

Horse club to discuss missing funds at meeting

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\$231,000 when life insurance policies were cashed in and the money was not invested according to their instructions.

A month later, Blow was charged with defrauding clients of \$1.7 million.

A 79-year-old man lost \$100,000 and a 66-year-old widow lost \$1.6 million when their money was not used to invest with Canada Life and Industrial Alliance Life.

While the victims received forged documents about their investments, Kerr said the money was never received by the companies.

Valerie Love is the quarter horse association's office manager and a member of the board of directors.

Her 19-year-old daughter Tammy is president of the youth wing.

According to Love, her daughter noticed discrepancies with the youth group's books during the summer.

Tammy tried to alert officials but Love claims her complaints weren't followed up for several weeks.

Tammy was scheduled to inform the

board at its monthly meeting last night that almost \$14,000 in investments and cash are missing from the youth association's coffers.

Love informed York Regional Police of the missing funds.

The missing money has left the association scrambling to come up with fees needed to send 12 youth members to the annual Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio the first week in October.

The congress is one of the largest horse shows in North America.

It is the job of the youth adviser to enter the team in the competition, according to Love.

"I'm stunned. I'm just devastated (about the missing funds)," Love said from her Bowmanville home Tuesday.

Association president Mark Grice declined to comment until after the board meeting.

Kerr said he is investigating the case but said it may take some time because he has been inundated with potential victims.

"We're hoping to meet with them (association members) in the next month or so," he said.

"There's not enough hours in the day for me."

Blow, who remains in custody, appears in court Oct. 10.

Box Grove plan should be dumped: environmentalist

Residents should lobby local politicians to throw out the Town of Markham's proposal for Box Grove — and not be hampered by "hair-splitting or details," environmentalist Glenn De Baeremaeker told a meeting Tuesday.

Markham Mayor Don Cousens and Councillor Bill O'Donnell say a flyer attacking the development plan, which was distributed by two environmental groups last week, is full of inaccuracies.

"It was almost totally incorrect," O'Donnell complained yesterday.

Among other things, the flyer, dropped at thousands of homes last week, says the Box Grove secondary plan area is in the former Duffin Rouge Agricultural Preserve.

The preserve which the province declared to protect top-grade farmland in Markham and Pickering, is actually further east.

But opponents of the plan, which would allow 2,600 new homes and some employment lands, see this urban expansion as a threat to the area's agricultural heritage and an infringement on neighbouring Rouge Park.

De Baeremaeker, president of Save The Rouge Valley System, eventually told 40 people at the Markham Civic Centre that the government-owned area around Box Grove was meant, since the 1970s, to be a buffer against urban expansion.

He urged his audience to telephone town councillors and tell them to vote against the plan. "It's agricultural land or urban sprawl," De Baeremaeker argued.

Cousens didn't deny the plan might be in trouble. All that it awaits, he said, is a provincial zoning order allowing the Toronto Catholic Cemetery Board to swap its approved cemetery at 14th Avenue and 9th Line for a new location at Steeles Avenue and Reesor Road, inside the former preserve.

De Baeremaeker maintained Markham is simply in competition with other municipalities to see which can grow the fastest and many councillors simply support more growth. "They have no great love of farms," he said.

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