

Community News

Shopping Plaza Cancelled

There was to have been another shopping plaza built just south of the Fallingbrook Centre mall (the IGA as everyone knows it), on the south-east corner of Charlemagne and Tenth Line. According to Councillor Dave Lewis, the developer had 80% of the stores filled with tenants, including another grocery store as the anchor. Unfortunately the Your Independent Grocer pulled out when YIG bought out the Steinbergs chain, in particular the store on Orleans Blvd, and this caused the whole deal to collapse.

Council will now have to decide what to do with this land which is now zoned commercial. One possibility is to use it for medium density residential housing. Subsidized housing has been mentioned. The land is viewed as quite appropriate for social housing, since it is well situated near to stores and transportation, yet there are no immediate neighbours who might object as did those near the Princess Louise project. Cumberland Council is aware that it is not advisable to put too much subsidized housing in any one location.

Tenth Line Interchange

The map in this newsletter shows the status of construction of the Tenth Line Road interchange to Hwy 17 and the associated roads. The details are from Barry Townsend, the engineer for the Region who is responsible for the project. He stresses that all dates are tentative.

We've all enjoyed watching the big earth movers removing the top of the hill for the new Tenth Line Road. They have now reached the bedrock at the top of the hill, so that blasting will be required during the winter.

Material from the top of the hill is being moved to the north side of Hwy 17 to build up a mound for the bridge structure and ramps on that side. The mound south of Hwy 17 is largely completed, although there is a lot of fill required for the exit ramps.

Champlain Interchange

Construction of the Champlain interchange to Highway 17 is several years behind schedule. Part of the problem stemmed from a dispute with a landowner east of there whose land had to be expropriated; the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario does not begin projects until they have all the land. All land is now in hand. Unfortunately because of the delay, the project lost its funding from the province.

Dave Kimmett, the MTO engineer now responsible for the project, says that he hopes to tender the contracts in the spring of 1993, and that it will require 2 years of work to complete. But he points out that funding is not guaranteed given the province's financial problems.

The next phase of construction will be to blast the rock where Champlain Street is to pass over Hwy 17. The excavated material will be used as fill further east where the highway will be widened to four lanes as far as Trim Road. The present road by Place d'Orléans will become the exit and entrance ramp structure.

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Population: 17,401
Residences: 4,715

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Contract for bridge footings over Hwy 17 to be tendered December 1992, construction summer 1993.

Fill for ramps in spring 1993.

Hwy 17 to remain 2 lanes until MTO regains funding.

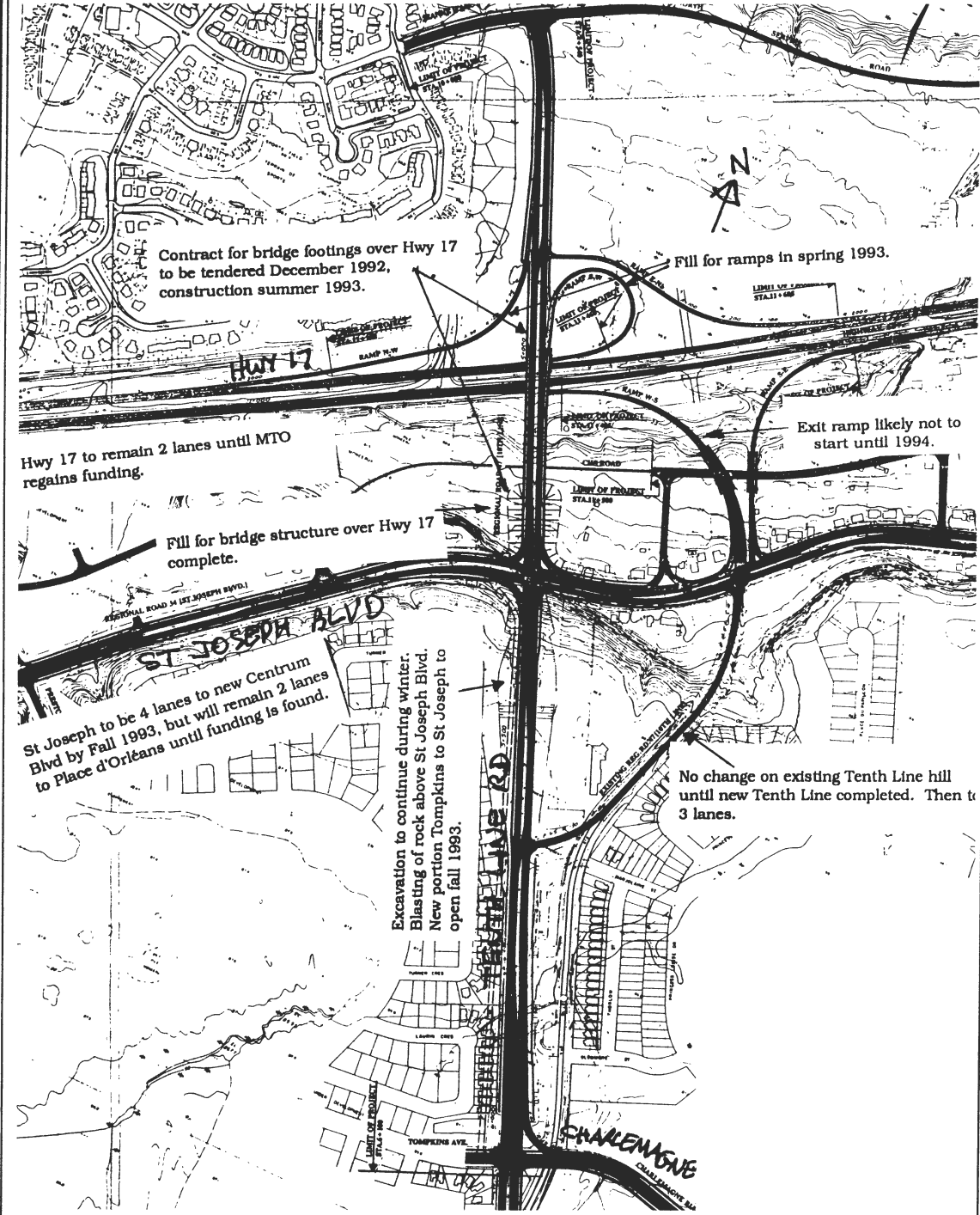
Exit ramp likely not to start until 1994.

Fill for bridge structure over Hwy 17 complete.

St Joseph to be 4 lanes to new Centrum Blvd by Fall 1993, but will remain 2 lanes to Place d'Orleans until funding is found.

Excavation to continue during winter. Blasting of rock above St Joseph Blvd. New portion Tompkins to St Joseph to open fall 1993.

No change on existing Tenth Line hill until new Tenth Line completed. Then to 3 lanes.



REGIONAL MARKET VALUE ASSESSMENT

Earlier this year, the Ottawa-Carleton Region approved a "Market Value Assessment" plan for all municipalities within the region. The implementation of the new assessment formulas will affect all properties as of the beginning of the 1993 taxation year. The purpose of the revised assessments is to ensure that properties of similar value, regardless of location within the region, will be taxed at the same level.

In Cumberland Township, many residential property owners may see a reduction in the assessed value of their lots and houses. However, many businesses will experience an increased assessment. In order to permit the new program to be phased in as easily as possible, the region will provide a one time grant to the Township. This grant of approximately \$925,000 will allow the municipal council to cushion the effects of the new assessments.

The Regional Assessment Office has sent new assessment notices to all property owners. If you have any questions with respect to the assessment of your property, you can ask an assessor for an explanation. The Regional Assessment Office may be contacted by phoning 526-3890. There is also an appeal process which residents may follow if they are unhappy with the assessment. That appeal is forwarded to the Assessment Review Board. The Regional Registrar, located at 2378 Holly Lane, Ottawa, must be in receipt of assessment appeals no later than January 12, 1993.

OPP OFFICES

Recently, the Ontario Provincial Police held an Open House at the Cumberland detachment located on Tompkins Street. Remember that in emergencies, the 911 telephone number can be used to call on any emergency service such as police, fire or ambulance. However, if you have general enquiries, or non-emergency requests, the police detachment asks that you use the general information line which is 837-4247.



REGIONAL STRUCTURE

By now, Mr. Graeme Kirby, (the provincially appointed Commissioner reviewing the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Municipal structure), will have submitted his report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Mr. Kirby has conducted numerous meetings and information sessions with municipal politicians, officials and residents from all parts of the region. As a result of these consultations, a number of issues have been identified and possible scenarios have been mentioned for improvements to our local government structure.

For example, the interim report suggested that the region, with its two tier system and eleven local municipalities, could maintain the status quo; or, there could be certain services rationalized such as policing, fire protection and economic development; or, there could be a total realignment of local municipal boundaries and rather than the current eleven, there would be five "super" cities; or, there could be a municipal government structure of only one tier whereby the total population of the region would be represented by one municipal council.

During the public information sessions open to all residents, there seemed to be a reluctance to accept the "bigger is better" theory. A number of Cumberland Township residents addressed the Commissioner with their concern that if super cities were created, or a one tier system was introduced, then there would be a loss of our sense of community that we experience in Cumberland. Furthermore, it was suggested that by making the municipal government larger, we are simply moving our elected representatives further away from us and our problems. However, there were suggestions that certain services could be viewed from a regional perspective. There are some very compelling arguments that favour, for example, a regional economic development office. There is an economic interdependency among the municipalities in this region. In order to capitalize on investment and development opportunities, it would probably make more sense if there were a region wide economic development office, rather than eleven separate offices, all competing for the same developments.

Mr. Kirby's final report will become available for review and comment around the end of November 1992. After further consultation with area residents and politicians, the Provincial Government would then propose legislation, if any changes were to be implemented. If you have any comments or concerns about the proposals, please advise the region and the Commissioner.

FALLINGBROOK CANADA DAY 1992

Again this year on Canada's 125th anniversary, we got good weather, great entertainment and most of all excellent participation from the community in putting on the July 1st ceremonies at the Ray Friel Centre.

We have already started the planning process for 1993 and as part of that process, we on the Canada Day executive would like to hear your input of suggestions for the event. If you have any ideas to help make the day a complete family participation event, don't hesitate to call me with your ideas or suggestions.

PLEASE HELP - Due to technical difficulties, we lost most of the pictures we took on July 1st this year. If any of you good citizens of Fallingbrook have pictures of our Canada Day celebration that we can borrow the negatives, we will provide a special prize from the Fallingbrook Canada Day Committee.

As with past years, a number of volunteers worked tirelessly on July 1st in order to make the big event a complete success. I would like to publicly thank those volunteers and the dedicated executive of the Canada Day Committee for their assistance in making the day the success that it was.



Dave Berry
President
Fallingbrook Canada Day Committee
837-6160



Neighborhood Watch

Unlike previous articles in the Fallingbrook Newsletter, where I told you of Neighbourhood Watch activities, this update is about another topic entirely. After five years of running the Fallingbrook Neighbourhood Watch program, I have decided to move on to other community activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all you dedicated people who went door-to-door to set up the program on your own streets. It was because of you that Neighbourhood Watch works at the grass roots level. While you street captains are the unsung heroes of this program, without your individual efforts we would not enjoy the great and secure community that exists here in Fallingbrook. I cannot thank each and everyone of you individually but as a community group, you have been both helpful and supportive of Neighbourhood Watch - **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

The other reason for this article is not quite so positive. To date, nobody has volunteered to take over running the Neighbourhood Watch program. Without a coordinator for the program, it will decline and cease to exist in a very short period of time. I have been advised by the OPP that if the program does not continue, we as a community will lose the highly visible Neighbourhood Watch signs at the entrances to Fallingbrook. I hope for the sake of the community that someone will find the time to take over the running of this very commendable program because the alternative is no Neighbourhood Watch program at all in Fallingbrook.

Dave Berry
Past President
Fallingbrook Neighbourhood Watch
837-6160



CBE Cumberland Elementary School

In response to the negative reaction to the grade and program structure proposed for the new CBE school, the CBE has formed a working group of parents/community volunteers to examine this concern and to put forward a preferred community based solution to this problem. The Cumberland working group is composed of representatives from all Cumberland elementary Schools and from all local community groups.

The working group began its work in early September and has presented a final report and recommendation to the Carleton Board of Education on November 10, 1992. The decision taken by the working group was based on several objectives/concerns including the need to balance enrollment and space in all Cumberland schools, support for the concept of dual/triple tracking of all schools in the area to facilitate community based education, the accommodation of the educational needs of the community given future growth within the Cumberland area and recognition of the need to repatriate those Late French Immersion students who are currently attending schools outside of Cumberland boundaries.

The working group recommendation would alter the grade structure of all Cumberland schools to reflect the following:

Dunning Foubert:	Dual Track JK-8 English/Early French Immersion
Queenswood:	Dual Track JK-6 English/Early French Immersion
Meadowview:	Dual Track JK-6 English/Early French Immersion
Riverview:	Dual Track JK-6 English/Early French Immersion
Fallingbrook:	Dual Track JK-8 English/Early French Immersion
New Cumberland ES:	Triple Track JK-8 English/Early & Late French Immersion

A final decision on the grade structure of the new school and all other area schools is planned for mid-December 1992.

Jim Elders



Message From Your Mayor

Ray Friel Fitness Studio

On Thursday, November 12, was the official opening of the Ray Friel Fitness Studio. This is a facility on the second level of the Ray Friel Centre that is completely outfitted with equipment that will help our residents stay in shape. One is now able to have a complete body workout with weight-training devices, cardio-vascular machines, and knowledgeable instructors to help tailor fitness programs. The municipality has contracted out this facility to Strength Tek, a fitness consulting firm, and President Lorne Goldenberg is extremely pleased with the membership which was in excess of 201 individuals as of November 4. I would recommend that anyone interested in physical fitness visit the facility and review with Mr. Goldenberg the opportunities that are available.

Tenth Line Road Construction

Tenth Line Road Construction is proceeding as planned. This has created some inconvenience for our residents; however bear with us. The contractor and the Region have worked with the municipality and residents to minimize any negative impact this may have on our community. During the winter months, there will be continued construction with respect to laying watermains and sewer lines. In the spring, the construction activity will increase for the summer months.

Holiday Season

On behalf of my wife Norma, my family, and members of Council, I would like to extend to each and everyone of you a very safe, healthy, and happy holiday and best wishes for 1993.

As always, positive and constructive criticism is appreciated

Brian Coburn 830-6209 (office)
835-2602 (res.)

Recreation

Canadian Airlines International Friel Day Fun Run

Way back on Sunday May 31st, the Fallingbrook Recreation Committee held its 3rd annual 5K and 10K run to raise money towards the fit up of the Ray Friel Centre. His worship Brian Coburn fired the starter's pistol to launch one hundred and twenty three hearty runners ranging from 11 to 65 as they braved the sometimes drizzle (other times pouring rain!) to compete in the two events held along Fallingbrook's streets and park pathways. The Run raised \$1,700.00 plus the raffle ticket proceeds from the Canadian Airlines International sponsorship which this year was two tickets to Hawaii valued at \$4,500.00.

Winners

		5K		10K	
Male:	1	Robin Rensby	16:49	Ed Short	32:59
	2	Sean Clancy	17:19	Paul Turner	33:19
	3	Daniel Vandervoot	18:09	Eric Porter	36:31
Female:	1	Beverly Cummings	18:37	Carol Anne Chenard	45:30
	2	M.C. Gillingham	19:18	Philippa McNeil	45:52
	3	Linda Hickman	21:07	Heather Gallagher	46:42

Sponsors

Our major sponsor, **Canadian Airlines International** deserve special recognition who, thanks to their representative and active Fallingbrook resident, **Reid Evans**, have been with us for 3 years. Several local businesses donated in a variety of ways: **Loeb IGA** and **East Side Mario's** donated hamburgers, pizza and drinks to the runners and volunteers. The runners and volunteers were treated to a free swim in the OASIS thanks to the hospitality of **Cumberland Township**. Sponsors for a logo on the **runners' T-shirts** were:

Builders Warehouse	CIBC	Certigard (Fallingbrook)	O'Tooles
Royal Lepage (Fallingbrook)	Steve Anderson Karate	SYSTEMHOUSE	The Beer Store
The Rose Room	The Villages Association	Town Centre Newstand	

Other businesses donated prizes:

Cycle Path	Dixie Dee	George Saumure	Minskie's
Orleans Bowling Lanes	Sooters		

Volunteers

Over 50 volunteers, younger and older, helped us on the day in a wide variety of ways such as ensuring the route was clearly marked and safe, registering the runners, and working at rain soaked water stations (yep, the runners were thirsty even in the rain!). A big thank you goes to the Fallingbrook residents and Recreation Committee members who helped. Also thanks to the dozen **Young Leaders in Training** who assisted as route guides. You might have noticed members of the **Rockland OPP** volunteering their time to

close a portion of Charlemagne Boulevard - they were essential in keeping the route safe and the disruption minimal. Key players throughout the run's organisation were:

Ray Allard	Registration and Results
Barry Bowden	Route Setup and Control
Pam Fripp	Volunteer Recruitment, Medals and Food Distribution
Suzanne Gagne	Sponsorships
John Taylor	Run Co-Chairman, co-founder and all around great guy.

Tennis News

In its first year of operation, the Gardenway Park tennis courts were used steadily after 117 members joined on registration day alone. I would like to thank volunteer Tennis club manager **Alain Godin** who did a super job directing the club in its inaugural season and in hiring excellent local students as supervisors. **Al Tweddle** of the Queenswood Heights Tennis Club graciously provided us the benefit of his experience. If you have suggestions or would like to help next year, Alain (837-7521) or myself welcome your input.

Hockey and Skating Rink News

There will be two major rink areas in Fallingbrook this winter. In the **Fallingbrook Park**, the hockey rink and separate pleasure (no sticks allowed) rink are going into their fourth season. Reid Evans (837-0307) and myself will again manage these rinks with the help of other local volunteer residents and hired students. New this year is the hockey rink and pleasure skating area at **Gardenway Park** behind Jeanne Sauve School. Managing this area will be Mike Saucier (830-0522) and Paul Dupuis. As always, either rink can be reserved on certain evenings and weekend periods for community groups such as girl guides, hockey association practices, etc.

Both hockey rinks are lit and available until 9:00 p.m at which time the scraping and flooding start. I know it is not a glamorous job, but if you can volunteer an hour every second week to help scrape and flood the ice surfaces that you or your children use, please give us a call. We even have a large volunteer appreciation plaque in Fallingbrook's community centre waiting for your name!

Employment Opportunity!

We need local students, 17 years old and up, to help scrape, flood, and supervise our park's rinks. We want responsible young adults who will take pride in the supervising their rink and in maintaining a high quality ice surface. If interested, drop a brief resume off in the mailbox at 627 Glenside Terrace.

During the Ray Friel Centre's planning stages, the Recreation Committee wrote to township recommending an outdoor pleasure skating rink just in front of the centre. It appears this will now become a reality. Hot chocolate will be close by at the Barefoot Cafe and, hopefully, lights and music will add to the ambiance. !

Hope you have a great winter season,



Paul Pelletier, 824-9992

Chairman, Fallingbrook Recreation Committee

