

Editor's Mail

# Town paid maximum allowed by law to 'developers' of 25 building lots

Dear Editor,  
 In response to the story "Mayor prohibited to pay back loan in full", the town wishes to correct inaccuracies. First there was no "loan" made to the town. The Regional Municipality of York in charge of supplying water to the town, refused to allow any further development to connect to the town's water supply until a further source was identified. 689683 Ontario Ltd. (Marlcourt)

paid \$75,000 to the town, which in turn paid the region cost to find a new water supply. This is deemed "the cost of doing business".

Because this new water supply would in the future (1987 onward) benefit future developers, the town voluntarily entered into "best efforts" agreement with Marlcourt, to "try" and negotiate recovery, on behalf of Marlcourt at, \$1,500 per building lot from future developers.

Due to Provincial Legislation

changes the town no longer has any leverage in negotiating recovery of costs incurred off of their development site.

To offset the \$75,000, Marlcourt was credited with the maximum allowed by law.

Mr. Leonard's quoted statement "we aren't developers" begs to be responded to, when someone or company takes approximately 30 acres of vacant land, and turns it into 25 building lots with paved roads, street lighting with town water, they are developers.

The \$26,700 which is no longer able to be recovered equates to \$1,068 per lot and considered quite reasonable to have allowed them to proceed with their subdi-

vision years ahead of others.

E.E. Blackburn,  
 Director of Finance,  
 Whitchurch-Stouffville

# Tea raises heart funds

Dear Editor,  
 Thank you for the excellent coverage that was given to the Victorian Tea. The overall comments were very positive. We were lucky that the weather cooperated and gave us one of the best days this winter.

The event was a great success with 188 people in attendance and \$1541.25 raised for Heart and Stroke.

Marsha Vautier,  
 Communications,  
 Heart and Stroke

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If you have any questions, please contact Browning Ferris Industries at 619-6506 (Garbage), Miller Waste Systems at 1-800-461-1582 (Recycling), or the Town of Pickering Public Works Department at 420-4630 or 683-2760.