

Moving of Marsh Christian school discussed by Ward 6 candidates

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the ward is the relocation of Holland Marsh District Christian School. One woman in Schomberg charged Rupke with voting against the majority of the local residents, adding the process didn't follow proper protocol regarding the site plan for the proposal and, as a real estate agent, had a conflict of interests on the matter.

Rupke countered the proposed new location for school is in a settlement area, where this is a permitted use. He added people in the area were involved in the process and kept informed all along. As well, he said the school has been in its current Dufferin Street location for some 60 years and has outgrown the available space. The last expansion was in the 1980s.

"This was the logical location, taking into consideration where the pupils were coming from," he remarked. "This is a central location."

He also pointed out a facility like this pays property taxes and the parents who send their children there pay education taxes, from which they don't benefit because it's a private school.

As for the conflict of interests suggestions, Rupke said he had been involved in the negotiations before he was on council, but his lawyer had told him he didn't have a conflict because he hadn't benefitted personally. Rupke subsequently went to see a municipal lawyer, at the request of Township staff, and was told that while he may not have benefitted, the broker for whom he was working would have, so he was

advised to declare a conflict and he didn't vote on the final decisions involving the school

The future of Bathurst Street was on the minds of some of the people in Ansnorveldt. De Vries said he's talked to some officials from the Region and learned there's been talk of extending the road through the road allowance north of Green Lane, calling it "somebody's definition of progress."

Addressing improvements needed in the canal, Rupke said it's a long-term project, adding it's complicated, complex and involved. He stated the drainage commission has devoted a lot of energy toward getting the required certificates in place so the work can start. He added if they had come from the federal department of oceans and fisheries, would could

have started two or three years ago. He added most of the funding for the project will be coming from farmers throughout the marsh, although it's possible money can be obtained through the Canadian-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF).

"I'm the new kid on the block, so I don't know a lot about bureaucracy," De Vries declared, "but I learn quickly."

Events at Nobleton Library

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Nobleton Library

All area seniors are welcome to join us at the library this Friday (Nov. 3 at 2:30 p.m.) for A Movie and A Cup of Tea.

All branches of King Township Public Library will be closed next Saturday (Nov. 11) in observance of

Rupke also asserted he doesn't support a hydro transformer station going in the ward, but if it is imposed on the municipality, it has to go in according to King's terms. He added the solution will not be simple, stating council and staff will have to negotiate for the best deal possible.

De Vries, in his final remarks, reminded voters of increasing traffic, residents not feeling like full partners

in the process and not being visited by politicians, hydro corridors, a library being closed a lot of the time, a community where the school, church and library have been working well together and one of those partners wants to move, people who have trouble accessing Highway 9 because there are no intersections with signals and Durham and York Regions looking for places to burn garbage.

Remembrance Day.

All area children are welcome to join us Nov. 18 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. to make six dazzling Christmas crafts. There will also be some festive and fun word games. The cost is \$8.50 per child and you must pre-register at the library. We will be using paint and glue guns. This program is for ages six to 13

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Seniors' euchre

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