

Foreign firefighter compares notes

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To most Stouffville residents, the fire station on Main St. is just another town building.

But to 37-year-old Francesco Paolo Colicchio, the local fire hall is a shrine of invaluable information and wonder.

Mr. Colicchio is the Chief Fire Commander in Rome, Italy, and was in Stouffville last week to visit his uncle.

And one of the first things the trim, dark-haired visitor wanted to do was see how a small-town volunteer fire department operates.

"He was very impressed with what he saw," Mr. Colicchio's uncle Joe Colicchio said in an interview last week. "He thought Fire Chief Bill Brown ran a sound department."

Mr. Colicchio, who has trouble speaking English, told his uncle that Stouffville's firefighting operation "is a bit behind Rome's in some areas."

But he added that, given the contrasting sizes of two centres, such disparities could be expected.

Rome is a city of some 6,000,000 people and there are 11 fire stations throughout the city, Mr. Colicchio said. But there are also 15,000 volunteer fire departments similar to Stouffville's across Italy.

"Overall, he felt operations here were excellent," Joe said. "He really likes Stouffville and he would like to move here in the future."

At 37, Mr. Colicchio is one of the youngest Commanders of Fire Operations in Rome's history.

Introduced to the trade by his father and grandfather, who were both firefighters, Mr. Colicchio has spent the last 18 years fighting fires.

And he takes pride in the fact that he's working hard to keep

one of Italy's most famous cities beautiful.

"He works very hard," Joe Colicchio said. "There are over 6,000,000 people in Rome and each of the city's 11 fire departments receives over 200 calls per day. And that doesn't even include the outlying areas."

"He's had to deal with fires, three earthquakes and other disasters. It's a big job and he

does it well," Joe said.

But "Paul's, (as he's called by his family) main problem is he doesn't seem to have a lot of time to spend with his family."

"He's on call all the time and he has to leave home often," Joe added. "And that can be tough."

But despite the long hours, Mr. Colicchio said he will continue to work as a firefighter in the future.



Photo/MATT NICHOLLS

Stouffville Fire Chief Bill Brown (right) welcomed a foreign colleague to the fire hall this week to show him the ropes. Francesco Paolo Colicchio, 37, is Rome, Italy's Chief Fire Commander and was in town visiting relatives. He battle blazes in a city of 6 million and says Chief Brown operates a sound fire department.



Wedding bells

Linda Ross, daughter of Bill and Doris Ross, R.R. 3 Stouffville, and Mark Davis, son of Lynda Davis of Toronto, were married June 3 in Bloomington Gospel Church. Linda is the granddaughter of Mel and Muriel Thomas of Parkview Village in Stouffville. The happy couple are residing in Stouffville.

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Take notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 25, 1989 at the Municipal offices, 19 Civic Ave., Stouffville, Ontario. The Tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at the Municipal offices, 19 Civic Ave., Stouffville, Ontario.

Description of Lands(s)	Minimum Tender Amount (Set out the cancellation price as of the first day of advertising)
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Lot 12 Plan 182 Windsor Drive South Side
Formerly Township of Whitchurch
Now Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Regional Municipality of York \$1,811.70

Concession 5 Part Lot 30
Formerly Township of Whitchurch
Now Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Regional Municipality of York

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, in the Regional Municipality of York (formerly the Township of Whitchurch in the County of York) and the Province of Ontario, containing by admeasurement seven square rods be the same more or less, being composed of the north-east corner of lot number thirty, in the Fifth Concession of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, aforesaid, butted and bound as follows:

Commencing at the north-west boundary of the Mill Race, formerly in the occupation of one, Joseph Taylor, and on the allowance for road between Lots Numbers thirty and thirty-one, in the Fifth Concession of the said Town;

Thence easterly eight rods more or less to the corner of said lot.

Thence southerly eight rods more or less to the aforesaid Mill Race in the Sixth Concession of the said Town.

Thence angling along the said Mill Race in a northerly course to the place of beginning. \$3,849.21

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank, trust company or Province of Ontario Savings Office payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

The municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

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For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact: Ruth Armstrong
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