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## York will monitor sewage

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Although York Region is shunning Whitchurch-Stouffville in its quest to latch onto a portion of the York-Durham servicing scheme, it will continue to "monitor" the existing Duffin's Creek sewage plant for additional capacity.

"We will continue to monitor the existing sewage plant to see how well it's performing and to see if there is any unused capacity there," Bob Hodgson, regional commissioner of engineering, told the Tribune.

He added the region will make sure "we are utilizing the plant to its full potential."

But Mayor Fran Sainsbury said the region has neglected to give council its yearly 1989 report (launched in 1987) to determine any unused capacity and is holding up further development opportunities.

"This is a kind of brush fire planning and a ridiculous way for a town to predict future growth," the mayor said.

Although she admits the in-house study offers "some assistance" to Whitchurch-Stouffville council when allocating sewage capacity, the monitoring scheme is "not a proper way to plan a town."

Originally, the monitoring program was up for grabs by "outside consultants" but the mayor said she was "not prepared to pay for an outside study when the best approach would be to contact the ministry and do an in-house study through the region."

Continual plant monitoring would determine the plant performance offset by the amount of area development short term, Mr. Hodgson said.

According to the region's 1988 report, the Duffin's Creek plant allowed an extra 132 units for moderate (commercial) use, of which 77 may be assigned if council receives a solid proposal from the applicant.

But the mayor said the region has "neglected" to hand over the 1989 report — one that should have been in town hands earlier this year — that could possibly allow for additional units for development.

"This (type of planning) appears to be our only choice right now until I can set up a tri-party meeting with the region, town and ministry."



Photo: TRICK MADONIK

## Wheely fun!

Maxwell Wert, 2, was quite content Saturday afternoon as he explored much of the Town Park's playground. A stop at this tire swing kept the smiles coming for young Maxwell, who was bundled up against an early fall chill. Talk about a tiring effort.

## Blake Street status angers resident

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A Blake St. resident wants town council to clean up the "meager, narrow, little street" she says has "many potholes," "noxious weeds," and a "blind curve" that is a threat to pedestrians.

Rita Thomas wrote the town a letter to prompt improvement on Blake St., charging her property taxes have increased by \$600 since 1986, yet "conditions have deteriorated substantially."

Falling under Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders jurisdiction, the politician laments, "there is a lot of concern of traffic going both ways," and the street in no way "meets standards."

Located adjacent to the mid-town railway crossing, Mrs. Thomas also states she is wakened in the early morning by trucks crossing the bumpy tracks.

"It would be best to have the street a one way running northbound," says Councillor Sanders.

But Mayor Fran Sainsbury says a one way could cause havoc for new residents unaware of the change.

"A new resident who doesn't know could be driving along and a hydro truck might be coming right at him," she said.

She also said the pot holes were fixed and the grass was cut this year.

Councillor Sanders requested the grass on either side of the tracks be cut once a year to alleviate the allergy-inflicting golden rod weeds, and to make the street more presentable.

The mayor also says Blake St. is a "bypass for emergencies." But Whitchurch-Stouffville's fire department says if an emergency arose, the brigade would get there any way it has to.

The other option would be to widen the road, and Engineering Coordinator Paul Whitehouse says the town has a budget for such construction but the issue "just didn't make it in the budget."

The mayor suggested Councillor Sanders prepare a letter to be delivered to Blake St. residents. The councillor would then meet with Mr. Whitehouse to "work something out."

"If dollars permit, Blake could be widened enabling an access for locals," she added.