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Developer anxious to build complex

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

Difficulty getting financial backing for a four-storey, 90-apartment seniors building in Stouffville has triggered a meeting with a provincial cabinet minister.

Local developer Gino Testa and provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Al Leach, were scheduled to meet last night.

Testa, anxious to put the shovel

in the ground at the site on Main Street and Duffin's Creek, wants the province to look into the fact that investors are more than eager to back a condominium project, but shy away from supporting rental projects.

Testa wants the provincial cabinet to be aware of the problem, know that there are developers interested in filling the need for rentals, especially for seniors, and to see if together they can get the job done, by forming a partnership between government and



GINO TESTA

private enterprise. In the past ten years, there have only been 37 rental units built in Stouffville. At the same time, waiting lists for seniors rental housing continues to grow.

In readiness for the new housing complex, the property has been cleared of a building and

debris has been picked up. "I want to build it. I want to build it now," said Testa.

Even though construction has been delayed, Testa continues to be confident that the multi-mil-

lion dollar complex will be realized. The residential complex will include a common room, a recreation room, a small cafeteria and possibly a beauty salon and a chapel.

Gormley cemetery plan up for debate

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

The application for an 86-acre cemetery in Gormley will be made at the Whitchurch-Stouffville town office this week, a company

spokesman reports.

Gary Carmichael, spokesman for Memorial Gardens, said the site-plan application, along with other government red tape, should be out of the way by the fall, allowing

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PICK-UP LINES: Herb Morgan, on the mower, gets an earful from working partner Amy Herrington, as he mows along a Main Street grassy knoll.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

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News you can use

Do you know someone who should be Citizen of the Year for Whitchurch-Stouffville? *The Tribune* is again conducting a search for a worthy Citizen.

This is an award sponsored by *The Tribune*, which celebrates the accomplishments of the town's most outstanding citizen for 1996-97. The person must have made a significant contribution to bettering the life and people of this community.

To be eligible, the person must have made his or her contributions in the past calendar year. This is not a cumulative award. Submit the name, address and phone number of the person nominated and a one-page typewritten synopsis of why you believe this person's involvement

in the community warrants the honor of Citizen of the Year. Also include your name and phone number.

Group nominations will not be accepted. One nomination per person, please. The award is not based on the number of nominations received, but rather on the accomplishments of the person in the past year.

Submit your nomination and supporting reasons by Wednesday, June 25 at 5 p.m. Note: The award will only be presented should the award committee deem a recipient worthy. No telephone calls, please.

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