

Stouffville Tribune

VOL. 102 NO. 16

Metroland Community Newspaper

Wednesday, April 18, 1990

28
36 Pages

50 cents

Fatal crash on 9th Line



PHOTO BY BILL LANNING

York Regional Police Constable Danny MacDonald carries six-year-old Derek Reid to safety following a head-on crash on 9th Line Sunday night. The crash claimed the lives of a Scarborough couple and injured six others. According to police reports, Scarborough residents David and Ann Monument were travelling south on 9th Line when their car collided with a car driven by Donald Reid of Markham. Police report Mr. Monument was dead at the scene and his wife died four hours later in hospital. No charges have been laid in the crash and police are investigating.

York Health Council a 'critical' need

To avoid a "duplication of health services" in York Region, something has to be done to ensure hospitals and organizations get proper funding, local officials heard last week.

A health services steering committee will ensure provincial funding gets to the Markham-Stouffville Hospital faster, says a member of a committee geared to provide a voice for the Region for health services.

Former Georgina Mayor John Rogers, now Chairman of the York Region District Health Council Steering Committee, provided information to Council and all regional municipalities on the mandate of a steering committee last week.

Now that the Region has three hospitals (York Central in Richmond Hill, York County in Newmarket and the new Markham-Stouffville facility), a steering committee would help decide which hospital should get certain equipment for all hospitals to share, thereby banishing duplicated services and allowing more funding in other areas, Mr. Rogers says.

Such a committee would prevent duplicated health services, advise York Regional health planning where funding is most needed in the Region's three hospitals, allocate money for certain health fields such as mental health services, and establish a human resources information centre, Mr. Rogers says.

About 90 per cent of 28 of the province's municipalities already have one in place and York Region's "would be coming on stream and will be the best ever," he adds.

He says 150 health-related organizations in the region have already positively responded to a survey in preparation for a series of public meetings scheduled in upcoming weeks.

And Council agreed that an umbrella group would be beneficial in allocating funds.

"This integration is critical in providing proper health services," Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders says.

And Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles adds that in the area of rising health costs, such a committee is long overdue.

The first public meeting will be held tomorrow at the Markham Public Library from 7-8:30 p.m.

York sets Sunday injunction deadline

TRACY KIBBLE
Staff Reporter

All businesses in York Region have until April 27 to voluntarily close doors to the public on Sundays before York Regional Council will seek an injunction to force the issue.

And anti- and pro-Sunday shopping groups butted heads on whether exemptions for tourist attractions should have been allowed at all.

The long-sizzling debate heated up at York Regional Council again last Thursday and Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury says the whole thing "is absolutely ludicrous."

Groups representing both sides of the Retail Business Holiday Act debated the issue for about four hours, but Mayor Sainsbury says most people present were against stores opening for business on Sunday.

"People want a level playing field. They want everybody open or everybody closed. Either

that or we rescind the (exemptions) bylaw altogether. It's a time waster. (Council) is just buying time," she says.

The Stouffville Flea Market is one local business which is hoping for an exemption on the grounds it's a tourist attraction, along with the Town of Georgina, which is claiming it too is a tourists area.

But Mayor Sainsbury says the region "didn't know the ramifications" of creating an exemption clause to the law and says there "is so much pressure on the local government" that "eventually we will end up like the U.S. - wide open. We shouldn't have exempted some."

In fact, she said during last week's marathon debate she is "willing to see an end to (the Stouffville Flea Market opening Sundays) to resolve the Sunday shopping issue."

"(Seeking an injunction) isn't going to resolve anything," she said in a subsequent

interview. "We'll just go back to the status quo. It's ridiculous to postpone the inevitable."

And Aurora Mayor John West says, "there needs to be a flat playing field. We've created a problem that we will never undue until we rescind the (exemption) bylaw. By granting this exemption we'll just be creating another further problem," Mayor West maintains.

But Mayor Sainsbury says she "honestly feels Georgina is a tourist area," and this makes it hard to decide what to do fairly.

"The whole thing comes down to what's fair," Mayor Sainsbury contends.

"We'll just end up picking and choosing who can and who can't open," she adds.

Regional Council, however, voted to hold the flea market exemption plea in abeyance until August and will seek an injunction against businesses if they do not voluntarily close by the April 27 deadline.

EVENTS

Find out what's going on in Stouffville. See page 7.

?

SPORTS

AWARD

Stouffville man is top T.O. cop. See page 8.

