

# Tribune

## Lake truck traffic

### Council rejects compromise

STOUFFVILLE - Eight months ago, Council bowed to pressure from a number of residents and passed a bylaw to restrict truck traffic around Musselman's Lake.

The bylaw was approved a few weeks later by York Region, and then vanished somewhere within the Ontario Department of Transportation and Communications.

After sending several letters, Council finally received a definite - more or less - answer from the Department, April 25.

The provincial officials pointed out several flaws in the bylaw. Among these were: no provision was made for allowing Works Dept. vehicles on the road; the 9th Line North is now a Regional road; and Town bylaws don't apply; and the restriction is unlimited. It was this last point which seemed to concern the Department most, and these officials

suggested the ban apply only at certain seasons or at certain times of day.

"Maybe a compromise could be achieved by restricting traffic during the summer months only," said the letter.

Mayor Ken Laushway made a similar suggestion during passage of the bylaw last August, and seized the opportunity to repeat his arguments.

"I'm concerned that we might end up without any restrictions at all this summer," he said, "I doubt we'll gain approval for a year-round ban."

An amended bylaw was introduced, which corrected the faults of the original one but retained the complete banning of trucks from the South Lake Road. During second reading, Mayor Laushway again suggested that traffic be restricted during the summer months only.

Councillor Betty vanNostrand, in the

Chair for this reading, pointed out to the Mayor that the clause determining that had already been approved. Councillor Merlyn Baker observed that discussion of it could be reopened.

"That road is not suitable for truck traffic at any time of the year," stated Councillor Gordon Ratcliff.

"I agree with that," said Mayor Laushway,

"But this is a public road."

The bylaw was passed, and will be forwarded to York Region and the DT&C for approval. Members also passed a resolution asking the Region to pass a restricting bylaw for the 9th Line.

"I hope it doesn't take the Department another eight months to make up their minds," observed one member gloomily.

### 'Freeze' order

## Who must now enforce it?

STOUFFVILLE - The Minister's Order, which "froze" 30,000 acres of land in Whitchurch-Stouffville, may not be worth the paper it's written on.

This possibility emerged from a Planning Committee meeting May 5, when Bylaw Enforcement Officer Marshall Miller asked members for guidance. When the freeze was put on, to prevent building in noise lands from the Airport, no mechanism of enforcement was established.

"I'm wondering who is responsible for enforcing this Order," Mr. Miller said. "There will be an offense sooner or later."

In fact, he told the committee, one minor offense has already taken place. The Town's bylaw can't be

enforced to cover the situation as it was cancelled by the Order. In an attempt to clear the matter up, said Mr. Miller, he contacted the Department of Municipal Affairs. Officials there suggested the municipality should enforce the Order - but a municipality has no legal authority to enforce provincial regulations.

"I feel this is their law and they should enforce it," the Bylaw Enforcement Officer said. "I want some clarification on this."

Committee Chairman Tom Lonergan agreed. "Since the Minister decided he would go ahead with the freeze, without consulting Council, I feel it's up to them to police it," he said. He indicated a willingness to cooperate in en-



Jimmy Reid, Glad Park Avenue, was one of 550 participants in the Stouffville Lions-sponsored Bike-a-thon, Saturday. And he finished, covering the 30 mile distance in about

five hours. Here, he enjoys a brief rest before heading down the last leg of the route, Ninth Line North.

—Jas. Thomas.

### Editor's Mail

## Lions Club says 'thank you'

Dear Jim:

Through the media of The Tribune, we would like to publicly thank all the people who participated in the Stouffville Lions Bike-A-Thon, Saturday.

Because of the weather, all riders deserve full honors, plus the 85 check-point volunteers who endured the elements without complaint.

The nine motorcyclists from Altona Feed and Supplies also deserve much credit. In addition, ap-

preciation is extended to truck drivers, helpers and owners - Akron Standard and Erle Paisley; Paul Armstrong, Don Anderson Haulage; Jerry Acton, John McEwan, Jim Richards, Ollie Pellett, Lee Sand and Gravel, Bill Lehman, Norm Dent, Master Feeds, Chas. Taylor Fuels and Ted MacLennan. To Helen Hamilton, Lorne Boadway and Don Huxtable who used their cars to deliver water, oranges, apples and cookies made by the

Cancer Society members and Lions wives; to Aiken's Pharmacy for first aid kits; to The Tribune for excellent public relations and press coverage; to Bill Snow in providing 5 portable washrooms, donated for the day at no cost; to the O.P.P., and York Regional Police; to the typists, Gale Harris, Marilyn Lee, Pat Inglis, Jackie Petrie and Helen Huxtable at the Finish Area; to the Lions and volunteers who erected signs along the route and to the Community Centre Board for permission to use the Park and Latcham Hall.

To the public, in their support of this community event, we extend a special thank-you. We hope you will continue to cooperate as the riders call to collect their

pledges. To all who cooperated in any way, and especially the Lions who organized our second Bike-A-Thon, our appreciation.

Sincerely,  
Lion Colin Barrett,  
Lion Bill Murphy,  
Co-Chairman,  
Lions Bike-A-Thon.

forcement, but would go no further.

Mr. Miller termed the whole situation "just passing the buck", and claimed the Airport and the freeze have caused a 15-20 percent increase in the work load for Town employees.

"The federal and provincial governments should subsidize the municipalities because of this extra load," he said. "I don't see why the people of this municipality should pay because of an Order put on by the province."

Mayor Ken Laushway warned members that pressing this matter might mean

losing the last little bit of authority we have left." He referred to applications for amendments to the Order, which go to the province via the municipality. He suggested the Clerk send a letter to the Department, asking who is responsible for enforcement.

"I think any government should be responsible for enforcing its own laws," observed Councillor Merlyn Baker.

The question was left at this point, Mr. Miller declaring, he is not prepared to act until he has written authority to do so.

## Spring Festival Country flavor

PICKERING TWP. - The entire north half of Pickering Twp. is the setting for a 'Spring Festival' this weekend.

The event has been arranged by the People or Planes Committee, and is designed to show the general public what will be lost if plans for a second Airport go through. A variety of programs have been arranged, running the gamut from bake sales to an antique car show, square dancing and craft demonstrations. While there may be

an admission fee for some events, most will be free. The festival will run until 6 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday.

### To host choir

The famed County Town Singers of Whitby, will appear in a concert at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, May 25. Tickets are available at St. Mark's School, Stouffville, or at the door.

## What are we?

STOUFFVILLE - As Gertrude Stein might have put it, "A town is a town"; but it doesn't always work out that way. Sometimes, it seems, a Town is really a Township in disguise.

This is a situation which has been given much thought by Whitchurch-Stouffville Council. When the Town was formed under the Region of York Act, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was made a Township in all but name. This has a bearing on several matters, including

grants, traffic bylaws and others.

Some time ago, Council passed a resolution requesting an amendment to the Act to that Whitchurch-Stouffville would be a real, live, full-grown Town. At a meeting April 25, a reply from Treasurer Darcy McKeough was received.

Mr. McKeough's letter stated that the proposed amendment was in order, and would be presented to the Cabinet for consideration. Council was not impressed. The letter was filed.

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RICHMOND HILL - 55 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill

NEWMARKET - 240 Prospect Street, Newmarket

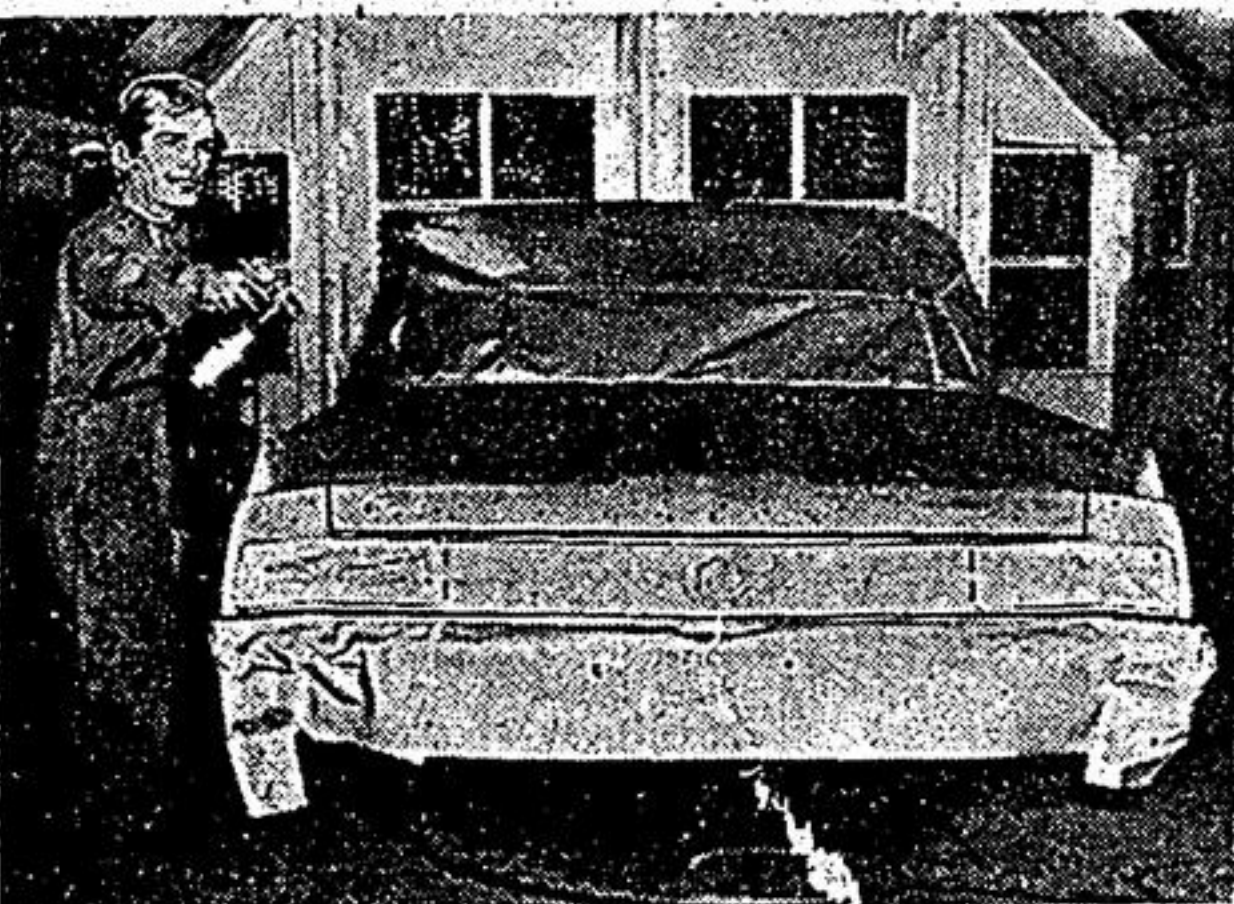
KESWICK - Arena Street, Keswick

To qualify for consideration, applicants must be at least 5'10" in height, be physically and mentally fit, possess a Grade XII graduation certificate, be a Canadian citizen, have 20/20 vision without corrective lens, age from 21 years to 30 years.

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BRUCE CRAWFORD, Chief of Police.

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