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Enough for youth to do: Town councillors

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There are plenty of activities available to Whitchurch-Stouffville teens and a youth centre is not a priority, some local officials said this week.

Despite pleas for a youth centre from 730 local students, or nearly 80 per cent of the town's young generation, officials Tuesday said there is already enough for youth to do in town.

During the last few months the town's recreation department has been assessing final results from surveys distributed to all area schools for students in Grades 7-10.

The survey, the result of a December *Tribune*-sponsored community forum, overwhelmingly indicated that the majority of young people in Stouffville desperately want a place to go and be

with their friends and repeatedly stated there is nothing to do in town.

Nothing to do

But Mayor Fran Sainsbury said young people "always say there is nothing to do," and grow "weary of things quickly."

Sainsbury added new "fads" often become yesterday's news as teens "lose interest" and move onto something else.

She cited the skateboard phenomenon of two years ago where bylaw enforcement officers had a problem keeping young people from skateboarding in the town square.

She said she hasn't seen one skateboard this year anywhere in town.

Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice said he toured a local teen drop-in centre last week, owned by the Stouffville Pentecostal Church.

Good time

Prentice, who said he saw about 20 teens there "having a really good time," added the 'barn' has billiards, ping pong and other activities available to anyone who wants to go there.

Prentice said only five of the 20 young people he talked to were affiliated with the church.

He wants council to tour the barn and other facilities in town before making decisions on the establishment of a new youth centre.

Survey

And Ward 4 councillor Cliff Dunkeld said he wants council to see the survey which was sent to area schools before making a decision.

Dunkeld added the conception of a youth centre needs more investigation from staff.

"I have reservations on this program; there's not enough study done."

"There needs to be a lot of organization and financial arrangements behind the scenes first," Dunkeld said.

Council hopes to set up a tour of the Pentecostal Church teen drop-in centre next week. Council have also asked to see the survey which was distributed to students.



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Good friends

Rachel Hall, 7, has found a friend in Sophie the dog. The two were having fun at the Stouffville Christian School three-kilometre walkathon this past Friday when our photographer happened by. The walkathon

was followed by an afternoon of playing in the park and ice cream. All the children involved in the walkathon wore the trademark yellow shirts of the school, attracting considerable attention along the route.



DUNKELD

Fire Dept.

Top Cops to film episode this week

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The police know about it. The fire department knows about it. But there's nothing they can do to stop it. There's going to be a gunfight and an explosion in Whitchurch-Stouffville - and it's going to end in the death of two criminals.

Actually, it's a television shoot by CBS Broadcast International of Canada Ltd. where crews will film a segment for their popular series *Top Cops* at an undisclosed site in rural Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Assistant locations manager Craig Forrest told *The Tribune* this week that an area in Stouffville will double as a location in the US State of Montana where a serious crime took place in 1987.

Forrest said crews will recreate a crime where two criminals, instead of giving themselves up to police, committed suicide inside a trailer by blowing it up with propane.

The scene will also consist of a gunfight between the criminals and *Top Cops* in the show.

Forrest said filming is shot at least six months in advance of the airing on CBS and cannot let the public know of the exact site of the filming for safety reasons.

As a standard Ontario policy, Forrest and the CBS crews had to seek approval from the town and is required to contact local emergency agencies in case things get out of hand.

Whitchurch-Stouffville fire chief Bill Brown will be at the site during the shoot to ensure the mock propane explosion stays confined to the area.

Forrest said the York Regional Police Emergency Task Force will also be on hand as a precaution during the "gunfight."