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## Development

# Subdivision meeting attracts 325

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
Staff Reporter

More than 325 people attended a Tuesday information session to get more details of a

proposed \$150-million adult lifestyle community in Ballantrae.

The new residential development as well as an 18-hole golf course will be built on the 370

acres on Aurora Road near Hwy. 48 if local, regional and provincial governments agree.

As was expected, the most often asked question was linked to water. Local resi-

dents are anxious to know that the development will not impact on the community's quality and quantity of water.

Concern is such that the town has asked the developer to present a water report outlining the full details of the water supply. The report will be presented in about a week.

In a few days, the town will receive a community-response report from the Forhan Group which is representing developer Schickedanz.

If all goes as planned, construction of the golf course could get underway this fall, said Bob Forhan Jr. Schickedanz hopes to have all government red tape out of the way before the end of the year.

About 90 per cent of those attending Tuesday left feeling pleased with the plan to build 900 homes, the champion golf course, a club house, a swimming pool, a tennis court and jogging trails, said Forhan.

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## Happy 105th

Velma Hargrave, at right, celebrated her 105th birthday Wednesday afternoon. The wonderful milestone was shared with daughter Mary Wooton and her husband Joe, from Wichita, Kansas, and Velma's sister Mildred, who recently celebrated her 97th birthday. The two great ladies live at Parkview Home. Velma is Parkview's oldest resident.

Photo/MIKE RUTA

## Water capacity top concern: Residents

The people of Ballantrae took full advantage of the chance to comment on a 950-house/golf course development designed for people 50-plus.

Here's what the local residents have to say:

**Christel Von Richter:** "It's self-contained. It's a lot better than monster homes."

**Rena Ibrajev:** "I'm not sure if there will be enough water. I want to know more about the plans for the sewage. I worry — this might drive the taxes up. But, I like the concept. It's a good land-use plan. I am not a friend of monster homes."

**Eric Roma:** "How do they legally restrict it to older people? How will this water issue be handled? If the market's there, will this 15-year time frame be adjusted and will we see two or three hundred houses built in one year? What's in place now to make sure the services will be here

to look after the demand if the rules change? From a planning perspective, I like what I see. If we're going to get growth, this is likely the best we can hope for."

**John Carter:** "My main concern is the water. Is there enough to handle all this (900 homes)? By having this, we do see what's going on."

**Dennis Draper:** "The people here and in Musselman's Lake are concerned. But, overall, I think this is a very good idea."

**Eva Salb:** "I like the layout. It's a very nice presentation. It's informative. We're included in the planning."

**John Boland:** "I don't think the water system we have is going to be enough. I want to see the (water) plan. This is a major undertaking, but every community has to grow a little. People must accept; this is the GTA (Greater Toronto Area). It's here in this (plan)."

## Tribbling guilty on 11 charges

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
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A man charged in connection with a four-hour police standoff in Ballantrae involving a toddler was found guilty in a Newmarket courtroom Wednesday.

Steven Andrew Tribbling, 22, of Stouffville, will be sentenced April 15.

The court was told that in March 1996, police were summoned to a home on Hwy 48 and Aurora Road. A knife-wielding man was holding

a two-year-old girl in one hand and a 12-inch knife in the other hand. A woman suffering a knife wound had escaped along with an uninjured woman.

A police command post was set up. A negotiation team, complete with a robot was called in. After four hours, the accused surrendered and the child was released unharmed.

Tribbling was found guilty of 11 counts including confinement, assault with a weapon and threatening death. He was found not guilty on seven counts including theft under \$5,000.

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