



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, answers questions on issues of local interest. They are posed by The Tribune or by ratepayers through The Tribune.

Question: It was my understanding that re-assessment had been completed in the former County of York. However, the council, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has requested this Area be re-assessed again. Why is this necessary?

Answer: There are too many inequities between individual properties. Some have been corrected but many have not. There has also been too great a shift in the tax load from industrial and commercial to farm and residential. The spread in assessments, even on comparable land on neighboring lots leads me to believe that the assessors themselves utilized varying sets of value standards. A complete re-assessment will cost additional money, but assessment appeals cost money too. I feel there are many in the Area who did not file an appeal but had just cause to do so.

Question: Has taken to collect it? privilege to contact the
Century City Answer: I feel it Municipal Office and
Developments Limited both unwise and request to see anything
fallen into arrears in unethical that pertains to the
payment of taxes on public comment operation of the Town.
property owned within concerning anyone's With regard to
the former Village of taxes, whether paid or delinquent tax ac-
Stouffville, and if so, unpaid. Every counts, if payments
what steps can be ratepayer has the fall behind for a period



Local group proves popular at 'Honey Pot' ski resort

Saturday night's dance at the 'Honey Pot', a ski resort near Maple, was a sellout. The attraction is - 'Just Us', a vocal and instrumental group, well-known in the Stouffville-Uxbridge area. Members are (left to right) - vocalist,

Marlene Story, organist, Walter Taylor, Bob Myers, drums, Sandy Taylor; saxophone and Elgin Irwin, guitar. Their stay at the resort has been extended an extra month. —Jas. Thomas.

Editor's Mail

of three clear years on any property, there are procedures the municipality can follow that can ultimately conclude with a tax sale.

Question: What has been the cost of snow removal, sanding and snow plowing for the period extending from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28?

Answer: The deputy clerk is preparing a two-month statement that will be available later this week. While the total figure is not known at this time, I can assure you, the cost will be considerable. This has been one of the worst winters for ice and snow the municipality has experienced for many years.

Question: Do you feel the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville should be included in Bell's free-call area to Toronto?

Answer: There is no such thing as a 'free call' service. If approved, I would

Dear Sir:
Your editorial of January 28, 1971, entitled "Unfair Tactics" has just come to my attention.

The particular strike in question with A & P has been settled - in the opinion of the union, successfully, but the issue you raised is still an important one, even though a month has passed.

Your editorial complained that picket signs were set up at the entrance to the Stouffville Shopping Plaza and that all the merchants in the plaza not involved in the A & P strike were innocent victims whose business would suffer. We agree with you and we have fought unsuccessfully to have the law in this matter changed, but as the law stands shopping plazas have been

suggest the rate increase on a private line would be about \$25 per year and about \$60 a year for a business phone. Before that additional charge is arbitrarily assessed against all residents, I feel at least 70 percent of the 640 exchange subscribers should favor it. Bell Telephone conducted a survey here four years ago, but there is no problem requesting them to do it again. I know of many people with limited call requirements to Toronto who are opposed to any additional expense. As for me, if I want to place such a call, I expect to pay for it. I do not expect others, who neither want it or need it, to subsidize the cost.

regarded as private property and police were called to force pickets away from the front of the store which was involved in the strike and made them picket at the main entrance to the plaza. During the strike against A & P, this happened on a daily basis.

We share your feelings for merchants who are not involved in the strike. We had no axe to grind with them and we sincerely wanted to picket immediately in front of the A & P stores, but without fail, the minute the pickets set

foot on the plaza, police were called and the picketers were moved back on to the plaza front.

Our union and the Ontario Federation of Labour would be most

happy to join with merchants at any time to petition the Ontario Government to change this unjust legislation. L. Victor Pathe, Pres Ontario Retail Council.

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WARNER BERGER, STOUFFVILLE, who comments on the need for more forceful snowmobile rules.
ROY CLIFTON, RICHMOND HILL, who comments on the need for stricter pollution controls.

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Editor's Mail

Dear Mr. Thomas: I have noted the recent editorial in The Tribune entitled "Still dragging their feet", and I wish to take this opportunity to offer some related commentary.

While I appreciate your concern for the proposed Century City development, I should like to dispel certain misconceptions about the government's alleged inaction. In particular, I question your suggestion that "nothing has happened since the Toronto Centred Region Plan was introduced back in May 1969".

To begin with, the initial presentation of "Design for Development: The Toronto Centred Region" took place on May 5, 1970. Since that time, the Ontario Government has made every effort to proceed as quickly as possible with the refinement of the concept.

As you know, we have requested that public and private briefs be submitted so that the people at large have the opportunity for comment before any final policy

decisions are taken. Although the deadline for receipt of these briefs was September 30, many are still coming in.

In keeping with its principle of widespread participation, the Ontario Government intends to give full consideration to all recommendations and suggestions. We are still in the process of assessing these briefs and it will be necessary to resolve a number of questions before we proceed into ways and means of implementation.

As well, I think it is fair to point out that the area encompassed by the plan - a 90 mile radius of Toronto with the heaviest concentration of population in the province - involves a great number of municipalities both large and small. I hope it will be obvious that we cannot resolve within a few days or weeks all of the questions and conflicts that arise from a plan of this magnitude.

Charles MacNaughton, Minister

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Dr. Bouchard still makes house calls.

The tiny village of Rock Island, Quebec, gets an annual average snowfall of 100 inches. And the temperature can sit below zero for weeks.

So when Dr. Gilles Bouchard's patients can't get to him, he goes to them. By Volkswagen.

They say around Rock Island that it makes folks feel better just seeing his little red VW chugging about the countryside.

But for him, a Volkswagen is more a necessity than an eccentricity. In fact, it's just what the doctor ordered.

His practice covers 500 square miles. And what with churning through drifts along snow-choked backroads in winter, or logging through mud and

slush in the spring, he logs 15,000 miles a year. And while travel by Volkswagen isn't the fastest method known to man, we were delighted to hear that a bug can still win a race with the stork.

One sub-zero morning, a baby was on the way 20 miles from town. But the doctor wasn't. His other car, a big fast sedan, wouldn't start.

What to do?
"In spite of the cold, the bug started right away," says Dr. Bouchard.

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