

## Emmerson leading trade trek to China

An information meeting on a Stouffville-China trade delegation will be held in council chambers, May 28 starting at 7 p.m.

The trip, which is from Aug. 21 to 31; will be led by Mayor Wayne Emmerson. Mr. Emmerson was part of another local trade trip to China in 1998.

Anyone interested in being a member of the delegation or who just wants more information on the trip is invited to attend the meeting.

Please RSVP to Tamara Carlson, 905-640-1910 ext. 2227.

## Weekend street closure to promote walking, Memorial Park activities

Burkholder Street between Park Drive and the leisure centre/library access road will be closed to vehicles on weekends starting this weekend.

The temporary closure will start Fridays at 3:30 p.m. and go until 8 p.m. Sundays. It will remain in effect until October.

The purpose of the weekend road closure is to promote pedestrian activity and programming in Memorial Park, according to a report to council this week.

Diverted traffic, from now until 2031, when full build-out of the municipality is expected, can be accommodated on the adjacent roads, according to a Dec. 2011 Memorial Park traffic impact study prepared by HPR/iTrans.

About 50 per cent of people who attended a workshop for the updated Memorial Park master plan last year supported a full closure of Burkholder Street through the park, while 30 favoured a partial or seasonal shut down.

Roughly 20 per cent of the residents wanted no change, according to the report to town council this week.

## GOVERNMENT: Businessmen Mah Wat, Joe Borinsky on list

# Town wants 'convenient' street names

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The road leading to Stouffville's library/leisure centre is technically a driveway.

However, council just designated it a public highway.

Now, that road needs a name.

There are about 100 names on the town's approved list ready to be snapped up, but some of them may never make it to a street sign.

In a recent report to council, staff stated some of the names were "unconventional" and "would prove inconvenient to the future homeowners on those streets".

Some of the street names questioned by staff include Johnabe, as well as Arbutus and Babylonia, which are both Latin tree names brought to the committee by a former councillor about 20 years ago because they were running out of names, according to Joanne Burnett, secretary of the town's street naming and watercourse committee.

Also noted by town staff for its uniqueness was Mah Wat.

Mr. Wat was a prominent businessman in the 1930s and '40s as owner of Mah Wat's Laundry.

"Just as prominent as other businessmen like the Schells and the Boadways," Ms Burnett told The Sun-Tribune.

The committee has yet to suggest to



council where Mah Wat should be used because Ms Burnett said they want to create a cluster of roads recognizing businessmen from the same era, much like the area south of Hoover Park Drive that pays homage to former reeves.

Staff would also prefer roads be of the single-name variety, unlike the above-mentioned Richard Underhill and Ken Laushway avenues.

"They can't change ones that are already done. If council wants us to stay away from them, we will," Ms Burnett said.

That means no Joe Borinsky Road, which is on the approved list.

Mr. Borinsky re-opened J.A. Mitchell's cheese factory in Ringwood after it was closed for a number of years, according to the book *Stouffville: 1877/1977*. He was also on the first hydro committee.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

► What do you think of your street name? E-mail a letter to [jmason@yrmg.com](mailto:jmason@yrmg.com)

Before names go to council, approval is obtained by the region and local fire department.

In the six years Ms Burnett has been on the street naming committee, none of their requests to council have been declined.

Now, when conflicts arise, a staff report will also be given to council for consideration.

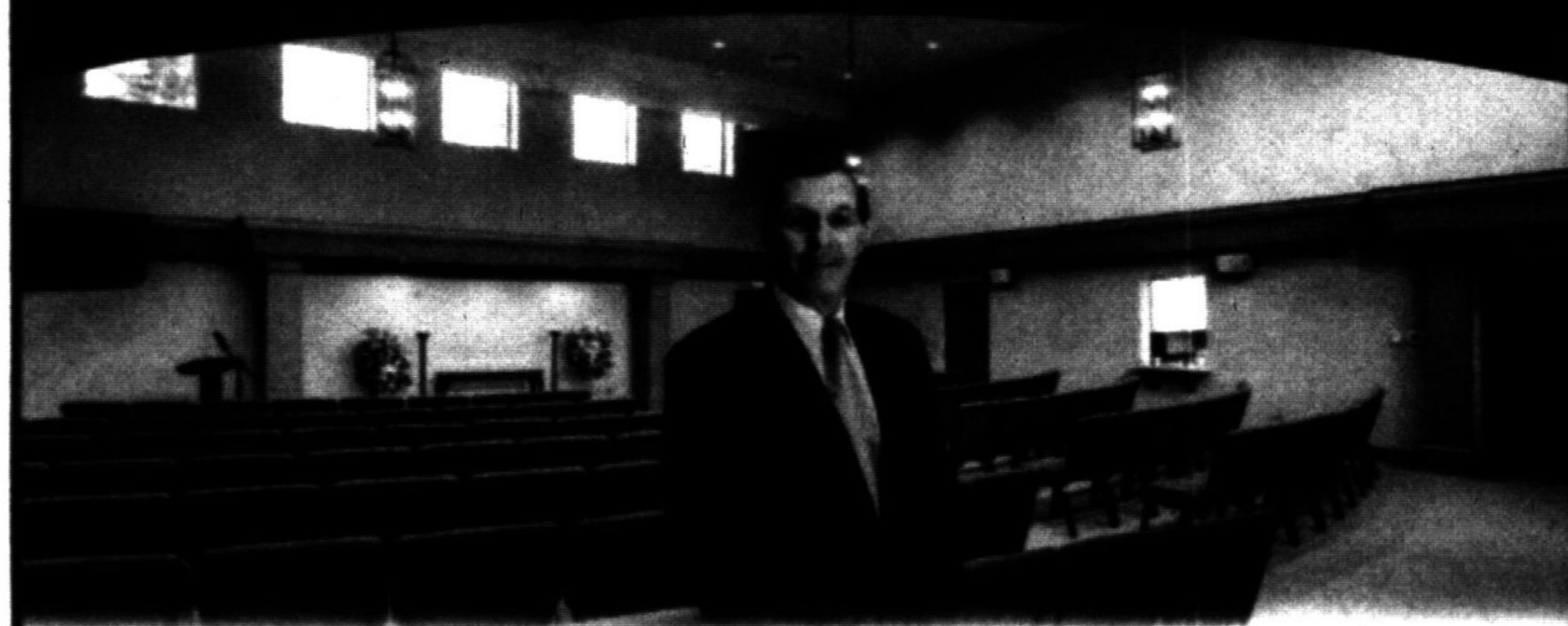
"If they want to do more work for us that just might mean one more person to give us a hand," Ms Burnett said.

Each new recommendation is researched by the volunteer committee, which has four members on it.

Virtually all of the municipality's 460-plus street names mean something to the history of Whitchurch-Stouffville, even if no one can quite recall what that relevance is.

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