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Council pulls plug on well exemptions

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

Victory was short-lived for homeowners opposed to getting hooked up to the new water system in Musselman's Lake and Ballantrae.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville Council rescinded a motion made two weeks ago granting homeowners with healthy, working wells exemptions from getting connected to the \$8-million water system.

It costs the average homeowner about \$7,000 to get connected to the communal water system.

Also, councillors changed their minds regarding letting people off the hook for health reasons.

A month ago, an area resident notified council that since he has a severe allergy to chlorine, he shouldn't be forced to connect to the system.

As it stands now, everyone, including people with sound working wells or people with health issues must get connected to the water system.

Beginning tomorrow, town engineer Tom Parry will send registered letters to the area's 800 property owners, notifying them that they now have nine

months to get hooked up to the system.

"They must be hooked up by July 1, 1998," stressed Parry.

So far, 200 of the 800 homeowners have made the move to get connected to the system. To drive the point home, even

those "who've been connected are getting the registered letter," said Parry.

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Man charged after mom reports incest

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A Pembroke man faces a total of 21 charges, including sexual assault, anal intercourse, sexual assault with a weapon, forcible confinement, threatening death and criminal harassment, all against his biological mother, a 49-year-old Stouffville resident, York Regional Police have reported.

Det. Sgt. Jack More said the 29-year-old accused was adopted at birth.

Two years ago, the accused found his birth mother living in Stouffville.

He visited her home and within a few days, it's alleged that he raped her.

The victim told police the assaults continued, More said.

Police said the mother was victimized over a period of time ranging from Sept. 1994 to Feb. '95, reported York Constable Randy Martin.

In 1996, the accused moved out of the Stouffville home and went back to Pembroke, More added.

The victim did not go to the police to report the assaults until recently.

The victim told police that her son told her he'd simply testify that the sex acts were consensual and that since she was his mother, she'd be the one that would be blamed, said More.

The accused was taken into custody.

A bail hearing was scheduled for yesterday in Newmarket.



Cathy Hendren created this mural, which hangs at the side of Lindy's Flowers on Main Street, and said she was inspired by the York-Durham Heritage Railway. For the full story, please see page 6.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Mayor's race heating up

JOAN RANSBERRY
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A Musselman's Lake resident wants to be mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Charlene Jones, a 30-year resident of the lake, told *The Tribune* she plans to challenge incumbent Mayor Wayne Emmerson for the

town's top post during the municipal election, slated for Nov. 10.

Jones, 45, describes herself as self employed and a homemaker.

Jones said that she couldn't sit back and let the mayor's position go unchallenged.

Two months ago, Emmerson filed the appropriate papers indicating that he's seeking a second

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term as mayor.

Jones, who's lived in a number of countries, has a Master of Education and another in English from the University of Boise, Idaho.

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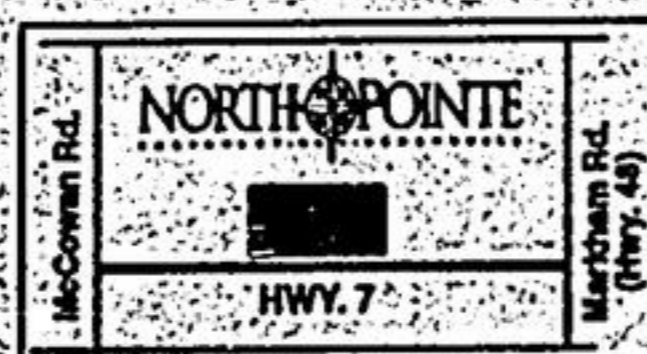
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