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No dump here vows Sainsbury

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Staff Reporter

A garbage dump in Whitchurch-Stouffville is out of the question, said Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

"I do not wish to have any waste site in the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville," she told *The Tribune*. Sainsbury expressed her concern after hearing the Interim Waste Authority wasn't ready to rule out Oak Ridges Moraine as a potential location for a York/Metro landfill site.

The Authority, which was instructed by the province to find long-term landfill sites for York/Metro, Durham and Peel Regions, began its search Thursday with a news conference.

General manager for the Authority, Erv McIntyre said the search process will follow the Environmental Assessment Act. But until experts conduct in-depth studies on the land, the entire moraine can't be considered unsuitable for a landfill site.

"I'm not willing to take Metro-Toronto garbage," Sainsbury concluded. "I don't think we should pay the price for them." By comparison, Stouffville represents a fraction of the garbage generated in Metro and the rest of York Region, she pointed out. According to Sainsbury, tests are still being conducted to determine the effects of Stouffville's last dump. "We've already done our part," she suggested. But what has Sainsbury worried is that in establishing such things, the powers that be usually pick the path of least resistance. And she admitted in the past, Stouffville's voice has not carried as much weight as Metro's or other parts of York Region. But if the province is serious about protecting the moraine, a dumpsite cannot be allowed in the area, she said.

The Interim Waste Authority has scheduled public consultation meetings in Whitchurch-Stouffville on Aug. 27; East Gwillimbury, Aug. 29 and Markham, Sept. 3, as well as other areas in the region. For more information on the Authority's landfill site search, telephone 1-800-465-8484.

Crier places second

Oyez, oyez! Stouffville's town crier has placed second in a North American town criers competition.

Marcel Bossi edged out 16 other competitors at the Decatur, Illinois event, and placed second behind John Webster of Markham. Bossi will join

the best criers in the world on the Isle of Wight next month for the world championships. Bossi had to perform three cries over the two-days of competition, including a greeting from the town, a historical message and one of the crier's choice.

Music Mania to buy keyboard

Music Mania organizers are planning a party which will be instrumental to the success of future shows. On Nov. 2, the annual music festival will benefit from a sock hop '50s dance at Cedar Beach. Proceeds from the dance will go toward purchasing a new keyboard. Presently, the Music Mania organizers are forced to rent a keyboard for three to four months a year. Tickets will be made available at the first meeting of the 1992 organizing committee on Sept. 11 at Stouffville United Church.



The Stouffville Merchants are challenging the best fastball teams in the country at the national

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN
championships in St. John's. The team begins play Monday.

Merchants leave for St. John's

BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent

The Stouffville Merchants took to the air for their flight to St. John's, Newfoundland late yesterday (Friday) afternoon, with dreams of a Canadian Junior Fastball championship packed alongside the team's equipment bags.

The Merchants, who qualified for next week's national tournament when they repeated as All-Ontario Junior titleists last month, are out to improve last year's fourth place finish at the 11-team event. The 32-person entourage, which includes players, coaches and parents, will be joined by teammate Steve Whitson and another six parents and family members, who are arriving on a flight later tonight.

Merchants' assistant coach Ken Cole and his family made the journey by car, choosing to combine the tourney with a holiday. The Merchants and their families were to check into the St. John's Holiday Inn, where they will be based until their return flight to Toronto Aug. 19. The Stouffville team, which consists of players from Stouffville, Markham and the Bradford area, is to participate in the tournament's opening ceremonies

tomorrow afternoon. The Merchants then take on Quebec at 3 p.m. Monday in their opening match up. After that, they square off with the host squad Tuesday before encountering ex-Merchant Scott Evans' Saskatchewan outfit Wednesday night.

The Stouffville unit concludes the preliminary round robin with games against Alberta Thursday and Nova Scotia Friday morning. The elimination round begins Friday evening, with the top four teams in each of the two divisions of the round robin participating in a double knockout format over the weekend. The championship game is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Merchants manager Mary Myers, whose late husband Carl founded the team last season, is confident her crew will at least equal last year's showing.

"They've been there before," Myers told *The Tribune* Tuesday, referring to last summer's Canadian Championship tournament at Pont Rouge, Quebec. "They now know what to expect. The boys are a year older, and they have more experience. We should be able to end up in the medals." Myers said the accompaniment of the parents would be sure to serve as a boost to her team.

"It's nice to know you've got a little support. Most parents will be there just like they were last year."

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