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Sales Barn water bid is denied

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Local officials will not allow the Stouffville Sales Barns to connect to its municipal water supply without sewage hookup first. Council decided last Tuesday night.

A report from Town Public Works Director Paul Whitehouse stated the business was given "special permission" to hook up to the sanitary sewer system last year after it was recommended by the York Regional Medical Officer of Health and engineering officials.

But because the Sales Barn is located outside the water system boundaries, Mr. Whitehouse recommends the recent request be denied.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury said sewage hookup should be done first and added Council can review the request again once sewage hookup is in place.

"They'll have to do additional (environmental impact) research first," Mayor Sainsbury said.

And Ward 4 Councillor Wayne Emmerson stressed concern that if the flea market business ever went to a seven-day operation, the impact on the system could result in lower water supplies in the area.

"If they ever went to a seven-day use we could be running out of water ourselves," he said.

Councillor Emmerson wanted to be sure the company would have to check with the Town before any change of operation at the flea market.

But Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles, who represents the area, said the zoning does not permit the Town to control the number of days the business can open.

Although owner Norm Clements had previously requested water hookup, a letter received from his solicitor at a later date indicated the owner wanted to defer the matter at this time.



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War heroes honored

Stouffville Legion Branch 459 honored the local residents Sunday who died during the war years with a Remembrance Day ceremony at the 9th Line Legion Hall and at Stouffville Cemetery. Above left, war veteran Cliff Aiken kneels to lay a wreath provided by the Stouffville Lions Club in memory of his comrades who

died fighting. He is assisted by Len Kaspick. Above right, Legion President Jean Peters, left, and Ladies Auxillary Branch 459 President Gladys Clarkson, place poppies on the crosses at Stouffville Cemetery. Canadians across the country observed Remembrance Day with various ceremonies.

'Deficient' roads need work

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Whitchurch-Stouffville needs a new approach to fund deficient roads that need about \$230,000 worth of repairs in 1990, said Town Public Works Director Paul Whitehouse.

"We should still be applying for Transportation Ministry (MTO) funding, but if the funds don't come through we should be prepared to carry on ourselves," Mr. Whitehouse told officials last Tuesday night.

He said in a 20-page report, which included a list of the roads, types of repairs needed and a cost breakdown, that the town should use its own funds if necessary.

"It seems our approach has always been a reactive one where large expenditures are made on repair treatments. It is time to take a pro-active approach and reconstruct the roads to a reasonable standard, using reserve capital dollars," Mr. Whitehouse added.

Many of the roads labelled most deficient, and at times impassable, are the rural gravel roads which become a nightmare for motorists and staff in the spring, he said.

These are the ones that "cause most grief for the works department," Mr. Whitehouse added.

But one urban Stouffville Councillor is not happy that some of the roads his constituents use are not slated for repair until at least 1992.

"I'll be blunt. I don't like (the report). There are roads in my ward that are not to be done until 1992. And we should be discussing this because I think you're looking at this from staff's perspective," said Ward 4 Councillor Wayne Emmerson.

Some of the gravel roads needing immediate attention, according to the report, are:

- St. John's Sideroad (Woodbine Avenue to 7th Concession)
- East Town Line (Bethesda Road to Hwy. 47)
- Vandorf Sideroad (5th to 6th Concession)
- Bethesda Sideroad (7th Concession to Woodbine and Hwy. 47 to East Town Line)

Some surface treated roads needing immediate repair are:

- Lakeshore Road (9th Line to Hwy. 48)
- Cherry Street (7th Concession to Hwy. 48)
- 9th Concession (Aurora Sideroad to Vivian Road and Vivian Road to Davis Drive)

Mr. Whitehouse said materials alone can cost up to \$21,000 to maintain roads to an acceptable condition.

"Gravel and surface treated road failures were directly related to lack of ditches," which results in frost boils, surface heaving and rutting, Mr. Whitehouse said.

"It should be noted that repairs in the spring are not considered to be a final solution to the problem. Areas treated this year could break up again next year."

He suggested a relatively new geotextile material that can be economical because ditching can be kept to a minimum.

Mr. Whitehouse said some sections of the 5th Concession were repaired with geotextiles, and said staff will be monitoring its durability.

"We could use a change of technology to improve the cash flow," agreed Councillor Alles, who commended Mr. Whitehouse on his research into various materials and their effectiveness.

Council voted to discuss the matter further at a later date and to list, by order of importance, the repairs when all members are present.

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