

Flood: "Never seen anything like it"

STOUFFVILLE - Flooding, described as the worst in 18 years, caused extensive damage in several homes and had Town employees working round-the-clock in an effort to cope with the problem.

Most seriously affected were residences on Stouffer Street where water in one basement rose to a height of 26 inches.

Mrs. Donald Sneddon said the motors in their freezer, furnace, washer and drier were burned out. She said the water rose at a rate of 6 inches an hour.

Mayor Ken Laushway, commenting on the situation in Council, said he had not seen its equal since Hurricane Hazel. While puzzled concerning the cause, he said later that the proposed addition to the sewer plant might

prevent a similar occurrence.

Councillor Gordon Ratliff pointed to the need of a check on the Town's emergency pumping equipment, should the problem arise again. Several portable pumps plus a heavy-duty unit had to be pressed into service.

Works Department Superintendent, Ron Gibson rejected the suggestion that the overflow was related to

an inadequate sewage plant. He denied too, that the problem was caused by a blocked main. He said a combination of many things - loose weeping tiles leading into the sewers; a heavy over-night rainfall and sudden emission of frost, had created the trouble. "All the frost came out of the ground at once," he explained, "and heavy rains only made things worse".

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Musselman's Lake residents repudiate power boat bylaw

'Outsiders' blamed for safety problems

STOUFFVILLE - Proposed restrictions on powerboats at Musselman's Lake was the subject of heated debate at Whitchurch - Stouffville Council, April 11.

Four letters were received from residents, all objecting to the planned 10 H.P. limit contained in a prepared bylaw. Lending support, was a delegation of 12 persons, with Jack Cox, Ninth Line, the spokesman. He wanted to know why the people had not been contacted and warned of the pending legislation. Mayor Ken Laushway explained that the bylaw had been delayed for that reason - to give the people an opportunity to speak either for or against it.

Mayor Laushway described present circumstances as "a very dangerous situation". "I believe motors will have to be eliminated from the lake eventually, or there'll be no lake left," he said. He said Council was well aware that "outsiders" were getting in and he hoped this could be cured.

A suggestion by Mr. Cox that the bylaw might contain some "economic discrimination", brought a sharp rebuttal from councillor Tom Loneragan. "It doesn't deal with personalities", he said. "Do you think the lake can accommodate twin 75's all over the place?" "I could say I don't care if they kill each

other", he continued, "but we have received complaints, so must try and control it".

Mr. Cox charged that his right to water ski was being infringed upon and predicted that it could be the start of a ban on water skiing everywhere.

Councillor Herb Simpson said it wasn't the Town's idea to push the legislation down anyone's

throat.

Mr. Laushway said some council members had toured the lake area and had spoken to residents concerning the problem. He cited difficulty in establishing ownership of some vacant land where many non-residents launch their boats. He said a search of titles at the Newmarket registry office had accomplished nothing.

The delegation left, after being assured the bylaw's second reading would be held up, pending the receipt of further recommendations and submissions.

Reject V.L.A. extension

BALANTRAE - An application to expand on the present V.L.A. Subdivision at Ballantrae, 'died' on the floor of the York Regional Council chambers, April 13.

In a technical report, submitted by the Planning Committee, the development extension was rejected for the following reasons: (1). A con-

flict with the government-imposed 'freezing' order; (2). Non compliance with a Whitchurch - Stouffville bylaw; (3). The development is pre-mature.

Mayor Ken Laushway said in reply that Council agreed with the committee's recommendation. The report was adopted without further discussion.

Lady writer honored

GOODWOOD - During his recent trip to Canada, U.S. President Richard Nixon introduced one of his speeches with a quotation from the pen of authoress, Frances Shelley Wees, R.R.3, Stouffville.

It read: "Canada is bounded on the north, by gold; on the west, by the East; on the east, by history; and on the south, by friends".

Mrs. Wees recalled writing the lines back in 1936 for use in a Geography textbook which her husband, Dr. Wilfred R. Wees, was about to publish.

"I'm very pleased", she said.

It was interesting to note that President Nixon tactfully declined to quote the poem's last line: "It is our country".



Skaters share moral support

To parade in public takes courage, particularly when Mom and Dad are seated in the stands and watching every move. Skaters Cindy Croft, 5 (left) Winlane Drive and Lori Thompson, Rupert Avenue, age 4, find strength (and sup-

port) in holding hands. They, like dozens of other little guys and dolls, participated in three performances of the 1972 Stouffville Ice Revue, April 14 and 15. The largest crowds in years attended the show. —Jas. Thomas.

Alley operator 'bowled over' by restrictive Town bylaws

STOUFFVILLE - Two bylaws, if enforced, could put Stouffville's Main Street Bowling Centre out of business.

This was the complaint of alley operator, Chauncey Tuck, when he appeared before

members of Town Council, April 11.

Mr. Tuck said that cars parked in front of his premises over the 1-hour limit were being tagged, a practice that occurs mainly when the Centre is open. "The police can tag every customer we have", he complained. "We've built up a clientele, and now they're driving them away".

On a suggestion by Mayor Ken Laushway that customers use the space at the rear of the firehall, Mr. Tuck said the risk of vandalism was too great.

The Mayor admitted the situation to be "a little unreasonable", and explained that a committee had been set up to look into the problem in this, and other areas.

But Mr. Tuck was not through. He charged that the bylaw covering the operation of the Centre itself was such that the police could close it down any day of the week. As an example, he said, regulations stipulate that no unaccompanied person,

under the age of 16 years, can enter the premises. "I don't see why I should have to live under this", he said. "I've been putting up with it for nine years now". He asked that the local law be rescinded - immediately, but Mayor Laushway declined, saying the change would require time.

Prominent realtor

STOUFFVILLE - Service was held from the Stouffville Missionary Church, Wednesday at 2 p.m. for Mr. Harold J. Wood, Westlawn Crescent, one of this community's most prominent realtors.

Mr. Wood, a veteran of World War II, and active in many areas of town life, died suddenly on Monday, at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Surviving besides his wife, the former Margaret Wideman, are two sons, Donald and Kenneth, and a brother, Ernest of Mississauga.

Sell schools

STOUFFVILLE - Four former public schools will be sold, including three in Whitchurch - Stouffville, the Board of Education informed area Councils this week.

Available, at what the Board describes as 'a fair market price', are buildings at Hillcrest, conc. 6; Vandorf and Ringwood; also Hagerman on 14th Avenue, Markham.

The municipalities have been given the first chance to buy them if they so desire.

Mayor avoids airport debate

STOUFFVILLE - While agreeing to answer a question concerning his own personal stand on the airport issue, Mayor Ken Laushway refused to be drawn into a debate on the issue, at a P.O.P. (People or Planes) meeting in Latcham Hall, April 13.

Mayor Laushway said he had not been asked to be part of a panel, but had attended only to listen in. He said he was convinced the airport, if built at all, would go on the pre-selected site in Pickering Twp. "If this organization can prove the airport isn't needed, then it's fine with me", he continued.

"Thirty-two years ago, when I came to Stouffville, it was a country town, and I would like to have seen it stay that way", he went on, "but it has grown and will continue to grow - nothing will stop it".

"You talk about your 'Golden Horseshoe', he said, with reference to the development arc around Toronto. "For Stouffville, the 'golden age' is gone".

The Mayor said he would concentrate his efforts on planning the community to gain whatever benefits the airport

project might bring. While the Mayor's stand was termed "wishy-washy" by one speaker, and jeered by others,

Select P.O.P. chairman

STOUFFVILLE - Bob Lewis, R.R.2, Stouffville, has been named Chairman of the local committee, 'People or Planes'.

The announcement followed a public meeting, April 13.

The executive also includes - John McMurray, vice-chairman; John Garbutt, secretary-treasurer; Bob Cudlip, area co-ordinator; Jim Sanders, promotion; Bob Carder, youth organizer; Gordon Ness, legal representative and Louise Patenall, information officer.

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the meeting's Chairman, Bob Lewis of Bloomington, thanked him for taking the time to attend.

Clark Muirhead of Uxbridge, a prominent leader in the anti-airport campaign, said Stouffville's proximity to the proposed port site, placed the town in a heavy noise area, regardless of government statements to the contrary.

The township councillor argued that any anticipated 'industrial boom' would occur in the serviced area to the south and Stouffville would be left with second-class type factories - and cemeteries, termed 'compatible' with a project of this kind.

Mr. Muirhead placed strong emphasis on the fact that, in his opinion, and the opinion of the organization, a second International Airport is not needed.

Stouffville councillor, Tom Loneragan, urged residents to write their Members of Parliament 'and tromp on their feet'.

Lawyer Gordon Ness, also of Stouffville, spoke on the legal aspects related to land expropriations.



Separations are sometimes sad

Nine months ago, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fraas, Harold Avenue, Stouffville, purchased a 6 week old pup for their son, Robert. 'Buster', described as a miniature collie, made an excellent pet for its young 'master'. But he's no longer as 'miniature' as when the two were first in-

troduced. So 'Buster' must go - to a good home, free. "We feel badly," Mrs. Fraas admitted, "but he's grown too big and we can't keep him tied up on a chain all summer". As for Robert, he's going to miss his collie friend, but he seems to understand. "I'll still have my cat," he said.

Fear York land grab

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Is York Region trying for a 150,000-acre land grab, under cover of the airport?

This suspicion was aroused, according to Uxbridge Township Reeve Bob Nesbitt, at a joint meeting of York Region and Ontario County engineering committees, held March 28. At Township Council, Apr. 17, Reeve Nesbitt warned members that York might try to take over Scott, Uxbridge and Pickering.

"Their attitude was 'Since the airport is partly in Markham anyway, we'll take over these three townships'. "I don't go along with that", said the Reeve. "I've had an association with Ontario County for a long time and I'm not about to give it up".

Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth, a member of the York Region committee, said this matter was not discussed 'officially'.

"It may have been informally mentioned", he admitted. "We were projecting our thoughts into the future. We didn't feel it would be feasible for the airport to be in two municipalities".

Mayor Illingworth outlined difficulties in supplying the site with roads and other services if two jurisdictions were involved. "There was no firm suggestion or proposal", he concluded.