

Festival planning underway

By KATE GILDERDALE
Whitchurch-Stouffville's 1989 Strawberry Festival committee kicked off its first meeting of the year at the Recreation Centre last Wednesday night. Committee members present were chairman Gary Fisher, past chairman Jim Heidema, vice chairman Jim Kidd, secretary Pat Ratcliff, special events coordinator Diane Peak and Peter Arnot, standing in for Marlane McKee-Weatheral on town liaison. Also present were volunteers Susan Berry and Karen Heise. Topping the list of proposals for '89 endeavors, was Gary Fisher's suggestion the committee honor those who've chaired Canada Day celebrations in town over the last 10 years. Committee members Jim

Heidema supported the idea, also recommending the presentation of a plaque to each individual. Susan Berry agreed to call suppliers for further information. It was also confirmed, since Canada Day falls on Saturday, the government has designated Monday, rather than Friday, the public holiday. However, committee members felt special events should run from Wednesday through Sunday, with no activities planned for the Monday. Among proposed new activities for 1989 is the York Durham Railway's train ride for young children, which Gary hopes can be held on the site of the old arena, if the land can be levelled for the event. Skateboard and BMX competitions and radio controlled cars,

as well as a scavenger hunt, were suggested for older children and teens. Gary also noted some towns use wooden nickels as prizes in the competitions, which could be spent at downtown stores. The committee agreed to investigate the idea further. An antique car display was mentioned, combined with the hope the Scarborough Symphony would return for this year's festivities. Suggested improvements included acquiring better lighting, installing a wind break along one side of the stage and a sound system. And due to Pat Ratcliff's reported success of last year's teen dance, it was agreed the event should be held again in 1989.

Also tentatively scheduled for the Wednesday was a visit from Ronald McDonald, lawn bowling, the Lion's barbecue, celebrity bowl and teen dance, for Thursday, a free swim at the town pool, the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville pageant and euchre at the Silver Jubilee club and for the Friday, a free swim and baseball from 6 p.m. Saturday is hoped to include a pancake breakfast, baseball, swim, country fair (including contests and craft sales), kiddieland, Scarborough Symphony, fireworks, Canada Day celebration, antique cars, and the railway. Sunday should see baseball, triathlon, church service in the park, strawberry social, swim. A barber shop quartet was also proposed.

New fun planned for 4-H members

Would you like to meet new friends, learn new skills and join in some fun? If you're 11-21 years of age before Jan. 1, 1989 you'll want to be a part of a 4-H club in York Region. Four new 4-H projects are being offered this winter: Working with Wool, Veterinary, Maple Syrup and Get Growing - Marketing. The Working with Wool project offers insights into the processing of wool from the sheep's fleece to yarn. Spinning and dyeing are activities that are included. The project also teaches the basics of knitting to create a small knitted article. It starts following the Leaders' Workshop tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at the OMAF office in Newmarket. Members of the 4-H Veterinary club will discover how the respiratory system works. Field trips, group activities, case studies will all be a part of this project. In the Maple Syrup project, members will learn how to make and grade maple syrup and tap trees. For more information on 4-H and how you can join as a 4-H member or leader, contact Kathy Simpson, Rural Organization Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food at 1-800-263-3241 or (416) 895-4519.



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