

Hospital doing more with less

By JULIE CASPERSEN
Staff Reporter

Markham Stouffville Hospital is doing more for more people with less money, according to its senior staff.

"There is more service to the community in a different way and a different setting," hospital president Marilyn Bruner said.

The focus of a hospital make-over is to lessen the need for beds and concentrate on walk-in treatment.

Some of the planned time-conserving and space-saving projects include:

□ Opening a 15-bed day hospital for seniors and physically disabled people to delay or prevent institutionalization. It will be open Mondays through Fridays.

□ Arranging the operating room schedule so very few surgical beds are needed on the weekends.

"They'll be as full as they can

be Monday to Friday," Bruner said. Discharges will be planned for the weekend. "This allows us to be very efficient with staffing."

□ Cancelling all elective surgeries for four weeks a year in July, August, December and March.

□ Having a 24-hour stay in the mother/baby unit by this fall.

□ Reducing the number of in-patient psychiatric beds from 36 to 25 and starting an outpatient mental health service for 10 to 15 patients to provide emergency care, referrals and links with community support groups. (Currently, 25 of the 36 beds are open).

All planned renovations will cost \$860,000 to be funded by the hospital.

Stephen Foreman, human resources director, said he's identified 30 full-time and 27 part-time people to be laid off, although not all will lose their jobs.

"We're in all likelihood going to see 10 not relocate into other jobs, and they should be able to find jobs here or elsewhere with retraining."

The hospital board passed an operating budget of

\$48,390,161 for the 1994/95 year with a projected surplus

of more than \$400,000 at the end of this operating year.

There are 201 beds open in the 245-bed hospital.



Trail-ridin'

Mark Harman blazes the trail for his son Steven, 9, at the Honda Ride Centre in Claremont on Saturday afternoon.

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Crime

Storage shed pilfered of \$8,000 in goods

More than \$8,000 in loot was removed from a storage shed at a Heron Trail home between July 11 and 12.

The culprits entered the shed by kicking in a wooden door and grabbed windows, plywood and a generator.

Correction

In the *Weekender*, it was reported J. Eddie Peck would be at the Stouffville, Country Barns on Sunday. The soap star will be at the barns July 24. *The Tribune* regrets the error.

Stouffville no model for Uxbridge

By TRACY KIBBLE
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Uxbridge residents don't want their "rural town, Ontario" community to model after the likes of Whitchurch-Stouffville, states the results of a recent citizen-organized Town Hall meeting in the neighboring town.

According to 850 comments gathered from about 150 Uxbridge residents last month regarding the future of their community, the majority said they wouldn't want Uxbridge to model after Stouffville and several other communities dotted with what they deem as uncontrolled growth. "Uxbridge should not be like Markham, Stouffville

or Pickering. Subdivisions, malls, franchises and departments stores should be discouraged," results from the June 16 meeting indicate.

Uxbridge residents consider their community to have a "unique identity" gained through the "spirit of co-operation and volunteerism."

Uxbridge can be deemed to be the epitome of the "best of small-town rural Ontario" and fears uncontrolled growth. Stouffville being used as an example will ruin their lifestyle.

But Mayor Fran Sainsbury said the comparison of Stouffville to Pickering and Markham "is truly laughable" and stated Whitchurch-Stouffville has just as much rural-

town atmosphere as Uxbridge.

Sainsbury said the town has increased by 7,000 people since York Region's inception which proves her community has "retained its small-town atmosphere."

"We've done nothing to be blown off the map and we haven't lost our small-town atmosphere. People who (buy homes) here have pride of ownership and we're a participation community," Sainsbury said.

Police offer tips

The counterfeiting business has snowballed over the past two years and phoney money is routinely turned over to York Regional Police. Residents and businesses are becoming victims of counterfeiting business, and police are offering to help them recognize the fake currency.

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✗ small green dots called planchettes that can be scraped off,

✗ new bills have a hologram,

✗ real bills are bright and colorful, making it difficult to photocopy. The community services bureau is offering to demonstrate the differences between counterfeit and authentic money, both Canadian and American, to local businesses. For information about the in-house sessions call 773-1221, ext. 7907.



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