

Study says growth controls will protect water

One-and-a-half-acre lots should be minimum size for future Ballantrae and Musselman Lake development

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Development in Musselman Lake and Ballantrae should be controlled in order to protect floundering water quality and "grossly sub-standard septic," residents were told last week.

In order to keep septic systems a safe distance from water supplies, "special regard needs to be taken when looking at development," and homes should not be built on less than one-and-a-half acres of land, said Norbert Woerns, of the town's consultant firm, Gartner Lee.

That means five people a lot would be suitable for "long term protection for the groundwater," Woerns said.

He didn't, however, elaborate on commercial and industrial development standards, which need a different density scale, he said.

More than 100 residents from both hamlets crowded the Ballantrae Community Centre last Tuesday night to hear Gartner Lee explain its recently completed Settlement Capability Study.

The study was performed to evaluate the land and to determine "the

scale and type of development that can safely be accommodated based on private services without danger of long term damage to the groundwater supply," said Woerns.

Woerns told the audience, with the help of slides, that soils, septic systems, water supplies and development density were looked at to complete the study.

Musselman Lake and Ballantrae, located on the crest of the Oak Ridges Moraine, may be considered by the town for a secondary plan or amendment to its original plan using this study as a guideline, Woerns said.

Talking first of Ballantrae, Woerns said only one well did not meet the water quality objectives set by provincial standards. He said alternatives to winter road salt use, especially along Aurora Sideroad, should be considered but added Ballantrae fares better than Musselman's Lake.

Here density is higher than Ballantrae and there "should be a greater concern for groundwater quality," Woerns added.

Woerns noted there is "some local contamination" at the north end of the lake, which has been

pegged as having high nitrate levels.

Nitrates are a by-product of sewage effluent that is dissolved in shallow groundwater. Ingesting too high a nitrate content could seriously affect babies up to six weeks old with a disease known as Blue Baby - an interference in oxygen supply.

At the northern end of the lake, Woerns said the aquifer is "exposed to the surface" of the ground making it sensitive to contamination.

"We recommend controls around Musselman Lake if there is to be further development, with particular attention paid to minimizing run-off," Woerns added.

He pointed out, however, that septic systems did not seem to be affecting Musselman Lake.

The evening was an information session so residents could better understand what the study accomplished.

Council, who were present for the discussion, will consider the report at an upcoming meeting.



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Quite a quilt

A quilt begun as a money-making project in an accounting class at Stouffville District Secondary School turned into a welcome-home gift to the troops from the Persian Gulf and

was brought to a military base in Trenton this weekend. From left, are; accounting teacher Gay Eastwood, students Maura Kirby, Nicole Lockie, and SDSS Principal Alan Dickson.

Three local women win fashion contest

Three Stouffville women enjoyed the pampering of their lives yesterday at the *Toronto Star* fashion photo studio.

Anne McLean, 39, a sales representative for Stouffville's ReMax real estate company, her daughter Melissa Tanti, 15, a student at Stouffville District Secondary School, and Anne's mother Joan McLean, 69, won the *Toronto Star's* Mother's Day Makeover contest in the Fashion section of the daily newspaper.

Each local lady is celebrating a birthday this year and their winning reasons for why they need a makeover caught the judges' eyes recently.

Anne, to turn 40 in December, her mother, Joan to turn 70 in August and her daughter, Melissa, Sweet 16 in December are "all looking at our ages as a stepping stone - we've all reached a milestone in our lives," Anne told *The Tribune* Monday.

"I don't want to look the same as I do now for the next 40 years. And I really have always looked the same. I meet people that have changed their (appearance) and they look fantastic," Anne said.

The winning trio met at the *Toronto Star* office yesterday morning at 9 a.m. where each headed off to three different hair salons. They then came back to the *Star* for a complete make-up session and wardrobe consultation.

The three then went out on the town for dinner to celebrate their new, refreshing looks, Anne said.

Their pictures will be published in the May 9 edition of the *Toronto Star's* fashion section.

Husband says

Russian stripper makes Stouffville new home

Russian stripper Diane Pessotchinskaja has decided to make Whitchurch-Stouffville her new home, it is reported this week.

Pessotchinskaja, 18, one of 12 soviet women claiming she was lured to Canada with promises of modelling careers, then made to strip for a living, was aired on *A Current Affair* last week to tell her story.

Estranged husband, Rob Carbone of Markham, told the press last week that his wife is now living with a motorcycle gang member in Stouffville.

Carbone, 23, told *Metroland* reporters earlier that Pessotchin-

skaja first table danced for him in March and moved into the Carbone home in February to escape arrest by immigration officials.

The two were married at the Markham Civic Centre April 4 but Carbone said the relationship soured immediately.

The couple split four days later when the stripper began dancing at a Barrie bar, he said.

Carbone told *Tribune* reporter Julie Caspersen.

Now he said the woman is trying to scam Canadian citizenship.

A New Jersey man is now claiming Pessotchinskaja is his long-lost daughter whom he hasn't seen since she was four years old.



ROB CARBONE



DIANE PESSOTCHINSKAIA

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Samsbury said the provincial welfare system should "definitely" be reviewed.

She told officials last week that York Region, which pays 20 per cent of welfare costs, excluding administration costs, will be urging municipalities to send resolutions to their local MPs and MPPs.

Mayor Samsbury added some of the more than 5,000 York residents currently on welfare could be abusing the system in light of staff shortages to check up on caseloads.

"Some people are laughing all the way to the bank. Not all people, don't get me wrong, but some are (abusing the system)," she said.

Holding the bag

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is left holding the bag for nearly \$20,000 for taxes it cannot collect.

There are 12 companies listed as 'uncollectables' which falls under Section 495 of the Municipal Act.

Most of the commercial businesses have either gone bankrupt, out of business or cannot be located, according to the files.

Local officials stressed concern some business people may be setting up office in neighboring municipalities without paying overdue bills to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Treasury staff will look into means of collecting the taxes by way of an agreement with other municipalities to prevent a repeat offence.

Roll 'em?

A movie theatre could become a reality in Whitchurch-Stouffville by the end of the year if council approves an official plan amendment on Sandiford Drive next month.

B. Bowers and Associates have proposed a shopping centre zoning at Hwy 47 and Sandiford Drive to construct commercial building, including a movie theatre.

Council has asked that the proponent build identification signage for all condominium owners within the industrial park as part of a site plan agreement.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Stretching it

Ward 4 Councillor Wayne Emmerson, a member of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Commission, has informed local officials the commission is looking at re-structuring its service capability.

Emmerson said the commission serves only the urban areas from Betz Pools to the west.

He said although the commission is designed to serve urban areas, a subdivision west of Betz on Main Street is serviced by Ontario Hydro.

The commission is working at phasing in urban areas outside its service boundaries, Emmerson added.

Adopt-A-highway

Ward 2 Councillor Stephen Bellerby told officials last week he will bring up the issue of highway clean-up at the

next Waste Management Committee meeting, of which he is now a member.

Bellerby cited a program used in Texas where service clubs, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Guides adopt a section of highway to clean up.

This environmentally helpful program would be a good idea for cleaning up Whitchurch-Stouffville roads, Bellerby said.

Trees pilot project

A report from the local Trees Advisory Committee suggesting the Ministry of Natural Resources develop a pilot project to design and implement a Tree and Woodland Improvement Program was endorsed and approved by council last week.

The committee will wait for a ministry response.

Touring Stouffville

Council has approved the BIA's idea of naming Main Street, from Albert Street to Park Drive, Tourist Area annually during the July 1st weekend in conjunction with the Canada Day and Strawberry Festival celebrations.

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