

Alcoholics Anonymous group opens storefront drop-in

A group of Alcoholic Anonymous members have gotten together to organize a drop-in centre at an unused store on Spruce Street in Don Vale. Called the Owl Club, it is located at 143 Spruce and is open

to people who are members of A.A. or who have an alcohol problem.

The Owl Club is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until the last person leaves late at night.

Membership in the club has been set at \$3 a month and most of this is used to pay the rent on the storefront which is \$100 a month. The Kiwanis Club has lent them chairs and various members have donated

items of furniture to make the drop-in comfortable.

A spokesman for the club emphasized that no alcohol is allowed on the premises but they do serve coffee, tea, milk and soft drinks.

Regular A.A. meetings are at 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays and again at midnight on those two nights. The club also provides counselling and referrals to those with alcohol problems.



This dramatic picture, taken late at night at the corner of Parliament and Carlton shows life as few people see it here in Ward Seven.

Photo by Cubby Coatsworth



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Regent gets child abuse grant

by ELIZABETH MARSH

The Metro Children's Aid Society has received a project grant of approximately \$10,000 from the Ontario Government to set up a demonstration project in Regent Park.

Last February when the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services held an Inter-Professional Seminar on Child Abuse, one of the resolutions stated that demonstration projects would be funded to test methods of identifying, treating and preventing child abuse in Ontario.

Regent Park has a high percentage of one parent families, most of

whom are on some form of social assistance. Approximately one-fifth of the families with children are actively involved as cases with Metro Children's Aid or with the Catholic Children's Aid. Poverty conditions are aggravated by the lack of readily available markets and other basic conveniences and families in Regent Park encounter many stresses and problems which are often expressed in anger, tension and family friction.

The proposed program is aimed at relieving the amount of stress and easing the isolation suffered by many single female parents. The plan is to provide isolated mothers with a structured family atmosphere where they can receive support from an older person and also learn flexible ways to cope with their children and with tasks of parenting, homemaking, finance and budget, medicine and nutrition. It is hoped that the single parents may form strong emotional ties with others in their group which will carry over into their everyday lives, giving them support to cope with day to day problems.

Ten to twelve women chosen to participate in the group will get together in weekly sessions for a hairstyling and lunch for the first few months. Along with the hairdresser there will be trained group workers on hand plus an older "motherly" type of person. The group workers will gradually take more part as the women begin to feel at home in the group and are able to discuss their problems. Then it can be decided what kinds of professional aid could provide most assistance. These professionals might be budget counsellors, public health nurses, home economists or any other professional person who will meet the needs of the group.

Women participating in the program will be able to bring their children up to age three along to be cared for by trained staff in a nearby day nursery where they will enjoy an enriched learning program or play therapy.

An interprofessional advisory board will assist in the operation of the program. It will include a child abuse co-ordinator, an agency casework consultant and an experienced agency supervisor. Dr. Harvey Freedman of the Toronto General Hospital is also on the board as is Tom Fry, Vice-Principal of Sprucecourt School.

O.H.C. gives grant to agencies

The Ontario Housing Corporation is providing a total of \$120,000 to seven agencies in Toronto to operate self-help and recreational programs for tenants in a number of public housing developments. Two of the agencies receiving a share of the \$120,000 are in Ward Seven.

Woodgreen Community Centre has received a grant to operate programs for children, youth, families, adults and senior citizens in the Greenwood OHC project at 1615 Dundas East.

Also receiving a grant is Central Neighbourhood House which is providing Moss Park senior citizens with a home help program that includes helping them with shopping and cleaning.

V.D. trailer sets-up in St. Jamestown

The Birth Control and Venereal Disease Information Centre trailer and medical clinic has recently located in front of the Shoppers Drug Store in the mall in St. James Town. It is expected to be there for at least six weeks, maybe longer.

The Clinic provides VD testing and treatment, birth control counselling and prescriptions and abortion referrals. It is open three times a week: on Tuesday nights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 12 until 5 p.m. and Thursday from 4 until 7 p.m. The service is free but an appointment must be made. Phone 789-4541.

The trailer, providing general information and pamphlets is open on a drop-in basis from Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. It is also open the extra evening hours when the clinic is open.

Holmes and Barr run for trustee

Incumbent school trustee Doug Barr will have Sheila Holmes as his running-mate in the Ward Seven elections for Board of Education which will be held in early December. Sheila Holmes has been picked by Barr as his running-mate to replace Gord Cressy who is retiring from municipal politics this year.

Sheila, age 42, is a single parent and mother of eight children who range in age from seven to 21. She is presently employed as Co-ordinator of the Regent Park Community Services Unit. Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, she has lived in Toronto for over 20 years and been an Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) resident for the past 12 years.

Sheila has had extensive experience in initiating co-operative programs with local schools. She has been instrumental in setting up hot lunch problems in two schools, starting clothing depots, raising funds for school trips, working with home and school associations, assisting in attendance work and successfully carrying out a program to bring parent aides into classrooms.

Asked why she wants to run as a trustee, Sheila said, "My experience as co-ordinator of the unit over the past five years has made me aware of the many problems families face with the present school system."

She added, "I've worked with many of the schools in Ward Seven and I know I can be an asset to both schools and parents in a positive, constructive way that will bring about the changes people want."

Her running mate Doug Barr is 35 and has been a school trustee for the last four years. In the last election he and Gord Cressy were unopposed for the two positions.

Doug is married, has one child, Todd, age six and works as a social

planner for the Toronto Social Planning Council. He is presently chairman of a number of committees of the Board of Education. These include: The leaving school early committee, Inner City School committee, Advisory committee on student services and



SHEILA HOLMES

the Parallel use of Vacant Educational Space committee. He also initiated the very successful inner-city summer language program.

Both candidates will share equally in all aspects of the election campaign both to cut costs and to simplify the election procedure.



DOUG BARR

3 sought in stolen ring caper

Three teen-age boys, each about 16 years of age — are the subject of an intensive manhunt in the Riverdale area. They boys hit the jackpot when they committed the petty offence of stealing a change purse — only the purse contained five diamond rings valued at \$8,000.

The theft occurred on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 22, at the Women's Bakery shop at 337 Broadview. Three boys came in that afternoon and went to the back of the store to look at the donuts that were racked by the open back door to cool.

The Manageress, Mrs. B. Mundie noted one of the boys watching her as she waited on customers at the front of the store. She also noted that one of the boys disappeared from sight for a short while but thought nothing of it at the time.

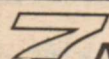
After the boys left, she checked her handbag at the back of the store and discovered a 4 inch by 5 inch leather change purse was missing. The five rings were in the purse.

Mrs. Mundie says, however, that the thieves really got nothing

for their trouble but a pack of more trouble. The rings, although valued at \$8,000, can't be sold or given away as they can be very easily traced. And a petty theft, which could get the thieves probation if they are caught is now a grand theft worth a possible 15 years in prison.

Mrs. Mundie places such a high sentimental value on the rings that she says she "will never stop looking for them". She says she can recognize two of the boys that she thinks stole the rings and has seen one of them around the store before. She believes the boys live in the area and possibly go to high school locally as well. All the high schools are co-operating with her in providing names and photos of their student population.

Mrs. Mundie has one other hope. She has offered a \$100 reward for the return of the rings. She can be contacted at work at 466-0040 or at home at 465-5740. Seven News editor Norm Browne is also prepared to facilitate an exchange if necessary. Call him at 920-8632.



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Is community participation dead in Riverdale?

Dear Mr. Editor:

Where have all the people gone? To rest, some say — to other areas, say others. Some say they have just got fed up and are staying home.

What has happened to citizen participation? I think it up and died. No, wait; it is still alive, but it is called N.I.P. or at least the South Riverdale Site Office at 731 Queen East says the community is participating.

In a meeting held Tuesday, Sept. 14 at Woodgreen Community Centre, the Riverdale people approved a budget of \$2,299,854 to be spent on various community services.

The theme of the meeting was the money is there — let us spend it. Mind you, all the programs are straight motherhood. These services will be done to the people and for the people. There is very little direction coming from the people themselves.

And the people aren't showing their past initiative in directing the site office in the many services being planned.

I wonder why? It certainly isn't lack of money or staff that is the problem. Therefore it must be the

people. After all they are being provided with public meetings to voice their approval of budgets. They can attend open N.I.P. meetings. And the three levels of government have said they will provide the necessary funds. What more could be asked for by the people?

Although the site office has been operating since 1975 there has not developed one community leader capable of chairing a meeting. Staff of the site office has had to fill this gap. All reports at the recent meeting except two were also given by staff of the site office. One of these was given by a resident and was on the feasibility of using the Consumers Gas site for a cultural centre. And the other, on the proposed Health Centre, was given by a doctor who had been hired by the Centre. What is the reason for residents not taking the reins of their community's future?

A year ago, a public meeting decided, voted and carried a motion to obtain the Post Office site at Queen and Saulter for community uses. The building is still available but when the question was asked about why this wasn't the steering

committee's top priority, no definite answer was given.

When someone asked if any members of the steering committee were present, the answer was yes. But they weren't introduced. One persons asked that people introduce themselves and state if they were residents. This was turned down with the declaration that it was an "open meeting".

Oh, well — the budget was approved. It will be taken to City Council for their approval. And then on to the OMB for permission for the city to borrow their share of the money for all the goodies that Riverdale will get.

And the community went home — or wherever they hide themselves until their next vote is needed.

And the site office staff can rest easy. Their jobs have been guaranteed for the next while, anyhow.

And the Development Department has defused true community participation once again.

And remember, "Power to the People" is just a bed-time story told by communists, anyhow.

Lillian Yates
Munro Street

More nurse-practitioners needed

To the Editor:

I must respond to the article about South Riverdale Health Clinic (9/25/76). Both doctors quoted seem to be missing the real issue in preventive medicine. The staffing of preventive medicine

carried on in clinics and out in the community can and should be done chiefly by nurse-practitioners, women and men. Trained nurse-practitioners within the many medical specialties can offer some services that doctors offer and many that doctors don't have time to give. Also the cost of training is much less than that of a doctor. It is the type of staffing for community clinics, not the need for them, that is the real issue.

As for preventive medicine, an excellent article in a recent issue of Seven News pointed out the im-

perative need for this kind of medicine and the unfortunate lack of insight into this need by the medical profession in general and by the government. The closing down of the nurse-practitioner programme at the University of Toronto is the kind of action that further undermines efforts to serve the real medical needs of communities.

We need community clinics. And we need nurse-practitioners to staff them.

Carolyn Gardner
Carlton St.

Riverdale holds festival

Dear Sir:

We would be most grateful if you could publicize our Multicultural Fall Festival, which will take place at Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, on Saturday, October 23, 1976.

The Festival is sponsored by the Riverdale Intercultural Committee of which I am chairman.

The Festival will have performing artists and cultural displays (i.e. music, art, food, audio-visual exhibits, etc.) from a number of ethnic groups and will involve children and local citizens as well. We hope that in this way the cultural communications gap can be reduced and that people can share with and enjoy the diverse lifestyles of their neighbours. This event is the second of a series sponsored by "R.I.C.C." in Riverdale.

Rev. John Robson
Chairman, Riverdale
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LIP advisory group set up

The 1976-77 Local Initiatives Program (LIP) is off to a good start this year. Although there is less money available for groups in Rosedale Riding, it has been reported that there are less groups seeking money.

After an organization or group makes an application for LIP funding, the initial hurdle is to have it approved by a committee of prominent and/or active local community people.

This committee is called the Constituency Advisory Group (CAG) and it's members this year are: Lisa Hill (project officer), and Brian Arnott, Jan Dean, Felies Einhorn, Ginger Gibbons, Ron Harvey, David Melville (alternate delegate), John Piper, George Rust-D'Eye, Julia Ruby, Susan Seaby, Marg Taggart and Sassy Waddell is chairperson. Greg Connolly also sits on the committee as a Canada Manpower representative.

Some of the groups seeking funding from LIP this year are Seven News, Dixon Hall, Regent Park Community Improvement Association, Don Vale Community Centre, Neighbourhood Information Post, and the Community Secretariat. Results will be known late next month.

Regent churches to hold festival of praise

Various churches in Regent Park are co-operating together to present a special Festival of Praise over Oct. 28, 29, 30 and 31. (Thursday to Sunday)

There will be a special music (including singers, brass bands, a steel band and a Christian rock band, and hymn-singing), evangelistic speakers, and a special children's program including puppetry and other features.

The gatherings and events will take place in Saints Cyril and Methody Orthodox Parish Hall at 237 Sackville Street. For more details phone Regent Park Church at 363-4234.

Store owner sells out after twenty years

Leonard DiNovo, better known as "Len" to his many customers and friends at the Carlton Food Market on Parliament Street, has sold out and is no longer with the store.

Len had been there 20 years, the last six as owner. During that time he successfully fought off the threat of large supermarket chains who were squeezing out small corner grocery stores. He did this by offering all the things the supermarkets didn't: individual personalized service, easy credit and home delivery.

Characterized as more of a friend to the community than a businessman, he will be sadly missed by neighbourhood people. The new owner is Joe Renella, an employee who has been with the store for the past 18 months.

Len has no immediate set plans for the future, but plans to get back into the produce business, possibly at the wholesale level.

Course offered in Parent Effectiveness Training

The Riverdale Public Health Nursing Office, located at 430 Broadview is the location of a Parent Effectiveness Training course being offered starting Thurs., Oct. 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be six classes given.

The course is for interested parents to learn and practise the parenting skills described by Dr. Thomas Gordon in his book, "Parent Effectiveness Training". It will be given by two public health nurses who have had additional training and experience in Parent Effectiveness Training.

No fee is charged for the course but there will be a nominal charge of \$4 for babysitting for the whole series. For further information and registration, call Sherry Martin or Tish Willekes at 465-2496.

Co-operative housing is working

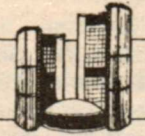
by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 Alderman

As Phase 2 of the City's Dundas-Sherbourne housing development is opening its doors, Bain Apartments Co-operative prepares to take full title to its buildings. Meanwhile, tenants of another City project, Spruce Court Apartments, are beginning the process of becoming a co-operative, and tenants of the former Meridian-owned houses in South of St. Jamestown, recently purchased by the City, have formed a fully functioning management committee to make important decisions concerning the future of their neighbourhood.

Although a 13-unit development proposed by Donwest Neighbours Co-operative, a community-based non-profit group in South of Carlton, has run into some trouble regarding design, Riverdale Co-ops have picked up a small apartment building and will be buying up three new houses in a development at Dundas and DeGrassi Streets.

There are still plenty of people in Ward 7 hard up for housing, particularly people with children, while scores of houses sit around on the market awaiting buyers with the necessary \$80 or \$90,000 — or, for instance, on Seaton St., \$160,000. For the majority of people not lucky enough to buy houses before the boom that saw prices double and triple, non-profit housing is becoming a more available alternative. It is also making a noticeable contribution to established communities: Spruce Court and Bain Apartments not only look 100% better after their renovations and landscaping, but their tenants now know that they can stay put indefinitely. That kind of security used to be reserved only for homeowners.

city hall report



Tenant management of both City and community-based non-profit developments is contributing a growing number of active, interested people to school and neighbourhood groups across the city. Many of the people who fought the South of St. Jamestown battle to save the housing in the Bleecker - Ontario block now live in Bain Apartments, where their experience of working together in the truest sense of a community is producing visible results.

Ideally, the City will continue to shed projects as independent, self-sufficient co-operatives while creating new ones. This way we will never have a huge bureaucracy like Cadillac Development or Ontario Housing, and yet the kind of

housing the private sector cannot or will not build — housing for all ages and incomes — will continue to come on stream. The community-based groups are beginning to flourish as more people understand what they are and how they work. They tend to be fairly small, so members know each other and get a real sense of accomplishment from the work each puts into planning and management.

Non-profit housing is here to stay. If you're interested in more information, call the Federation of Non-Profit Housing Organizations at 363-4395.

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Remember RCO and GRO ...

Reviewed by
RANDY WHITE

The Power to Make it Happen, by Donald R. Keating, Green Tree Publishing Co. Ltd., Toronto, 248 pp., \$4.95.

Don Keating's book about community organizing in the Riverdale area of Wards 7 and 8 is finally in print. **The Power to Make it Happen** tells the story of the four years in Riverdale, from early 1970 to late 1973, that saw the rise, struggles, and eventual decline of The Riverdale Community Organization (RCO) and its successor, The Greater Riverdale Organization (GRO).

It's no secret that RCO and GRO have been controversial organizations — both within the community and within themselves. But at

least some of the people whose deeds it recounts may find that **The Power to Make it Happen** stirs old memories of the bold actions and the new public spirit that community organizing helped to build in the Riverdale area. Limitations of space have meant that the book discusses only thirty or so of the more than two hundred RCO/GRO actions, and only two or three of these thirty actions are treated in detail. The material that does appear, however, presents an exciting picture of community organizing in Riverdale during the early 1970's.

Naturally everyone involved has their own story of what really happens in a community organizing project. To no small extent, Don Keating's book presents only the story of the principle staff organizer. Some will disagree with his judgements about the significance of particular situations and his explanations of why events unfolded exactly as they did. But controversy in these areas seems inevitable, democratic, and in the

long run perhaps even healthy. The basic outline of events presented in the book is probably as objective as possible.

Things have changed in Riverdale since GRO's last big fight against the Scarborough Expressway in late 1973, and one of the changes is that a community organizing process is no longer active in the area. Don Keating's book suggest an obvious reason: funding for this type of activity has dried up in virtually all of Canada. The book also argues — in retrospect of course — that making a point of setting time aside for regular evaluation of the action among people, executive, and staff all together might have helped get at some of RCO/GRO's more deeply rooted problems.

You can't learn how to organize by reading a book. But, with the long-awaited publication of **The Power to Make it Happen**, interested people outside Riverdale will finally have a first-hand source of information about the more than one thousand people who held "Canada's First Community Convention" in the Fall of 1972. And, veterans of the struggle will no doubt find it interesting to compare Don Keating's views about what happened with their own. Looking to the future, the book is food for thought for those who still believe that — even though times have changed and things would be done somewhat differently now — the entire east end of the City needs a strong and broadly based community organizing process as much as ever.



Photos by Adrienne Jones

Above, Sharon Higgins, 3rd prize winner in the 7 News Lottery is congratulated by Jack Cooper. At the right Jim Neil and Edna Hillman enjoy themselves at the party afterwards.

Seven News lottery winners

The top three prizes and most of the rest went to Ward Seven residents after the draw was made last Saturday in the Ward Seven Lottery. About 80 people turned out at Dixon Hall on Oct. 2 for the combined 7 News Annual Meeting, Lottery draw and party. One of the prize winners was even in the audience at the time her name was called.

The Winners in the Ward Seven Lottery were:

First prize, \$500, won by Bea Kerr with ticket No. 13802; second prize, \$100, won by Anne Fodden with ticket No. 13847; third prize of \$50 won by Sharon Higgins with ticket No. 13956.

Louise Smerek won a voucher for Nettleship's Hardware with ticket 13856; A Royal Hardware voucher went to Mae O'Connor

with ticket 7790; Sandi Harris won a voucher from Ronald Windebank with ticket 2082; a Sun Flowers voucher went to Mina Templeton with ticket 7784; Donald Kirkpatrick won a voucher good at Carlton Food Market with ticket 1210.

Ten prizes of ice cream cones from Jeremiah's went to the following: Mrs. Doran (137), Albert Thompson (11402), Lionel Cyr (11548), Vera Briand (7052), Mrs. A. McKay (11029), Rachel Elfassy (5023), Russ Smith (2013), Muriel McIsaac (3192), Carol Cummings (6849), and Mrs. Helen Craig (3216).

Marsha Cressy won \$100 for selling the winning ticket, seller of the second winner was Anne Fodden who won \$20 and Seven News got \$10 for selling ticket No. 13956.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Multicultural fall festival being held October 23

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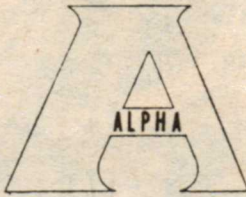
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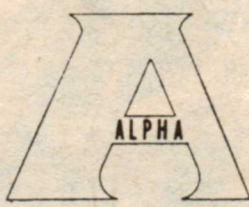
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Carol is one year younger and in grade eight at Lord Dufferin school. Her best subjects are physical education and English. According to Colleen, Carol wants to be a "cop or a stewardess" when

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The Regent Park floor hockey team took the NDP Team Hack by a score of 16 to 3 and Karl Jaffary presented the Regent team with a trophy. Jim Renwick, MPP for Riverdale, and Gord Cressy, Ward Trustee, had a series of friendly swimming races before a packed gallery. The afternoon ended with a singsong.

CRC has sewing classes for girls

The Christian Resource Centre's Sewing Class for girls in the Don Vale, Regent Park and adjacent areas got underway on Monday, October the fourth at 20 Spruce Street.

Now in its eighth year, the program welcomes girls between the ages of eight and sixteen, and offers them not just a learning experience, but also a chance to meet new friends and gain confidence. Fabric is provided free of charge.

If you know how to sew and are interested in helping out with the girls on Monday nights throughout the school year between seven and nine in the evenings, please contact Rosemary Rochester at 922-7391 or 922-8322, or drop in to the Christian Resource Centre at 20 Spruce. If you have an extra sewing machine, or any fabric or notions you don't plan to use, these too will be warmly received.

Stephen Lewis, leader of the provincial NDP, was recuperating at home with a bout of the flu and sent his regrets at not being able to come and chat with Ward residents. (He mumbled that he was glad he escaped the floor hockey match with the Regent team, however!)

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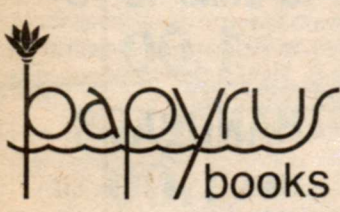
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A panel comprised of Mrs. McDerhmaid, Bonnie Solmes, Mrs. Lo, a public health nurse, and Susan Grbesa a child care student addressed the first meeting titled "Childhood". The next meeting will be held Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Recreation Room at 200 Wellesley East. Title of the talk will be "Medicines".

Photo by George Truss



Sprucecourt sets up school group

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Board's policy encouraging community involvement in the school and to discuss the community criteria for choosing a new principal.

Over 70 parents and teachers attended the meeting and a warm in-

formed atmosphere prevailed. The parents were welcomed by Tom Fry who said how please he was at the support shown by the community for the school.

Mr. Fry then spoke of the dedication of Helen Sweet, the former principal of Sprucecourt who passed away suddenly this summer. He said that the Gerrard "K" Club had started the "Helen Sweet Friendship Award" to be given out annually and that the Sprucecourt staff and Toronto Teachers Federation have set up a trust fund in her memory.

The Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education, Gord Cressy, spoke of the recommendations by the Board to assure maximum contact between school staff and parents. Gord said that it was vitally important that the school staff be fully aware of the parent's aspirations and expectations and that the parents have a good understanding of the school curricula, teaching methods and expectations.

This could be done through a Parent Group or a School Community Council. After some discussion, the meeting decided to set up a Steering committee consisting of eleven parents and three teachers. It will share its recommendations with the community at a general meeting next week.



The second part of the meeting concerned the discussion of criteria for choosing a new principal for the school. Doug Barr, who has been on several of these selection committees, gave the group some background information on how the actual selection process would be conducted.

The meeting was then split into six discussion groups and everyone had a chance to express their ideas. The criteria come up with will be discussed at the general meeting to be held next week.

Brian Milan, an active parent on the school Staffing Committee explained how this committee decided on the staffing model for 1976-77. He also explained how several schools in Toronto had to change their staffing plans because of a drop in enrolment. This, however, was not necessary at Sprucecourt since the current student numbers were right on projection.

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