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'Suspicious' blaze at Barns

By TYLER CURRINGTON
Correspondent

Arson is suspected in the Friday morning blaze at the Stouffville Sales Barns, Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Chief Bill Brown confirmed yesterday.

"It's being investigated. It is suspicious," said Brown. "Arson is suspected but I am limited as to what I can say until the inspection is complete."

Inspectors from the Ontario Fire Marshal's office were at the scene late Friday.

Damages in the fire are estimated at \$240,000, said

the fire chief.

Local firefighters responded to the 3 a.m. fire as soon as it was reported but it took 15 firefighters nine hours to bring the stubborn blaze under control. The new aerial ladder truck purchased by the town last

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Council delays passage of five-year plan

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville may not find out until the fall if a number of multi-million dollar projects will get council's blessing.

On Thursday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council did not, as

was planned, strike its entire five-year capital forecast budget. The proposed long term budget, valued at \$22 million, has been delayed.

Instead, following a six-hour meeting, local council adopted a one-year capital forecast. The 1995 wish list, carrying a \$8.9 million value, includes

the Ballantrae and Musselman water project.

The long-awaited services for the northern community is one step away from reality: On

May 2, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Ballantrae Community Centre, council is expected to adopt a bylaw to authorize

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The Wish List

The 1995 municipal wish list includes water for a northern hamlet, design plans for a new civic building, road and sidewalk improvements, a five-ton dump truck, new computers and a repair to the town clock.

The price tag for the one-year forecast is almost \$9 million. The summary for the one-year capital forecast is:

General administration-\$148,000, clerks-\$8,400, treasury-\$25,100, computer network-\$5,000, fire department-\$249,500, building department-\$5,000, engineering-planning department-\$37,000, public works-\$22,000, transportation-roads-\$1.2 million, transportation facilities-\$53,000, transportation-equipment-\$188,000, mobility transit-\$2,500, sidewalks-\$13,500, streetlights-\$7,000, sanitary sewers-\$90,000, water works-\$6.1 million, recycling-\$125,570, recreational general-\$1,000, parks equipment-\$10,500, parks facilities-\$76,000, parks development-\$22,000, recreation pool-\$2,200, recreation complex-\$46,500, Ballantrae Hall-\$5,000, Lemonville Hall-\$6,800, Latcham Hall-\$4,200, Vandorf Hall-\$2,900, Silver Jubilee-\$6,000, museum-\$64,000, library-\$177,465, cemetery-\$10,000.



And the band played on

The CEC East Band performed at Ballantrae Public School on Thursday. From left, are, Kris Burkholder, Graeme Nimmo, Andrea Ross, David Kalmbach, Mellina Loveday, Melissa Neudoerffer and Michael Smith.

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