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Landmark moraine hearing on hold

Delay allows evidence on stormwater control

BY MIKE ADLER
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Entering its third month, Richmond Hill's landmark hearing on the Oak Ridges Moraine will be adjourning until mid-September so opponents of several proposed subdivisions can study new evidence from developers.

Ontario Municipal Board panel chairperson James Mills and member Calvin Beach decided Tuesday to allow new information on water quality and stormwater management.

Save The Rouge Valley System, one of the opponents of developers' plans for 8,000 houses east and west of Yonge Street, opposed the move to present the report but also hailed it as a "major breakthrough" and treated it as an admission of weakness.

Lawyers for the developers insisted they were being asked to provide information they thought the hearing — now guaranteed to continue sitting into 2001 — would not cover.

The hearing, after some further testimony on the area's wildlife, is to resume Sept. 19 to address the water quality issues.

"We were ready to go on to Aug. 14," said Michael McQuaid, representing Bond Lake Investors and a numbered com-

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EMMERSON SEES FALL ELECTION AS THE LAST BEFORE YORK TOWNS ARE AMALGAMATED

Final election lures mayor

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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Who will be the last mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville?

If the municipality is, as expected, swallowed up by amalgamation, the Nov. 13 election could be the last for York Region's nine municipalities, including Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The whole issue of a province-

driven amalgamation scheme is the driving force behind veteran politician Mayor Wayne Emmerson's decision to seek a third mayoralty term.

"The main issue is protecting Whitchurch-Stouffville against amalgamation so our municipality is not split," said Emmerson. "I'm all for one York."

Emmerson would rather face

that fate than have his town carved up between Markham, Aurora and Newmarket.

So far, no one has officially challenged Emmerson.

In the last municipal election, Mike Watson, a 32-year-old Musselman's Lake resident, ran against Emmerson, securing a respectful number of votes.

While many speculated that

Watson would throw his hat in the ring again, he's put the speculation to rest.

"I will not run in the November election for the mayor's job nor a seat on council," said Watson. "I have a new job. It involves working in the whole of the Greater Toronto Area. I do not have the time."

Watson represented Ward 2, for

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HE'S SAFE!

Markham baserunner Lewis Zolis beats the throw home to Stouffville catcher Ethan Werek. Markham went on to defeat Stouffville 26-3 to advance to the final where they lost to Aurora 21-5 in the Markham Meteor Mites fastball tournament at Centennial Park Saturday.

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