

Uxbridge Twp. elections

Councillors undecided

UXBRIDGE TWP. "Rookie" councillors may be in the majority on Uxbridge Township Council after the Municipal elections in December.

So far, only two sitting members have definitely indicated they will seek re-election. Bob Nesbitt will attempt to retain his position as Reeve, as well as contest the post of Warden for Ontario County. D'arcy Higgins will campaign for his council seat.

Undecided yet are Councillors Frank Hendy, Clark Muirhead and deputy reeve Don Jackson. Mr. Hendy, at last contact, strongly favored running for Ontario County Board of Education, regardless of what decision is made on Regionalization.

Mr. Muirhead indicated that he wished to give the question of his candidacy more consideration.

Mr. Jackson expressed a wish to 'step out' if one of his colleagues would run for deputy reeve. He felt that, if Reeve Nesbitt is successful in his bid for Warden, his deputy would have to be prepared to take on

more responsibility, and devote more time to Township affairs than the pressures of business would permit him to spend. He

concluded that he felt it an obligation to the Township that the position be held by an experienced councillor.

Asks review of tax exemptions

YORK REGION - Two buildings, exempt from municipal taxes, received comment at Regional Council meeting, Oct. 26.

Bill Lazenby, Mayor of Richmond Hill, speaking from the ultra-mod Council Chambers, Newmarket, asked that the Financial Committee look into assessment on the building. "I think it a gross injustice that the Region doesn't pay taxes on it," he stated. If you have a Regional building in your municipality, there should be some remuneration for it.

Some members argued that the building provided a public service in the area. "It would be as much sense to tax the firehall," commented Mayor Garnett

Williams, Town of Vaughan.

Mayor Dick Illingworth, Aurora, suggested a reciprocal arrangement where by the Town of Newmarket could use the building.

An analysis of the facility's use potential is to be made.

Later in the agenda, Mayor Ken Laushway recorded his point-of-view regarding Stouffville's Parkview Home, which was accorded tax exempt status in a court ruling, Oct. 18.

"The Home is a wonderful place," he emphasized. "We don't think it should be taxed locally, but there should be some form of Government grant or subsidy to the municipality in which it is located."



'Dusty' is growing faster than his master

When a dog shows such strength, it begins leading its master, then the relationship between the two becomes strained. So it is with 8 year old Trevor Copeman of Ballantrae, and his lovely Collie named 'Dusty'. But rather than

keep the pet tied up all day, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Copeman, with Trevor's consent, have agreed to give him away. Trevor has only one request - that the new owner give 'Dusty' a good home. — Jim Thomas.

Editor's Mail

Dear Jim:
I was interested in the article in The Tribune concerning the use of school gymnasiums for recreation purposes by the public.
This ties in very nicely with another area of concern of the York County Board of Education with regard to charges for the use of school facilities that has been hanging fire for what seems to be almost an eternity.
If I might turn back a number of years to the building of the multi-purpose room at Orchard Park School by the former Stouffville Public School Board, a very similar situation was dealt with

a minimum of controversy. The solution? The Board and the Municipality of Stouffville entered into agreement on the use of the facilities. The Board felt that the facilities were provided through the taxes of the municipality to begin with and they should be used by those people in the interest of good public relations. Non-profit groups were to be permitted free use of the facilities and profit-making local groups were required to pay an amount

equal to the amount necessary to pay the caretaker's wages for that period. The Municipality agreed to help pay for wear and tear if the facilities became worn through use in this manner. The issuing of permits for use of the facilities was carried out by the Board and were subject to their regulations. The only real difference between then and now is that there is a shift system among the caretakers now but there was none then so it was necessary for the caretaker to come

back to the school for the event.

I see no reason why such an agreement could not be worked out between the County Board and the

Fine fishing

STOUFFVILLE - There's lots of fish in them thar lakes, according to a report by R.E. Sider, District Forester, Ministry of Natural Resources. A survey has shown there is a large population of small and largemouth bass in Musselman's and Preston Lakes, and that additional stocking will not improve the angling success.

Mr. Sider advised Council, however, that restocking will take place, if pre-spring inspection shows a depletion of bass.

Buy a poppy

Ivan Goudie, Chairman of the Stouffville Legion's Poppy Committee, has announced that Poppy Days are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4 and Saturday, Nov. 11.

Regional Government to get the maximum use of the equipment and facilities available without the need for duplication. The caretaking staff work in shifts so there would be some responsible person on duty who could look after the interests of the school without any serious strain on the staff or additional cost to the Board for overtime. Mr. McKay, the Trustee, is to be commended for his foresight in the matter and should take heart in the knowledge that it actually functioned in Stouffville up to 1969. I and many others would welcome its return again. It may not make money but it is more beneficial in the long run.

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