



# Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville

'The way I see it'  
by  
Mayor Ken Laushway

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE** - Each week, through The Tribune, Ken Laushway, Mayor, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, is asked to give his own personal opinion on issues of local interest. Questions are posed by The Tribune or from ratepayers through The Tribune.

**Question:** When renovations have been completed at the site of the present municipal building in Stouffville, what, if anything, will be made of the office quarters at Vandorf?

**Answer:** There has been no decision on the future of the municipal building at Vandorf. Until renovations are complete in Stouffville, office space there will be required - and this could be for some period of time. The Regional Police Commission was requested to view the site as a possible headquarters, but the location was rejected as too small. The present building would have to be enlarged and with a community hall and road department garage on the same property, there would be insufficient room left for parking. Eventually, the entire Whitchurch-Stouffville clerical staff will be accommodated in Stouffville. When this happens, the site could be rented or sold.

**Question:** Do you favor an area of estate development in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and if so, where?

**Answer:** I feel there are many areas in the rural sections, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, that are suitable for estate subdivision development. These locations should be incorporated into the Town's Official Plan. Prior to this, professional advice would be required on the planning aspects of such projects plus approval from the Ontario Water Resources Commission, the Conservation Authority and the Health Unit. Such subdivisions should be located off east-west secondary roads with no entrance onto a heavily travelled artery. We

must provide certain services to even one house on any road, so why not have more, if the assessment gain serves as a benefit to the municipality. With respect to individual estate-type homes, the present bylaw calls for a minimum lot size of 2 acres and a minimum house area size of 2,000 square feet, excluding the hamlets and Stouffville. This means that a home meeting such specifications will cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000. This order is only temporary and runs out March 8, 1971. The council has applied to the Ontario Municipal Board for an extension, and I have no reason to think that it won't be granted.

**Question:** Is there a bylaw in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville pertaining to the mandatory removal of dead trees on private properties, when said trees pose a hazard to buildings on adjoining lots?

**Answer:** There never has been such a bylaw in Stouffville, nor in Whitchurch, to my knowledge. Even if there was, I don't feel it could be enforced. It's a private matter between two owners, an issue



Len Pilkey, R.R.1, Claremont, sits behind the wheel of his 45-passenger high school bus, his home away from home. Five days each week. He plans to retire at the end of this month.

## 'I carry the most precious load in the world'

**COPPINS' CORNERS** - Len Pilkey of Coppins' Corners, R.R. 1, Claremont, is the driver of a 45-passenger high school bus, a position he'll relinquish at the end of this month.

But not without regrets.

For he enjoys his work and he loves 'his children' - a boast not every adult can make today.

But at 72, Len feels it's time to retire. Even though his driving record, accident-free for ten years, will debate this

requiring legal advice if an amicable agreement cannot be reached. The Town cannot enter onto private property to remove such trees unless requested by the owner, to do so - and at the owner's expense.

Have you a question you'd like the Mayor to answer? Merely write it out on a slip of paper and address it to 'The Mayor', c/o The Tribune, Main Street, Stouffville.

point. So will his passengers.

Len was requested to take on the job in April, 1961. The late Donald Beer was then the owner, later selling out to Brown-Wall Transport.

The company is now owned by Charterways of London although the name, Rural Bus Lines is unchanged.

Len starts out on his route every weekday morning at 7:30 a.m. His first passengers are Dorrell and Marion Britton of Claremont. They are also the last to get off at night.

He can call every student by their first names. "I carry the most precious load in the world," he said, "and I'm going to miss the kids terribly."

The feeling is mutual.

At Christmas, the boys and girls present him with everything from heads of cabbage and cauliflower to gifts of apples and candy. Len believes in

maintaining a strict schedule - right to the minute in fact, if weather and roads permit. "You can't keep the kids waiting," he said, "particularly in the winter, it's too cold". He covers 87 miles a day.

While Mr. Pilkey admits he feels sorry for motorists caught behind stop-and-go buses, he can see no solution to this problem.

"The children's safety must come first," he said. He's critical of the current Department rule that allows traffic to pass a stationary school bus in areas of less than 35 miles per hour. "That law should be changed," he said, "it's too risky". He feels the

### Permits

**GOODWOOD** - Uxbridge Twp. council has granted licence renewals to the following

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school bus and its passengers should have priority at all times and in all areas.

So, this month, Len's counting the days, and each completed trip

brings him closer to the end of the road. I want to quit with a clean record but, he added again, I'm going to miss the kids terribly.



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**YORK REGION** - Despite the opposition of Aurora's Mayor Dick Illingworth, Regional Council has authorized the spending of \$177,000 to enable the new Regional Planning Board to go into operation.

The new Planning Board will consist of three branches under the administration of the Planning Commissioner. A total of 13 new positions, including two directors, two planners, five draftsmen and secretarial staff, will be advertised. The annual salaries of this staff is estimated at \$137,700.

Council is attempting to ram the structure of the new board down the throats of the municipalities. Illingworth charged after his motion calling for the tabling of the proposals was defeated.

## Injured

**STOUFFVILLE** - A 25 year old Stouffville lady was taken to hospital after her car overturned in snowdrifts on the 9th concession. Linda Hearn of R.R. 2, Stouffville was taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital by Vance Ambulance.

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JOHN ROBERTS, M.P., York-Simcoe, answers questions and states his position as a member of the Liberal government in Ottawa.  
JACK HOPPER, Stouffville, President of the local Kinsmen Club, on the upcoming snowmobile jamboree to be held in Stouffville in February.  
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