

# Population to triple with development

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praise from some Ballantrae residents.

Local farmer Larry Clark told Whitchurch-Stouffville Council that he'd rather see a 900-home development for mature adults than a mixed-style community, including troublesome youth. "This is a top-notch proposal," said Clark.

The housing development is a good plan and will compliment the hamlet, said Wilf Morely.

Bob Forhan, of the Forhan Group, told the audience that his client's plan is not only environmentally sound, it offers tremendous economical advantages for the community.

Forhan was joined by a 12-member team including engineers, planners and architects.

Construction of the Ballantrae project will mean \$116 million will be added to the economy, said Forhan. Meanwhile, it will provide \$66.7 million in wages.

Forhan said the project will enhance retail spending by about \$12.5 million annually.

As well as generating \$15.2 million in development charges

paid to the town and to York Region, the town will pick up \$3 million in property taxes and user fee revenue annually.

The new community will not strain high-price services such as education, as children will not be part of it, Forhan said.

When the development is finished, the population of Ballantrae, now at about 1,000, will almost triple.

While local council approved the project in principle, staff was directed to include residents' comments when putting together its recommendations. The project will return to local council on Oct. 14.

Schickedanz hopes to begin construction of the golf course in the spring, while the housing project could begin in the fall.

About 80 per cent of the homes will be one-storey bungalows, while the rest will be link housing.

It will be a condominium setup, with residents owning the houses and lots, while all outdoor upkeep is done for the residents.

It will be monitored by a condominium management board.



Above, Marie Winkel (left) serves her son Mitchell, 2, some mashed potatoes as her mom Donna Beckett and her husband Martin Winkel look on at the Goodwood United Church Beef Supper at the Goodwood Community Centre last Thursday. And, at left, no dinner is complete until the dishes are done. From left: Blanche Taylor, Elizabeth Williamson, Dorothy Yake, Marjorie Mason Hogue, and Anne Shier.

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## Police chief probe to last until year's end

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any details of the investigation, including the nature of the allegations and the likelihood of charges being laid.

OPP Det-Sup't. Larry Edgar said investigators simply needed more time.

"We anticipate another couple of months," Edgar said. "As in any investigation, once you get into it certain things come up, complications, new information, we have to be thorough."

Cousineau took a voluntary leave of absence last March after several senior officers made allegations against Cousineau to provincial auditors there on a routine probe. The auditors then turned the allegations over to the OPP. Months later they released a scathing report on the force's management practices.

Peter Scott, a former Metro deputy chief, was named interim chief of the York force and has been pulling in a \$134,000-a-year salary, plus another \$27,000 in benefits.

"There's only one thing that

can be done and that is to take the steps necessary to re-organize the situation," said York Regional Council Chair Eldred King. "But we have an obligation by law to pay the former chief."

He said despite repeated requests to the Ministry of the Solicitor-General for information and help in speeding up the investigation, those requests they have fallen on deaf ears.

"It's a very awkward situation," King said. "The law requires us to let it run its course."

## Day of Child celebrated Sunday

JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Reporter

Children, our most precious resource, will be saluted in Stouffville on Sunday.

Local residents are invited to attend the Day of The Child conference at the Latham Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. The United Nations, in partnership with the Bahá'is, is hosting the special day which includes a lineup of speakers.

Local event chair Sylvie Katirai stressed that every child has the right to a standard of living "adequate for his or her physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development."

The conference is well worth attending, said Katirai. Speakers include Dr. Rahi Victory, a medical doctor and a graduate of the School of Medicine from Queen's University. He'll give an overview of the child's physical development.

Victory is researching pediatrics at the Hospital for

Sick Children. Raised in Stouffville, he's married and the father of one.

Dr. Farzad Katirai will deal with the child's moral development. Katirai is a doctor of philosophy from Oxford University. His interests are issues of moral philosophy, ethics and human nature. Katirai, a Stouffville resident and the father of three, has served at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Uxbridge resident Nancy Minden, a family therapist with Durham Region, will explore the child's mental development. Minden is the mother of three sons.

David Hansberger, father of three and principal of H.G. Bernard Public School in Richmond Hill, will discuss the child's mental development.

Those attending will take part in the discussions following the formal presentations.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Anyone needing more information is invited to call 888-1929.

## Separate board poised to take strike vote

MIKE ADLER  
Staff Reporter

York Region's Catholic teachers asked last week for a provincial mediator in its negotiations with the separate school board.

The union also said it has booked a meeting hall for its members on Oct. 22. If no contract deal has been reached by then, the union will arrange for a strike vote, said local

president Ihor Baczynsky.

The province's Education Relations Commission has appointed Olive Chester, a former mediator and assistant director with the labour ministry's Office of Mediation, to assist in the talks.

Baczynsky said both sides agreed to mediation last week after the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board refused to restore to teachers the salary increments frozen

during the two-year Social Contract.

The board believes restoring the increments should be a "shared responsibility," chair Tina Molinari said last week.

Baczynsky said the board continues to enjoy savings from the Social Contract years. If teachers paid for these savings out of their own contract, the union said yesterday, 240 teachers would lose their jobs or all teachers would suffer a six-per-cent cut in pay.

During talks, the board has named some areas "that could be explored" to restore the increments, but reducing salaries, benefits, preparation time or asking teachers for a lump sum has not been considered, Molinari replied.

The board, entering its final year of a schedule to eliminate its illegal deficit, had planned to meet this target by hiking taxes, a power school boards will no longer have, thanks to new provincial legislation, said Molinari.

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