

## Council debate

## Latcham Hall paving approved

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Local politicians expressed mixed reactions last week regarding staff's proposal to pave the Latcham Hall parking area.

Public works director Paul Whitehouse recommended the town accept a \$5,850 tender from Gallo Paving to pave the parking area in front of Latcham Hall on the west side of Park Drive South.

Council had agreed, however, to cap the spending at \$3,500

based on a "quick estimate" provided when the east side was paved, according to a staff report.

The extra \$2,300, however, is needed to "complete and achieve as many parking spots as possible," Whitehouse said.

But Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice said he's "puzzled as to what has happened here."

Mayor Fran Sainsbury said one of Prentice's constituents asked her to ensure new pavement was completed on both sides of Park Drive and said it

would cost at least \$3,500 to clean up the gravel, pot holes and mud which is tracked into the hall during wet seasons.

"We all agreed (to have the paving done) at the time. We all shook hands," said Ward 3 councillor Nick Tatone.

Prentice said the only reason he informally agreed to support the higher price is because he understood it was an "oversight" by staff.

"But this (extra amount) is not part of the budget. I'd love to see it paved, but I can't see it

for this year. Why do we need to rush into this?" Prentice asked.

He then joked about the town getting four prices on the project which is under \$10,000, and doesn't require tendering under the town's policy.

"But then I guess it's not \$1 million, so we go get four prices," Prentice mocked in reference to the Sept. 7 4-3 vote to waive tenders for the town's \$2 million waste budget.

Officials approved the project, taking funds out of the park trust reserve account.

## Cops report speeding hike

York Regional Police are stepping up their highway patrol efforts after an "alarming increase" in fatal motor vehicle collisions this year. The police dept. announced it will further boost its enhanced enforcement campaign, which began on Sept. 1, to focus on speeding, seatbelts and drinking and driving violations. Police report that in the first three weeks of the program officers laid 266 seatbelt, 1,492 speeding, and 100 impaired driving-related charges.

## Ministry helps town update aerial maps

The town will spend \$31,000 to produce new aerial maps of Whitchurch-Stouffville, it was decided last week.

The town's share represents 17 per cent of the \$183,000 cost, which will be subsidized by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR.)

The Ontario Base Mapping Program assists municipalities in obtaining current topographical maps covering the settled areas.

Stouffville has 17 Ontario Base maps, but are produced on a 1:10,000 scale as opposed to the newer 1:2,000 scale.

The funds have already been

budgeted for and officials don't want to turn their backs on an opportunity to update the maps for staff perusal.

"These maps would be extremely valuable to the planning department and I don't like to turn away this kind of grant money," said Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice.

Town public works director Paul Whitehouse told officials the program and subsequent grant money will not longer be available after this year.

Officials voted to spend the \$31,000 share to complete the project.

-Tracy Kibble



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## Running for Terry

Ballantrae Public School held their own version of the Terry Fox Run Friday, led here by Ada Jacque. The school's staff and students had to run at least one lap of the track.

## Need Main crosswalk: Ancheril

The town should install at least one crosswalk somewhere along Main Street between Mill and Stouffer Streets, one local politician has requested.

Ward 5 councillor Bob Ancheril announced he will bring up the safety issue next week and wants council sup-

port to initiate the plan.

Ancheril said the town desperately needs a crosswalk, which would cost about \$300 for road painting without signs, along busy Main Street for the safety of pedestrians crossing the road where there are no traffic lights. At least two inci-

dents involving potentially dangerous situations with cars and pedestrians have occurred during the last few years along this stretch of Main Street. Public works director Paul Whitehouse said he would prepare a report regarding costs for the next council meeting.

## 'No heavy trucks' sign most reasonable:

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Line again south of Sunset Blvd.

Bangay said re-routing the traffic along the industrial zone to the west of the Ninth Line — known as the "dead zone," she said, would create business for the local industries.

"An increase in traffic means an increase in sales," Bangay said. Town engineering co-ordinator, Tom Parry said the residents' requests could cost up to \$100,000.

Parry said the 'No Heavy Trucks' sign is "the most reasonable" request, but said he will analyze all the suggestions and make a report to council in the upcoming weeks.

Parry said the most costly endeavor would be the dead end sign, which would require a re-routing of traffic and a turning circle at a cost of between \$50,000 and \$100,000, and which would likely be a part of the town's long-term plans.

Officials will await Parry's report and recommendations.

## Correction

In a story in the Sept. 25 Weekender, it was reported the only location to purchase French pastries was at a Success Square store.

The Villa Bakery, on Edward St., in fact, serves French pastries, prepared by chef Dave Wilcox.

The Tribune regrets the omission.



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## Yechh!

Alex McMullen and Kelly Gauss get grimy as they separate hazardous wastes during the collection day held at the waste depot on Saturday afternoon.

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