

Council

Picnics approved for Musselman Lake

Local officials will allow a local entrepreneur to host corporate family picnics at a private park at Musselman Lake.

After answering to several concerns, Neil Swanson was given the go-ahead to invite Toronto companies to the lake for afternoon fun in the sun.

Resident Neil Swanson approached the town last week to gain permission to hold family picnics on a vacant seven-acre piece of parkland located on the corner of Larkshore Road and Ninth Line.

Swanson, in a letter to officials, said activities would include a barbecue, baseball games, beach and water activities and "just good, clean, family fun." He said inviting "good corporate citizens" to the area would "remove the eyesore" of uncut grass and garbage lying around the property; introduce respectable corporate citizens to the area and offer unlimited potential to offer the area for use by civic and recreational groups. Officials will allow the venture as long as Swanson applies for all proper permits, obeys the town's noise bylaw and obtains permission from the York Regional health unit for erection of portable toilets during picnics.

No monsters, please

The town will look into changing zoning bylaws that would eliminate "monster homes" from overshadowing smaller homes in areas "where they don't belong." Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice voiced concern regarding oversized homes being erected in areas dominated by average-sized homes. Staff will look at other municipal bylaws and will report back to council in September.

\$32,370 for lights

The town will spend \$32,370 to have its streetlights maintained after a contract tender was accepted last week.

The work involves replacing

faulty parts, providing weekly service and a 24-hour emergency service for traffic-damaged streetlights. An Aurora firm who performed the work last year, was awarded the town contract.

OMB rejects claim

An Ontario Municipal Board last week dismissed an appeal by Millard Street resident Aiden Serjeant, who attempted to stop

a condominium development project proposed to replace the abattoir, located along the 9th Line in front of the Recreation Complex.

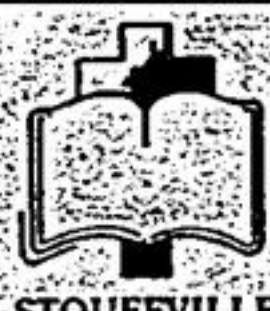
The town will now call a public meeting to give more information about the proposed development.

New recycling schedule

The town has approved a new

twice-monthly recycle pick-up to begin next month, despite some concern it may not qualify for provincial funding if the program is changed. However, staff convinced officials that if it did not eliminate the once-a-week pick-up, it would not save the \$22,000 anticipated in the budget. (The old schedule cost taxpayer's \$55,000; the new one,

\$33,000.) Town chief administrative officer, Bob Panizza told officials last week that the longer they postpone the new program, the greater the town's deficit will be. And public works director Paul Whitehouse said he is confident the province will come through with its annual funding, even though the town eliminates two pick ups a month.



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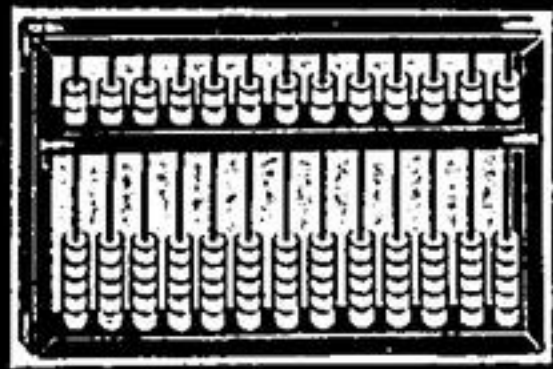


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