

**Cedarwood City**

**Environment - has top priority**

MARKHAM - For perhaps the first time in Canadian town planning experience, the full range of environmental considerations will play a key role in determining the very nature of the new Community to be created in North Pickering.

A basic objective of the North Pickering Team is to: "Ensure that planning and

development of the North Pickering Community takes the fullest possible advantage of the existing systems and relationships in the natural and cultural environment while remaining in harmony with them."

These environmental considerations include not only the natural factors - soil, water, trees, hills, valleys and wildlife - but the cultural and historical as well. As such these additional objectives have been established:

- 1) to define the areas of the townsite commonly referred to as "hazard lands" where urban land uses would suffer damage by disrupting natural ecological systems.
- 2) to provide guidelines for location of particular types of physical urban land use.
- 3) to enhance those areas of the site deemed environmentally significant for the



**New community organization receives \$500 cheque**

'Information Please', is a new organization, operating out of the Markham Centennial Library. Its objective is to acquaint residents in the communities of Markham, Stouffville and Unionville, with services available in the area. To 'help get the show on the road', the Kiwanis Club

of Markham, recently presented the executive with a cheque for \$500. Making the presentation here to Doris Nicolson, Henry Corson Place, is Dr. John Hall, Main Street, Kiwanis Insurance. Looking on are Pat Houston (left) of Stouffville and Gail Newell, Southdale Ave., Markham.

aesthetic, floral faunal or aquatic characteristics as community

owned or protected areas for the enjoyment of all residents.

4) to provide an identity or "sense of place" for all residents of the North Pickering Community by fostering and maintaining the history and culture of the townsite and its immediate region.

The North Pickering Community Development Project group has undertaken a major study of the history of the area and

its residents and, with federal involvement, has established the Joint Environmental Co-ordinating Committee.

An Oral History of the area was undertaken this summer with two university students meeting local residents to gather, on tape, their recollections. This survey is interested in more than facts. It hopes to capture the flavor of the speakers, and their type of speech, factors that often tell more

about an area than any history book.

The Oral History is being prepared with the help of the Pickering Historical Society and the Ontario Archives. Material will be researched and classified, and held by the Archives in the Private Manuscript Section, stored as a single collection forever.

In addition, plans are underway to review and catalogue buildings and sites for historical architectural significance. Local factors will be deemed as provincial and national considerations.

Plans call for an initial survey by experts from the Canadian Inventory Historical Buildings group of the federal government. The normal terms of reference will be altered, and instead of reviewing only those buildings built prior to 1880, the CIHB staff will look at buildings constructed in North Pickering prior to 1914.

This information will be supplemented by historic data related to local settlement and growth to identify buildings and sites that are important to the area's history. A Settlement History Report on this subject is now underway.

As this initial work begins, other investigations are proceeding with relation to the natural environment with guidance from such bodies as the Metropolitan Toronto Region Conservation Authority.

**Buy forest property**

STOUFFVILLE - A request by Stouffville, that the Region of York consider purchase of the Workman property, gained approval at Regional Council. The necessary bylaw was delayed by an administrative change within the federal Ministry of National Resources, and a second bylaw had to be passed. The necessary approvals were received, and Council gave third reading to a bylaw authorizing acquisition of the property. The Workman parcel lies in Lot 24, Con. 7, north-west of Ballantrae. It adjoins an extensive stretch of Regional Forest, and is to be added to those holdings.



**Assessment Review Court NOTICE OF HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE that the first sitting of the Assessment Review Court for the year 1972 to hear complaints against assessment for taxation in 1973 in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in the Regional Municipality of York will be held at Whitchurch Community Hall, Don Mills Road, Vaudreuil, Ontario, commencing at 9:30 a.m. on December 6th, 1972.

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