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Heap up the good work

MPP Larry O'Connor and Doug Hickman of the Stouffville recycling board add to the pile of cans to be recycled at Stouffville's recycling depot. The MPP was taken on a tour of the facility Saturday.

Composters depend on MOE grant

Whitchurch-Stouffville is not counting its composters until final approval of a Ministry of the Environment grant, expected to cover half the costs of the program, is approved.

Public Works Director Paul Whitehouse, who is also a member of the local Waste Management Committee which spearheaded the program, told officials he doesn't "anticipate any problems" with receiving the funds, but said he is still waiting for final approval.

The ministry grant, which will cover 50 per cent of the costs to purchase the Soil Saver composters, is expected to be approved within the next few weeks, Whitehouse assured officials.

But Ward 4 Councillor Wayne Emmerson is anxious to "speed up

the process" to ensure the plastic kitchen and garden waste bins are ready for residents in spring.

"I hope we can get on with this so there will be no delays. I have concerns and we should really move - it's nearly the end of March now," Emmerson said.

But Whitehouse said he's "pressing" for a final answer and said the town will have to wait for the ministry's response.

Meanwhile, town Chief Administrative Officer Bob Panizza told officials pre-budget approval and

ordering the composters now would ensure there are no delays later. The lightweight, black, foldable bins come with two side doors and a mobile lid and will cost the town \$48 each, including all taxes.

This does not include administrative costs, Whitehouse said.

However, the composters will be sold to residents for about \$30 each and are expected to be delivered to residents from a delivery trailer, June 1.

Residents can purchase the composters, which are made of recycled material, through mail order advertisements which will be placed in *The Tribune*.

Council wants Whitehouse to report back in two weeks if he hasn't yet heard from the ministry regarding the grant.



PAUL WHITEHOUSE

Alles slammed over Markham Fair remarks

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One local official received a thumbs down this week after refusing to support and proclaim the week of Oct. 1 as Markham Fair Week.

Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles was shot down by other members of council when he claimed he cannot support Markham Fair "or we'll have to support Uxbridge, Richmond Hill and every other fair that comes our way."

"I believe it's a Markham event," Alles said.

But Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall pointed out last year's Markham Fair president was a Whitchurch-Stouffville resident from Ward 1 and added, "there is a lot of attendance (to the fair) in our area and there is strong activity from Whitchurch-Stouffville in the Markham Fair," Marshall rebuked.

And Ward 3 Councillor Wayne Emmerson said the Markham Fair, a 10 minute drive from town at Stouffville Road and McCowan Road, "is a big part of our municipality."

"I can't understand why we would not consider (proclaiming Markham Fair Week)."

"It's a great fair," Emmerson said.

But Alles said the fair should be renamed Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville Fair if the community feels so strongly about the event.

Despite Alles suggestions, Mayor Fran Sainsbury voted to support the fair and to proclaim the week of Oct. 1 as Markham Fair Week.

"We have many Whitchurch-Stouffville people who sit on the (Markham Fair) board and who have and display many talents including entering animals from this area," Sainsbury said.

Alles was the sole party against the motion.

Local input sought by forum

The province wants Whitchurch-Stouffville to support its Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future program, council heard Tuesday night.

The forum, headed up by Keith Spicer, has appointed moderators in communities to recruit volunteer discussion group leaders, a letter states. "At this sensitive time in the history of our country, it will be helpful for communities to develop, or re-establish relationships with other communities in different regions of the country," Spicer said.

The idea is to establish twinning relationships with cities across Canada "whose Canadian experience may be different." For example, Calgary is twinned with Quebec City and is setting up citizens' exchanges.

"Municipal leaders can be proud of the number of groups discussing Canada's future in communities from coast to coast," Spicer states.

Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles agrees the idea is "a good move" for the community. "There is a considerable amount of western alienation in Canada. I think we should back this," Alles said.

And although Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders agreed it's "critical Canadians get involved in this," he said costs should be considered.

Sanders suggested, since "many Whitchurch-Stouffville residents visit other parts of Canada" the town set up a clearing house.

Council voted to have staff investigate the matter but did not make any commitment to join the Citizens' Forum.

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"Canada Post proves my theory of dumb, dumber and dumbest. I've always thought they were dumb, and on occasion they've proven to be dumber, but this is the dumbest thing they've ever done." Don Jackson. See Page 3.

Swimmer seeks funds to train at Newmarket

A Musselman-Lake swimmer wants town support for an upcoming swim-a-thon, council heard Tuesday night.

Angela White is a member of the Newmarket Stingray Swim Club, which practices and holds competitions from the Newmarket Recreation Complex.

White, who was supported by councillors on a personal basis last year, is asking the town to support her efforts in the upcoming three-mile swim-a-thon with a \$50 donation this year. Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders, a sports enthusiast and supporter of the local pool proposal, told colleagues

the town should donate money for the cause.

"This brings to our attention a lot of people that take an active role in the community with commitment. A swimming program really involves people to this extent and it is typical of what could happen if we had a good facility."

"Unfortunately our residents have to go outside the community to enjoy swimming programs," Sanders said.

"I hope one day we have a facility here. (Angela White) is setting a fine example," Sanders concluded.

Council agreed to donate \$50 for the local girl's cause.