

Non-serviced lots frowned on by Board

STOUFFVILLE - Plans to develop nearly 40 acres of land on the east shore of Preston Lake into a community of estate-type residences, received an enthusiastic reception from Planning Board until it was discovered prospective homeowners in the subdivision would be obliged to drill their own wells and install their own services.

"It would be an awful error for council to approve a set up like that", said a concerned Mayor Ken Laushway.

"You can't sell land without servicing it", he told the developers. "You'd never get it approved".

Representing Terraglen Estates Ltd., Malcolm Wardman told the Board it would be in the interests of the purchasers to provide their own services. "It would be much more economical to buy the property unserviced since servicing the area would add greatly to the price of the home", he argued.

But councillor Merlin Baker wasn't convinced. He suggested that it would be cheaper for everybody involved if the developer installed one large well and a tower to service the entire area.

"It would cost a prospective homeowner at least \$1,600 to install their own services", he said.

Twenty high-class residential homes are slated for the proposed

site. Whitchurch Council approved the project in 1969 without the installation of services before Regional Government changed the legal structure forcing developers to have their plans re-enacted.

Terraglen Estates Limited, is confident Regional Govt. will approve the project, however. "The proposed site is an exceptionally good location for estate type homes", Mr. Wardman told councillors.

"The area is near public schools, paved roads and has access to Don Mills Road", he said.

"Three acres have already been purchased by the Separate School Board for a primary school". Planning Board was also told of a scheme to dredge four and a half acres of marshland at the east end of Preston

Lake. The swamp would be converted into a beach and joined to five acres of wooded park land creating a recreational area of nearly 10 acres.

But Mayor Ken Laushway had the last word. He warned developers that if the plan was accepted by council action would be expected on the site.

"We don't want this to become a speculative deal where the land is re-sold innumerable times. Development in this area is limited and if we re-enact the by-law, we want to be sure the area is developed".

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, Bethesda; Mrs. Gertie Nelson, Gormley and Mrs. Pearl Smith, Park Drive North, Stouffville, have returned from a one-month holiday in Florida.

Fish huts seized

LAKE SIMCOE - This winter, several fish hut owners on Lake Simcoe discovered, to their surprise and disappointment, that their buildings had been seized.

Hut owners are also warned that these buildings must be removed from the ice by the first day of April.

Euchre Club

The Ringwood Ladies' Euchre Club held their regular gathering, March 15 at the home of Barb Fockler.

Mrs. Earl Spence of Keswick and Mrs. Leonard Brillinger, Bethesda, have returned from a 3 week vacation in Florida.

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Pace Pee wee team to Ontario playoff finals

These were the payoff players, Friday, in the Stouffville Pee wee team's 7-1 victory over Huntsville. Doug Feasby (left) and Howie Jones (right) each scored two goals. Netminder Stephen Dowswell blocked a total of 31 shots. The I.G.A. boys now advance to the Ontario finals.

Trial ordered in theft case

STOUFFVILLE - a 26 year old Stouffville man has elected to be tried by judge and jury in the Ontario Supreme Court after Judge Russell Pearse

ruled that there was enough evidence to commit him for trial on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

During the preliminary hearing in

Richmond Hill Court, March 16, Constable William Sheridan of the York Regional Police told the Court he removed two H. & M. Racemaster tires, valued at approximately \$70.00 from the Harding Gate residence of John VanKoughnet during a search of the property, Nov. 11, 1970.

The tires were alleged to have been on a vehicle owned by Donald Patterson of Scarborough which was stolen Oct. 6, 1970 and recovered completely stripped in an abandoned gravel pit near Goodwood.

Constable Sheridan told the court VanKoughnet gave \$50.00 to a 15 year old boy after he flagged him down on conc. 1, approximately one mile from where the vehicle was found and asked if he wanted to buy the tires. "The accused had no idea who the youth was and was unable to describe him", Constable Sheridan said.

Later the same day, VanKoughnet reported to police that he had seen the vehicle in the gravel pit and suspected that it might have been stolen. In submitting that charges against the accused be dismissed, Counsel for the defence argued there was no evidence to connect the stolen tires with those found in the VanKoughnet garage.

"My client has already exonerated himself by reporting the stolen car to police and by co-operating with them during their investigation", he said.

But Judge Pearse disagreed. He ruled there was enough evidence to commit the accused for trial.

Bail has been set at \$500.00.

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