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Water system set to be turned on

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Hook up to the Ballantrae-Musselman Lake communal water system is slated to begin within a few days, a town official has confirmed.

The process to link 850 property owners to the new water system will get underway during the first week of December, town engineer Tom Parry told *The Tribune*.

On a 50-foot lot, the average individual cost to the property owner will be about \$1,000. This includes a \$250 metre, said Parry.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council will be given an overview of the multi-million dollar project, including a

step-by-step account of what's to happen now.

The town's watermain contractor, Clearway Construction, is in the process of chlorinating, disinfecting and flushing the distribution system so that private service connections can be made.

In a few days, letters will be sent to Ballantrae and Musselman Lake property owners, explaining the hook-up process. Parry is drafting the letter now, he said.

Residents will be told they must make an application to (Please see page 3)

School coming soon

Building permits for the new elementary school in Stouffville should be handed over on Monday or Tuesday, Mayor Wayne Emmerson has reported.

Construction of the 500-student school on the Ninth Line is about to begin. The plan is to have the school open in September of 1997.

Since final details are now ironed out between the town and the York Board of Education and since a foundation

permit is about to be issued, construction of the school could begin within a couple of weeks, said Emmerson. "Everything's ready to go now."

Meanwhile, parents are invited to a meeting on Nov. 26 from 7:30 to 9:30 at Orchard Park Public School to discuss school boundaries. A similar meeting will be held on Dec. 4 at 7:30 at Whitchurch-Highlands Public School. For information on the meetings call 640-7800.

Committee may be struck for donation

A town committee needs to be struck to determine how best to spend a \$500,000 gift.

While nothing has been approved, it's expected that the money will be used to help bring an indoor swimming pool to Stouffville.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson said if council gives the green light to a pool, a committee will be needed to iron out how much it will cost, what type of a pool is needed and where it will go.

Two weeks ago, local developer Gino Testa pledged a \$500,000 gift to the town after he was given the go-ahead to build a four-storey seniors' housing complex in the downtown area.

Council won't deal with the \$500,000 gift until after the New Year, said Emmerson.

The mayor wants to wait until council's new member is sworn in on Dec. 16. A Dec. 13 by-election in Ward 2 will produce a new councillor to fill the vacancy left by the October death of Ed Lyons. Emmerson suggested earlier that the pool could be located at either the Stouffville Recreation Complex or the local high school.



Bethlehem, Live

Photo above, Joseph and Mary cuddle their baby Jesus as played by Eldon and Kim Wideman and their six-week-old baby Chase in the Christian Blind Mission International Bethlehem Live pageant Thursday night in Stouffville. Photo below, from left Kathy Brooker, Ann McGrath, and Karl Weddell as Wise Persons get ready to visit baby Jesus. Bethlehem Live is on today and tomorrow at the CBMI, and also on Nov. 28 to Dec. 1. For information call 640-6464. Photos/SJOERD WITTEVEEN



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