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## "Pretty scary" Taxes likely to double

Residential taxes could double in 1989. This is the gloom and doom prediction by Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

While the Town, she says, is attempting to keep its increase down to 5.3 percent (the cost of living), the Region's budget has shot up by 20.6 percent and York Board of Education is predicting a 24 percent hike.

The Catholic school cost increase is even higher at 26 percent. Mayor Sainsbury describes the situation as "pretty scary."

While the Town's attempting to hold the line at 5.3 percent, Mrs. Sainsbury admits this isn't realistic if the municipality is forced to go it alone on the installation of stoplights at Stouffer Street and Winona Drive.

Since Main Street's a provincial highway, she feels Queen's Park should subsidize the cost of both projects.

With respect to the tax increase over-all, Mayor Sainsbury says it's the person on fixed income that's hurt the most.

Mrs. Sainsbury's calling for a change in the Act that would force developers to provide school sites to municipalities free of charge. She says too, all schools should be open and ready to go when families move in.



At the presentation of the decorated nursing pin, Mrs. Sainsbury, wearing the message with the Lions, is presenting the pin to Mrs. Ballantrae and District Lions Club. Mrs. Ballantrae is being honored for her work in the community. Mrs. Sainsbury is Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Mrs. Ballantrae is a member of the Lions Club. Mrs. Sainsbury is Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Mrs. Ballantrae is a member of the Lions Club.

## Family praise firemen

BALLANTRAE — "Absolutely fantastic" is the way Mrs. Don Ennis described the work of Fire Dept. volunteers after her husband lacerated the tips of two fingers in a belt sander, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Ennis, she said, was working with a friend at 17 Iroquois Drive, when the accident occurred.

At first, his wife thought of taking him to hospital herself, but feared he might go unconscious.

"(Councillor) Ron Robb once told me if an accident happens, call the fire department. That's what I did. They were here in minutes," Mrs. Ennis recalled.

They administered oxygen and bandaged the injured left hand, she said.

## "Alcohol a curse"

# School won't support harbourfront Prom

STOUFFVILLE — The Student Council of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School is holding a Spring Prom but the administration's withdrawn support.

Principal Peter Bright made the announcement Thursday.

His meeting with The Tribune was attended by Council President Julian Franklin.

Earlier, Mr. Bright urged the

committee to hold the Prom in the High School gym. Anywhere else, he said, and it would constitute a "private event", with no school association whatsoever.

So far, the ultimatum's been ignored. The Prom will take place May 26 on board a boat in Toronto Harbour.

The cost is \$90 per couple. Mr. Bright bases his decision

"on what I've seen over the last two years. I don't want to be a part of it again."

When asked to be specific, Principal Bright said the inclusion of a bar, "and the behavior of a few kids", places too much responsibility on staff chaperones.

He described the consumption of alcohol as "a curse."

Mr. Bright said he'll be holding discussions with the dance executive in an effort to change their minds.

He feels the gymnasium could be decorated appropriately for the occasion.

## Family cheers officer grad

BLOOMINGTON — Twenty-one-year-old Kevin Ferris, Knight's Place, Bloomington, was supported by his own cheering section when he walked on

stage to receive his police graduation diploma, Thursday.

Fourteen family members attended.

The ceremony, attended by Chief of Police Jack Marks, was held at the Charles O. Bick College, Finch Avenue and Brimley Road, Scarborough.

There were 69 officers in the class.

Kevin entered police work as a cadet at age eighteen. He attended police college at Aylmer and completed his training in Toronto. He's a graduate of Whitchurch-Highlands Public School and S.D.S.S.

Kevin credits his association with the Newmarket and District Air Cadets with helping him through the course.

He'll work out of Metro's No. 51 division.

Attending the ceremony were Kevin's parents, Jim and Lynn Ferris; sister and brother, Laurie and Scott; his grandparents, Robert and Dorothy Ferris, Toronto; his girlfriend, Terri Ellis and her parents of Musselman's Lake.

## Hearing costs

STOUFFVILLE — Win or lose, those persons successful in having applications heard by the Ontario Municipal Board must cover the cost.

This, says Mayor Fran Sainsbury, relates to the appeal against the Baggio development, Conc. 9 at the Vivian Sideroad and a pending appeal related to re-zoning of lands at the Stouffville Flea Market, Tenth Line North.

A delegation, calling itself "The Concerned Residents Group of Whitchurch-Stouffville", claim they didn't initiate the Baggio hearing, therefore should be reimbursed their expense.

The Town, Mayor Sainsbury explained, reduced the subdivision from 22 lots to 17. The O.M.B. downsized it to "eleven lots or less".

Mr. Bright voiced disappointment at Council's decision. He said a legal contract had been drawn up and co-signed by a parent.

"It's important for the community to know this will not be a school dance," he stressed. He said any teachers attending will do so as private citizens.

Franklin said the committee's choice of sites "is not a form of rebellion against Mr. Bright or members of staff. It was felt the dance would be better attended elsewhere."

The Council president admitted under-age drinking will likely occur. "Alcohol is tied into a good time. One person could ruin the night for everyone. We're not blind to the situation."

The executive, he said, is hoping to obtain student and parent chaperones as well as bus transportation to and from Toronto.

Mr. Bright estimates the cost at between \$500 and \$600 a couple when everything's included.

## Volunteer car wash

The Stouffville Volunteers Firefighters Association is holding a car wash Saturday.

Location is the town fire hall, Main Street East.

The time is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Proceeds will go to the Children's Wish Foundation. The Association has set a total target figure of \$5,000. The money will be donated to a local family in order that a child's dream may become a reality.

Dr. Don Petrie is the Firefighters' liaison physician.

Community support of this worthwhile project will be appreciated.



## Respected humanitarian

STOUFFVILLE — Service was held from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Tuesday, for one of Stouffville's foremost humanitarians.

Dr. Jerome DeLaurier, town chiropractor at 201 Main Street West, passed away April 14 in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, following a courageous fight with cancer.

Dr. DeLaurier received great personal satisfaction from providing financial support for an adopted family in Haiti. He endeavored to visit them at least once a year and always came away encouraged that, because of assistance, their lives were improved.

Dr. DeLaurier enjoyed a close association with a wide circle of friends, both within his practice and around town. He had been a

member of Stouffville's original Little Theatre.

He was dearly loved by members of his family including sisters Margaret McCutcheon of Brantford; Patricia Burns and Judy DeLaurier, Toronto; Pauline Lacy, St. Catharines; two brothers, James of Windsor; Jon of Sydney, B.C.; 15 nieces and nephews.



Karen Emmerson, daughter Murray and Evelyn Emmerson, Manitoba Street, Stouffville, has been awarded a Nursing Proficiency Award in her final year at Georgian College. In addition, Karen is the recipient of a Kiwanis Club cash award. The ceremony was held April 5. Karen will now write exams towards her RN degree. She's a graduate of Summitview Public School and Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

## Keith Sutherland A last hurrah

STOUFFVILLE — Keith Sutherland, Asst. Supt. of Human Resources, York Region Board of Education, will retire at the end of the current school term.

His association with education spans 35 years.

Mr. Sutherland first began as a teacher on the staff of Summitview School, then graduated to the position of principal at Orchard Park and later Unionville.

He's been extremely active in the Whitchurch-Stouffville community including Music Mania and the Markham-Stouffville Hospital.

A retirement party in his honor will be held May 25 at Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club, Ringwood, with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at seven.

The R.S.V.P. deadline is Fri. April 28. The contact persons are Lorne Bowdway, Birkett-Hassard Insurance, (640-2000), or Pat

Grey, Box 40, York Region Board of Education, 60 Wellington Street West, Aurora, (L4G 3H2).

Admission, (dinner and gift), is \$40 per person. A donation, (gift only) is at the individual's discretion.

## Benefit dance

A benefit dance in aid of the Markham-Stouffville Hospital will be held at the Markham Regency Hotel, Markham, on Saturday, April 22, 7-10 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy, 10011 Stouffville, has both arms in a cast and will be unable to work for several months. He has been hospitalized since he was 10 years old.

Tickets (single person) are available in advance from Margie Smith at 640-4648 or at the door Saturday evening.

## Church closes

BROUGHAM — St. John's United Church at Brougham is closed.

A final service was held Sunday afternoon. It was conducted by Presbytery.

The future of the congregation remains up in the air. The Tribune was told. A congregational meeting, summoned by Presbytery, is anticipated.

"There's considerable hostility towards Claremont, but we had nothing to do with it," the member said. "I feel sorry for them. It's a heart-rending situation."

At a recent Sunday service, there was only one person present, he noted, with the average attendance around five.

Lack of support is the reason, he concluded.

## Important meeting

BALLANTRAE — "Who's Minding Our Water" will be the subject of an address by Marry Asselstine, Wed., April 26 at the Ballantrae Community Centre.

Time of the meeting is 7:30 p.m.

Sponsors are The Concerned Residents Group of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Issues are lack of protection of headwaters; impact of development on water supplies; potential for problems on the Oak Ridge Moraine and the role of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

## Fire cost criticized

STOUFFVILLE — Town Councillor Ron Robb claims a \$13,000 fire protection agreement with East Gwillimbury is "a waste of taxpayers' money".

Further, he says, volunteers from Fire Station II (Church Hill), can respond to calls faster.

"We could cover that area, (north of St. John's Sideroad)," he told Council, Tuesday.

The East Gwillimbury truck must come from Mt. Albert.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury defended the agreement, saying it would cost \$1 million for a full-time station, excluding updated equipment.

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