or \$28,038.

By a vote of 18-0 York Region Board of Education approved the new wage package Monday.

Both Principal Peter Bright and Vice-Principal Rod Leonard of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School breathed collective sighs of relief when news of the settlement was received.

Mr. Bright said despite the fact students had shown excellent cooperation in keeping halls and classrooms clean, it would be some time before everything returned to normal.

## Hot waste unwanted

WHITCHURCH — Could Whitchurch-Stouffville become a dumping ground for low-level radioactive waste?

Ward 3 Councillor Nick Tatone fears this may be the case should our Town be selected by a Siting Task Force that's holding a series of meetings this year.

The committee, Tatone says, may consider any one of the Town's worked-out gravel pits as ideal because of their rock-hard base.

"We'll need to do our homework and find out what's going on," the Ward 3 councillor stated. He pointed out that either Whitchurch-Stouffville or a Uxbridge could be the choice when it comes to prime locations.

The issue, he said, needs to be the concern of the whole council. "We'll all have to fight this," he concluded.

## Strike threatens

CLAREMONT — This Monday is the strike deadline for 1,369 Durham Region secondary school teachers.

Trustee Lyn Craig of Claremont remains hopeful settlement will be reached.

"We'll know better after Wednesday night," she said, with reference to negotiations still going on.

Salaries and class sizes are major issues, she stated.

## How much?

What's a fair wage rate for members of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council?

To find out, Clerk-CO-ordinator Pat Muir has been asked to obtain salary figures as paid by municipalities of comparable size.

However, over the protests of Councillor Jim Sanders, the Town passed its wage rate bylaw Jan. 10. Councillor Sanders recommended the issue be held in abeyance until the survey was complete. Only six of sixteen replies had been received.

Salary payments for 1989 follow: The Mayor, \$18,538 plus a car allowance of \$3,500; councillors, \$11,082 plus a car allowance of \$1,000.

## Model complex

STOUFFVILLE — It's been described as the most dramatic addition to Stouffville's west entrance since the coming of McNeil Pharmaceutical (Canada) Ltd.

Work will begin this spring on a four-storey medical and office complex at the intersection of Main Street West and Sandiford Drive.

The project, initiated by A&S Construction of Stouffville, has since been taken over by B.J.S. Developments of Richmond Hill. B.J.S. will also manage the property.

"We'll run it, we're not going to flip it," President Louie Kocjancic told The Tribune.

The building to be named the Imperial Centre will include a pharmacy, laboratory and clinic on the first floor; medical offices on the second with offices for lawyers, accountants, real estate companies and other professions on floors three and four.

"This concept has proved successful in other towns," says Mr. Kocjancic.

The first floor will also offer a cafeteria and either a bank or a trust company, he explains.

## Politician thanked

GOODWOOD — The Goodwood Ratepayers' Association honored former Uxbridge Councillor Cal Avery at a ceremony, Jan. 10.

On behalf of the organization, Virginia Aitchison presented Mr. Avery with a framed limited edition print of the Goodwood Mercantile Store, completed by Stouffville artist James Bessey.

The presentation was the Association's way of saying "thank you" to Mr. Avery for his energetic work throughout Ward 1 in general and the Goodwood community in particular.

The ceremony took place at the Vic Wilson Equestrian Centre, Lincolnville.

The inscription reads in part: "The Goodwood Ratepayers' Association expresses its thanks and appreciation to Councillor Cal Avery for his representation, dedication and memorable contributions to the residents of Goodwood. Best wishes to you and Cathy in all future endeavors."

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## Quality first

STOUFFVILLE — Bigger isn't better; quality rather than quantity.

This is Councillor Jim Sanders' motto. And he let it be known in no uncertain terms, Tuesday.

With regard to sewage capacity via The Big Pipe, Councillor Sanders said Stouffville was pinning its hopes on an unsubstantiated newspaper article quoting Durham Regional Chairman Gary Herrema.

"We're part of York Region, not Durham Region," he stated. "We must co-operate with York Region on this matter."

"We should be interested in the quality of life in Stouffville and not be going after ways to become bigger."

Councillor Ron Robb said it was the Town's decision to check out the report.

"Just because you're dead set against it," he retorted, adding, "and it's all right we me if you are."

Mayor Fran Sainsbury said at no time had Council or a member of staff approached Durham Region and requested sewage capacity. The Town, she said, is co-operating with the Region of York.

"If proper planning had been done ten years ago, we wouldn't be in the fix we find ourselves today," she concluded.

## Ex-city girl heads Fair

MARKHAM — A city resident turned sheep farmerette is the 1989 president of Markham Fair.

Diane Ward, Conc. 6 Whitchurch-Stouffville, was acclaimed when the Markham and East York Agricultural Society held its annual meeting, Jan. 11. She succeeds Dave Morrison, R.R. 17 Unionville.

The 1st vice-president is Carol White of Whitevale. The 2nd vice-president is Don Miller, R.R. 2, Markham.

A full report is published on Page C-1 of this issue.

It was back in 1976, (a year prior to the Fair's move), that Diane assisted son Mike in the showing of a calf. She also exhibited a quilt, winning third on one and first on the other.

"I was hooked," she admits.

Involvement in Old MacDonald's Farm and sheep-shearing demonstrations led to a directorship in 1983.

She credits past-presidents Mary Beare, Dennis Seeley and Barry Little with providing the encouragement required.

She's been a member of several committees including personnel, grounds, finance and administration.

Diane describes the Fair's operation as a phenomenon. It's not unusual, she says, to hold up to five meetings a week, with all time volunteered.

"There's a tremendous amount to learn," Diane claims, "with so little time to learn it. Thank goodness I have Carol (White) and Don (Miller) to lean on."

Despite the tremendous responsibility, Diane says she accepts the position without apprehension.

"I'm sure sure they'll carry the Fair in spite of me," she laughs, "and do a beautiful job."

## Soccer reunion

It was back in 1977 that Martin, Johannessen, and The Royals were introduced as a Squirt entry in the Region of York Youth Soccer Association.

The coach and team have remained inseparable through eleven seasons.

This Saturday, they'll be honored at a banquet in Etcham Hall, Stouffville. Attendance is by invitation only.

Joy and Martin Johannessen, 17 players and their parents, and several invited guests will attend, numbering about 60 in total.

Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30.

