

# Editor's Mail

## Ballantrae Study should occupy planning priority

Dear Sir:

On reading your Nov. 2, issue, I was much disturbed by Town Council's consideration of yet another plan for spot rezoning for subdividing in the Ballantrae area. It is my understanding that an approved Official Town Plan does exist for this area and this spot rezoning is contrary in every way to that Plan. The function of a Town Plan is to provide Planning Board and Council with a sense of predetermined direction, and variance from this plan should be the extreme exception rather than the rule, as recently demonstrated.

therefore suggest that in any future plan for development, the builder be required to provide services. It is well known that much of the land in this Town could be purchased by developers for future subdividing. Council has a moral obligation first to protect the best interests of its residents, before the interests of the developers.

Jim Wong,  
R.R. 3,  
Stouffville.



### A final dip

All summer long, a pair of white ducks have attracted the attention of visitors to the Claremont Conservation Area, Pickering Twp.

But with fall here, and winter on the way, the days for warm swims in the sun, are over. —Jim Thomas.

The present school at Ballantrae, and the bussing facilities to both elementary and high school are at best overtaxed. The local recreational facilities are proving inadequate for the present population. It would seem desirable that no further development be permitted until Town Council can provide an accurate census of the Hamlet. It has been suggested to me by several concerned parties that the population of Ballantrae may presently exceed five hundred, the maximum number for a hamlet according to the Official Plan.

Dear Sir:

The death of the lady motorist following a collision at the intersection of the Bloomington Road and Hwy. 48 was indeed a tragedy.

However, it is becoming increasingly irritating to me, to read in The Tribune and elsewhere, the written complaints of Uxbridge Twp. Councillor, Clark Muirhead. His 'beefs' deal with everything from gravel pits, gravel operators, gravel trucks and road-building to the proposed Airport. I would like to point out to councillor Muirhead, that for every accident caused by a gravel truck, or any kind of truck for that matter, there are ten caused by automobiles.

The Town Council and any prospective developers have an obligation to provide essential services in order to protect both the established home owners and the unsuspecting purchasers. I would

As a matter of fact, truckers are the most courteous drivers on the road. In my opinion, Mr. Muirhead has cost the municipality many thousands of dollars in legal fees and court

hearings, all out of the public treasury.

Nor is he himself immune from the need of gravel. Several years ago, I delivered several loads to his 6th concession residence. Rather, I could have suggested he obtain it from a supplier in Kapuskasing, have it shipped by rail to

Claremont, and then by horse and wagon, or wheelbarrow to his home. It might have cost him \$125 a ton, but then, who cares about expense?

As the saying goes: If you don't like it, leave it.

Aylmer Carter,  
Claremont, R.R. 1.

### Hydro 'set-back'

STOUFFVILLE Hope for area conservationists and, particularly, residents in Vandorf, was regenerated, Nov. 2, by Dr. Omond Soland's announcement that the three alternative routes, pushed by Ontario Hydro for its 500,000-volt power line from Nanticoke to Pickering, may be rejected.

Dr. Soland's preliminary report recommends a further environmental study and he is quoted as saying, "the chances of finding a better route are so high, I think we ought to look at it again."

The new Study will probably begin early in December and take longer than four months to complete. The main purpose is to consider public opinion, and workshops will be held in different communities in which local politicians, planning experts and concerned citizens will be invited to participate.

The additional study is expected to cost between \$100,000 to \$200,000.

### Appreciation

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to all those who supported me in the federal election of October 30th. While I was not successful, I believe we did succeed in creating an awareness on the part of the people of this area as to the kind of priorities that we as a society should expect from our Federal Government. I am confident that the concerns voiced by the New Democratic Party and myself during this election

campaign will compel the new government to move in a direction which will satisfy these concerns. In this respect, therefore, I believe we have been successful. I want to assure you that I will continue to press for these new priorities through every avenue open to me. I am confident also, that you will eventually place your trust in the New Democratic Party.

Sincerely,  
Alban Ward.

### Township of Uxbridge MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The nominations papers of candidates for the following offices may be filed at the Township Office during the time set out below. (All Offices for a two-year term.)

- 1.—REEVE
- 2.—DEPUTY REEVE
- 3.—COUNCILLORS—(3 to be elected)
- 4.—Members of the Ontario County Board of Education (2 to be elected by Public School Supporters in the Area comprising the Townships of Uxbridge, Scott, Reach and the Town of Uxbridge)

Nominations will be accepted during normal office hours beginning Thursday, November 9th at 9:00 A.M. and continuing until Monday, November 13th at 5:00 P.M. at which time nominations will close. A person nominated as a candidate may withdraw his nomination before 5:00 P.M. of the day following nomination day.

D. S. Kennedy, Clerk,  
Township of Uxbridge,  
Goodwood, Ontario.

### Bicycle - no axles or spokes

The Honda Motor Co. Ltd. recently held its third annual All Honda Idea Contest in Hamaamatsu, Japan and the Grand Prize winner was a spokeless, axleless bicycle.

The bicycle shattered the common belief that a wheel must have an axle. Professor Masahiro Mori of the Tokyo University of Technology said, "A very difficult problem was beautifully solved. This idea is almost like removing the heart from a human being or making a camera

### Conditions for truck terminal

STOUFFVILLE - A report from the Area Services Branch on a proposal, by Donald Sabiston, to build a truck terminal at the north-west corner of

Bloomington Road and Conc. 10, was presented to Planning Committee, Nov. 3. The project would comprise truck service facilities, snack bar, office, parking for 125 cars and 24 tractor trailers.

The report concluded that, from a planning viewpoint, the location is suitable for the terminal, but that it would have to be rezoned and released from the airport 'freeze' restrictions;

there is a potential for water pollution and the proposal should not proceed before the Ministry of Environment approves the water supply and disposal arrangements.

Planning Committee agreed that a copy of the report be sent to Mr. Sabiston and that Council would support his application to rezone if he indicated willingness to follow the Ministry's recommendations.



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