

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

Who will you vote for in the provincial election?

— Asked in Stouffville

Wally ROBINSON



"It's definitely time for a change. I'd like someone less likely to give breaks to big business who has more concern for the average person."

Steve DOWNS



"I would like to see the Conservative Party in. Everything they said they would do, they have done. I like their straightforward approach."

Louise BEAUCHAMP



"They would be mindful of the needs of the region and our town, including water for future generations, not just the developers' desires."

Nancy KNAPP



"I have not made up my mind yet. I would like to read more and study the issues more before I make my decision."



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Point of no return

Five-year-old Nathaniel Brooker takes a plunge off the slide with mom, Beth, nearby at the outdoor pool in Stouffville Memorial Park last Thursday.

Stouffville subdivisions appealed — but not by local residents

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

Plans for six subdivisions in Whitchurch-Stouffville are under appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

While town council recently approved the construction of 3,500 homes in six locations, including 600 on the Tenth Line and close to 1,500 on the Ninth Line, two other developers are challenging the plans. Also, a plan in south Stouffville is being questioned by GO Transit.

DELAYS UNLIKELY

Since construction is not expected until the Big Pipe sewer extension project reaches Whitchurch-Stouffville next spring, the OMB hearings are not expected to delay development if the OMB determines they can, in fact, proceed as planned, Tom Parry, director of Planning for Whitchurch-Stouffville Development Services, pointed out.

All six appeals are expected to be handled at the same time, Mr. Parry said.

While public hearing tied to the developments, attracted

standing-room only crowds at Whitchurch-Stouffville's municipal office in the past 18 months, no residents filed objections with the OMB.

Parties filing appeals, besides GO Transit, are Hallmount Properties Ltd. and an Ontario numbered company, Hallmount, recently purchased property on the Tenth Line north of Geoffrey and Aspen crescents.

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Appeals are filed against two Ontario numbered companies, Lebovic Enterprises Ltd., Madori Ltd., Frank Mauro Ltd. and Varkim Developments. The appeals deal with possible delays affecting other developments

and GO's concern with a planned railway crossing in the Hoover Park and Park Drive area.

• Lebovic plans to build 1,444 houses on the Ninth Line south of Stouffville.

• Varkim plans to build a 784-home subdivision on 222 acres in southwest Stouffville with access from the Ninth Line, Weldon Road and Highway 48.

• Madori's plans are for 342 houses on 56 acres in northwest Stouffville with access from the Ninth Line, Glad Park Avenue, West Lawn Crescent and Winlane Drive.

• Frank and Aurora Mauro propose building 267 homes on 47 acres west of the Stouffville Reservoir, with access from the Ninth Line and Bayberry Street.

• Fieldgate Homes Ltd. hopes to build 666 homes on the east side of the Tenth Line, near Hoover Park.

• An Ontario Limited company, that includes Lebovic and Fieldgate, wants to build 602 homes on the Tenth Line south of Hoover Park.

Briefly

Theft of rural stop signs endangers motorists

A game being played on rural roads has all the markings of death.

Over the weekend, stop signs at four intersections in northern Whitchurch-Stouffville were ripped from the ground — 12-foot poles and all — and carted away, posing a serious threat to life.

Also taken were street signs at all four locations.

Signs were stolen along McCowan Road at Bow Street, Cherry and Hidden Forest streets and at Kennedy Road and St. John Road.

"This is beyond stupid. This is malice and it is very dangerous. It's got to stop," said Keith Saunders, Whitchurch-Stouffville bylaw enforcement officer.

"There's nothing left. The stop signs are gone, the street signs are gone, the markers are gone. The poles are gone. There's nothing to alert a motorist of an approaching intersection."

The municipality's public works department replaced the missing signs and checked every intersection in the municipality to make sure more signs weren't missing.

Public works foreman Peter Alcorn estimates the damage to be about \$2,000.

"It's hard to imagine why anyone would do this," he said. "The next person who drives through one of these unmarked intersections could be a loved one of the person who stole the signs. There's no sense in any of it."

— Joan Ransberry

Correction

Mosquito pools did not test positive for virus

The story *Camp demands West Nile money* in the Sun-Tribune Aug. 7 incorrectly stated York Region mosquito pools have tested positive for West Nile.

While birds have tested positive for West Nile, no infected mosquito pools have been found.

The Sun-Tribune regrets the error.

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Markham Farmers' Market

FARMER'S DAUGHTER OLYMPICS

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Compete for prizes this Saturday Aug. 16

Starts at 10:30am

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