

Temporary 'mall' downtown

STOUFFVILLE — So that downtown merchants can become more directly involved with the week-long Strawberry Festival, the Business Improvement Area board has asked that a section of Main Street be closed Sat., July 1.

Hwy. 48 & Felcher Blvd.

Modern centre for Ballantrae

BALLANTRAE — A sod-turning ceremony is planned for this summer in preparation for construction of the new Ballantrae Professional Centre, Hwy. 48 and Felcher Boulevard.

Anticipated completion date is March, 1990.

"With the introduction of a communal water system, we're expecting great things for Ballantrae," area chiropractor Dr. John Bare told The Tribune. "We want to be in on the ground floor."

The Centre, measuring 15,000 square feet, will be one-and-one-half storeys with offices at all

levels. Dr. Bare will move his practice here. A pharmacy is also a certainty along with a lecture theatre.

"It'll be a phenomenal building," Dr. Bare states, "a credit to the community."

The site, just under two acres, will boast a sizeable parking area.

All would-be tenants are accompanied on personal tours of the district, Dr. Bare explains. "I want them to see the potential this community has to offer."

A zoning change is required before work can begin but Dr. Bare sees no problem with this.

The request, in the form of a letter from BIA chairperson Sandra Stronach, was placed before Council March 7.

The cordoned off area would extend from O'Brien on the west to Park Drive on the east.

Exhibits, Mrs. Stronach said, would be placed close to the curbs so emergency vehicles could get through.

Both Fire Chief Bill Brown and Councillor Ron Robb wondered if volunteers, in unmarked cars, might have trouble reaching the station.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury and councillors Margot Marshall,

Nick Tatone and Wayne Emmerson spoke in favor of the request. Councillor Emmerson called it "a great idea."

"Let's try something new," said Councillor Tatone.

The suggested time period would extend from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Traffic, Mrs. Stronach said, could detour south on O'Brien Avenue, then east along Burkholder Street to Thicketwood Boulevard and Stouffer Street.

An alternate route, she suggested, would be Millard Street or the Bethesda Sideroad.

"Millard Street should be used," said Councillor Emmerson, "that's what it's there for."

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