

# Kids vs. Mom: Unfair fight

By KATE GILDERDALE  
If parents were asked to choose the most overworked phrase in their children's vocabulary, the majority would probably pick, "It's not fair."  
It's not fair they have to go to school, tidy their rooms, clean their teeth, go to bed or do their homework. And when you come up with that ghastrick phrase you swore you'd never use, "when I was your age..." they roll their eyes heavenwards and tune out with their personal stereo.  
It's not fair they can do that, because when I was their age, there were no such things as Walkmans, and we had to listen to everything our parents said.  
When we were taken to an art

gallery we had to look at all those boring pictures. It's not fair when we take them — there are interesting things for them to do while we look at the boring pictures, which have suddenly become fascinating.  
It's not fair we had to work out sums, using our brains instead of a calculator, and it's especially unfair we had to learn that illogical imperial system of measurement only to discover, too late, it was going to be phased out for the much simpler metric system, which is nevertheless impossible to learn at my age.  
When we used to go to the library, which had a total of about 40 books and opened between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on alternate weekday afternoons, we

were not allowed to speak above a whisper and they only carried stuff that improved the mind, which naturally we didn't want to read.  
Because no one had heard of revolutionary stuff like children's rights, we were actually a bit scared of our teachers and other people who were in authority, and we even thought they might be right sometimes.  
Did I have a computer to bash out my homework on? The sort they'd invented at the time would have occupied the space of eight subdivisions.  
Did we complain because we didn't get designer shoes? We'd never heard of them. When we saw the shoes we liked, our parents would drag us away to

try on sensible shoes — which were good for our feet and in which we bore a distressing resemblance to Olive Oyl.  
Worse, when we were at home we had to listen to classical music, written by people who'd been six feet under for hundreds of years, because we only had one record player (mono), and my father was the custodian of it.  
Is it fair my children are able to listen to and actually enjoy the old Beatles, tapes I somehow can't throw away?  
When I think of how we suffered, I wonder how we made it to adulthood at all. One thing's for sure though, if we had to put up with all that stuff, I don't see why our children should be spared. It simply wouldn't be fair.

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**PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT DWELLINGS ABOVE COMMERCIAL USES**  
FILE NO. ZBAM/07

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd, 1989, at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 15 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider a proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment to be passed pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act.

**SUBJECT PROPERTY**  
The proposed Amendment would apply to all lands which are:  
1. Zoned General Commercial (GC) or Local Commercial (LC) in General Zoning By-Law No. 87-34, and  
2. Not serviced with municipal water and sanitary sewers, or serviced with municipal water only.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**  
The proposed Amendment would change the General Commercial (GC) and Local Commercial (LC) Zone requirements by reducing the number of dwelling units permitted above commercial uses to one (1) dwelling unit for each commercial storefront.

This restriction to one (1) dwelling unit per commercial storefront will not apply to lands which are serviced with both municipal water and sanitary sewers.

General Zoning By-Law No. 87-34 presently permits two (2) dwelling units per commercial storefront in any General Commercial (GC) or Local Commercial (LC) Zone regardless of the method of servicing.

**REPRESENTATION**  
ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Amendment. If you are unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the meeting. Written submissions should include a request for further notification, if so desired.

**INFORMATION**  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Amendment is available for inspection at this office during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at this office.

DATED at the TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE this 5th day of APRIL, 1989.

Patricia G. Oakes, Clerk,  
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