

Editor's mail

Stouffville shows love of music year-round

Dear Editor,
I'd like to comment on the article which appeared in the Aug. 7 Stouffville Tribune Weekender entitled "Groups split over Music Town theme."

As a recent arrival to Stouffville (December, 1992) having moved here from Scarborough, one of the first things that impressed me about this small, friendly town was the musical involvement of many of its residents.

Music Mania, the many musical presentations of the churches, singers such as Grant Fullerton and Lawnie Wallace, the annual Sacred Music Concert at St. James Presbyterian Church and many other musical events which happen throughout the year, attest to the importance Stouffville residents give to music and the arts.

It is often the case that when

the economic situation worsens, the arts and cultural events are among the first to go.

Town and city councils focus their attention on roads, taxes, garbage disposal, sewage systems, etc.

While I cannot deny that these things are extremely important at such a time, perhaps the drudgery of thinking about these "necessities" could be balanced by an increase in those things in life which make people happy, brighter, and more interested in living.

No one who has been through the war years can forget the music that somehow kept people going even in the face of despair and violence.

And no one needs to be reminded either of the violence in our present day society or the unemployment statistics or

the need for food by many Canadian citizens.

However, in such times as these, we need the positive strengths that music and the arts can bring to balance all of these forces.

Perhaps that familiar maxim could be stretched slightly to

say "A town that sings and plays together ... stays together."

I heartily agree with Jim Thomas' logo for Stouffville - Music Town, Ontario, being displayed at the main entrances of the town.

I believe that this logo will

help to give the residents of this beautiful, friendly, little town something positive and wholesome to support and can make this town the envy of many Ontarians as a great place to live.

Dr. David W. Roe
Stouffville

Trash deal appalling

Dear Editor,
Re: Award of garbage collection to Miller Waste Systems

I was appalled to learn that a \$2.3 million contract was given to any company.

Whether or not Miller has done a good job in the past is beside the point. The town has the right to reject the lowest or any bid. If it had tendered garbage pick-up and tried-and-true Miller came in at a slightly higher cost, they could justify choosing the company they know and trust. But to give them the work without a competition was a big mistake.

And if Mr. Prentice is so concerned, why are we finding out about this months after the deed was done?

Paula Thompson
Stouffville

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