

Gas leak forces residents from home

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A gas line break forced the evacuation of one household on the Tenth Line Thursday, a fire official has confirmed.

At approximately 3:15 Thursday afternoon the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department received a call alerting them to a gas-line rupture at the construction site on the east side of the Tenth Line.

One of the machines working at the construction site had dug too deep, rupturing the gas line, said a fire spokesman. Consumers Gas arrived on the scene promptly.

However, the local gas officials needed specialized equipment to properly repair the gas line, the official explained. While the equipment from Toronto was enroute, the gas workers temporarily plugged the gas pipe. The final repairs weren't complete until close to midnight Thursday.

One individual was evacuated from the home directly north of the site. Only two houses temporarily lost gas service because of the damage.

Residential island could be added to nine-hole course

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

A residential island will be built in the middle of a new Stouffville golf course if local government agrees.

The plan calls for a 115-unit condominium complex to be built along with a nine-hole golf course addition on 265 acres at Emerald Hills Golf Course on Warden Avenue.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council heard the details of the expansion of Emerald Hills, owned by ClubLink Properties Ltd.

An economic ripple is felt in Whitchurch-Stouffville from the local golf industry, a company spokesman said.

There will be 65 detached and 50 attached cluster-type units on site.

The plan will soon be further reviewed by staff, council and the public.

Investigations into contract talks here may be last ever

By MIKE ADLER
Staff Reporter

Fact-finding investigations into York Region's public school contract talks could be among the last ever done in Ontario.

That's because lawyer Leon Paroian, a friend of Education Minister John Snobelen, is saying the provincial Tories should rip up the legislation which assigns them in a dispute.

In a report presented two weeks ago, Paroian recommended scrapping Bill 100, or the School Boards and Teachers Collective Negotiation Act, and replacing local bargaining with teachers with regional negotiations.

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involving a private developer, the town and the school board was in the works.

The goal being an indoor pool for Stouffville.

Emmerson suggested the pool could be located at either the Stouffville Recreation Complex or the local high school.

Testa was unable to include a public swimming pool in his plan to build the four-storey apartment building in downtown Stouffville. The residential complex was given the green light Tuesday.

Testa's money was pledged through a three-way installment plan. The first \$200,000 installment was authorized Wednesday morning when Testa signed the

final papers for the complex. The last payment is to be honored in two years.

Testa's generosity is noted. "It's wonderful," said Emmerson.

Sue Sherban, spokesman for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Indoor Pool Committee, said the situation looks very promising.

"There's a great deal of interest in the pool," said Sherban.

Apartment plan is a go

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told *The Tribune* that site clearing will begin immediately.

"I can clean up the land and get it ready right now," said Testa. Site readiness will include demolishing the Stouffville Machine and Tool building. "It will be taken out of there," said Testa.

Testa visited the local town hall on Wednesday and signed all the necessary papers.

Major construction of the \$12-million apartment building will begin in early spring, weather permitting.

The first tenants will move in the fall.

The first floor of the new building will be designated to accommodate units for people with special needs.

In "about a dozen units," counters and light switches would be lowered, while the washroom would include hand rails. "These units would be on the first floor," said Testa.

A small chapel is also planned. "If people can't get out to church because of weather, they can come to the chapel. We could have a priest or a minister or a rabbi come. It would be a place for people to pray together," said Testa.

Testa hopes that the complex will house a common meeting room, a recreation room, a small cafeteria and a beauty salon.

"It will be a nice place to live," said Testa.



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