

# Trailer operation plan is turned down by committee

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A former gravel-pit operator wants the Town to allow him to operate a truck trailer storage and rental business at a Hwy. 48 and Bloomington Road location, Council heard Tuesday.

Randy Alcorn, representing Markham Equipment Sales

## Charges are pending in Kennedy fatal crash

A Stouffville woman was involved in a two-car collision that caused the death of a Barrie man at Major Mackenzie Drive and Kennedy Road.

According to York Region police, Robert Kerr, a former Markham resident who lived on Ramona Boulevard, was travelling west through the intersection on a green light when his 1988 Volkswagon was struck by a northbound car Tuesday at 10:18 p.m.

Police said the driver of a 1986 BMW failed to stop for a red light.

Both Kerr and the driver of the BMW, were taken to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

The Stouffville woman was treated and released. Kerr was taken to Sunnybrook Health Science Centre by air ambulance in critical condition. He died at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday.

"He never drank, he never smoked," said a Ramona Blvd. woman who lived near Kerr for about 10 years. "He was really a pretty good kid."

Police are still investigating the accident and charges are pending.

Limited, failed to convince planning committee that a 37-acre property located south of Bloomington Road and lying 2,000 feet to the west of Hwy. 48 is best as a trailer storage business.

The land is not good for farming and lacks agricultural quality and the trailer business would be good economics for the Town, he said.

But Ward 2 Councillor Ron Robb wondered why the businessman, who has reportedly been operating the trailer business "for some time," is now coming forward to legalize the operation.

"This operation has been there for a while. So what prompted you to come forward now?" Councillor Robb inquired. "Did you just take it for granted you could do whatever you wanted on the property?" Mr. Robb asked the owner.

The owner, accompanying Mr. Alcorn, said the reason he came forward for an amendment now is because he recently received a summons of improper use.

And Mr. Alcorn said there should be no concerns about trailers entering or leaving the property, as nearly 12,000 vehicles use Bloomington daily.

"Bloomington is a very busy important truck route and my client would like an exception to carry on a trailer rental business involving 40-foot trailers," Mr. Alcorn said.

"He has stored them there in the

past, when carrying on the pit operation four years ago and wants to have the zoning bylaw modified to allow this use."

The property has been used as a trailer business, which is not allowed under the Official Plan, states a staff report, but Mr. Alcorn said the Official Plan "is not perfect" and "does not plan ahead."

But Director of Planning Michael Saunders said the application constitutes "bad planning" and does not keep in line with existing rural uses in the neighborhood.

Although the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Regional Commission of Engineering have no major concerns with the business, Mr. Saunders said it "sends a signal to the public that similar uses in the neighborhood are acceptable."

Mr. Saunders warned Council that approval would be "somewhat precedent-setting."

"Other people could come in and ask special requests too."

But Mayor Fran Sainsbury said having this type of business is a "better trade-off" than having one operating "that could contaminate the environment."

The planning committee supported Mr. Saundser's recommendations to not support the amendment to the official plan but suggested the owner put in an application for a temporary use bylaw.



photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## Model citizen

Ruby Matthews (right) of Uxbridge modeled fashion accessories last week at the Goodwood Christian Women's Club meeting. Here, she displays an outfit accented by accessories with Martina Frankfurter of Check It Out.

# Fireworks a no-no in Stouffville

A bylaw proposed by the Fire Chief, to restrict the use of firecrackers and fireworks was supported by local politicians, Tuesday afternoon.

Fire Chief Bill Brown will hold an application for permit to allow public fireworks displays within

the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and all other use will be regulated under Bylaw No. 90.

"There was an old bylaw in place but this new one brings (the laws) up to date," Chief Brown told Council.

Setting off firecrackers at any time in Whitchurch-Stouffville is strictly prohibited and the retail sale of any fireworks will be regulated as such.

No merchant may sell any fireworks of any kind to any person under 12 years of age and may not sell the explosive devices on any other day of the year other than Victoria Day and Canada Day (including seven days before the holiday date.)

If a merchant sells fireworks for holiday celebration use, the retailer must not exhibit real

combustible and explosive displays in the window but must use "fake" ones containing no explosives or chemicals.

No person can set off fireworks any time or anywhere in Town boundaries without obtaining a \$50 permit from the Fire Chief first.

The three page municipal law is geared to regulate the sale of and use of what could be hazardous and dangerous use of explosives, Mr. Brown says.

Council, sitting in committee, will vote to introduce the bylaw

## Free skate Monday

Stouffville area residents are invited to lace up their skates and get out for an afternoon of fun this coming Monday.

The Stouffville Recycling Group is sponsoring a free skate for area residents who want to brush up on their skills or just get out for the exercise.

It takes place Monday from 1-3 p.m. at the Stouffville Recreation Complex.



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## Barking up the wrong tree

Chris Bundy's dog, Hogan, had all he could handle with this six-foot branch while frolicking in the snow. It did little to stop the strapping yellow Labrador retriever from trying though, and he did a fair job of managing the branch for his master. The best of breed dog enjoys

munching on huge pieces of wood and took extreme liking to this one while he and Chris were out playing recently on Concession 2 just west of the community of Goodwood. Hogan brings a whole new meaning to the phrase 'orn' and from that point on...

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