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EAST VAUGHAN RATEPAYERS INTERVIEW VAUGHAN COUNCIL

Township Rate Same as Last Year,
But County Taxes up About \$4000

Vaughan township council met in regular session on Tuesday afternoon with Reeve George Kellam presiding and all the members present. A by-law was passed authorizing the clerk to levy taxes to the amount of \$10,000, for township purposes to meet current expenditures this year. This along with the \$22,000 to be levied for road and bridges will take an 8.2 mill rate which is the same as last year. A By-law was also passed authorizing a levy of \$44,112.20 for County Taxes which is an increase of about \$4000 over 1927. This will mean that Vaughan residents will pay a slightly increased tax this year on account of the increase in County expenditure.

The amount spent on roads and bridges to date is about \$16,000 including the money paid at the July meeting.

Deputation From East Vaughan Ratepayers

A deputation from the East Vaughan Ratepayers Association waited on the council and had a very interesting instructive and profitable conference with the township fathers regarding many matters of vital importance to people resident at the east side of the municipality. The deputation was given a very cordial reception and an attentive and sympathetic hearing by the members of the council. Information on all subjects was gladly given and the members expressed their pleasure on having a delegation from such a representative organization

present at the council meeting to discuss questions of interest to the Township of Vaughan. The delegation was headed by President James Wark who was supported by T. Rose, W. Howell, J. Wray and Mr. Sparks. The various subjects were very ably presented to the council by this committee which was appointed at a general meeting of the Association and made a special survey of the district prior to visiting the council. Attention was drawn to road conditions on Spruce Avenue, Avenue Road, Carrville Road, Bathurst Road, Mill Road, Oak Avenue, Edgar Avenue, Garden Avenue, May Avenue and Yongehurst Road and plans for remedying existing ills suggested. The council contemplate taking care of certain of these streets under the local improvement plan this year and the work on these will be commenced about September 1st. In some other cases the council had the work in their schedule for this year and in other cases they will endeavour to carry out the suggestions of the association as far as time and funds will permit. Among the other suggestions of the deputation was a strong recommendation that the council expedite the laying of sidewalks on the west side of Yonge Street from Thornhill to Richmond Hill in the interests of the safety of pedestrians, and also urged the council to have lights installed on the hydro poles on Yonge Street. The matter of sidewalks has been dealt with by the council and is awaiting sanction of the Provincial Department and the lighting question will be considered.

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP BUYS TWO NEW ROAD GRADERS

Markham township council met in regular session at Unionville on Tuesday afternoon, with Reeve Gohn presiding and all the members present. The matter of the construction of culverts and bridges was considered at some length and it was decided that the engineer should call for tenders for the construction work of certain bridges and that the same procedure should be followed in the matter of culverts.

The need of more machinery was carefully considered and on motion of Deputy-Reeve Stiver and Councillor Smith it was decided to purchase two No. 3 Boss Graders from the Canada Ingot Company of Guelph for immediate delivery. The machine chosen is very adaptable for the township work. It can readily be used for maintenance or can also be utilized for construction work. It weighs 1400 lbs. and will be drawn by four horses when doing heavy work or for maintenance can be handled by a team or three horses. The price F. O. B. Guelph is \$185.

The members were unanimously agreed that the municipality was hindered in the accomplishment of work by not having graders. It was pointed out that it was a very necessary piece of maintenance equipment and could be used to good advantage in dragging in the summer time when the ordinary road drags were practically useless.

Mr. Scott appeared before the council asking that some work be done between lots eight and nine on concession 7.

Deputy-Reeve Stiver complained of the manner in which the work was being carried out on the fifth concession. He said it was his understanding when the council went over the road that the ditch was to be cleaned out, and now he found stakes out which would mean that a new ditch would be made and the road be twenty four feet wide. Addressing the Reeve he said; "You know I'm opposed to a twenty four foot road and now you're bound to build one right in front of my own place."

Reeve Gohn — "Oh you want to forget that; I'm not the only one in favor of a twenty-four foot road. Mr. McVicar tells us to make the twenty four foot road."

Mr. Stiver—He doesn't say that all roads must be twenty four feet.

Deputy-Reeve Padgett — My view of the matter is that all main arteries should be twenty-four foot roads, but then again there are roads for which a twenty foot width is sufficient.

Reeve Gohn said that in regard to the work on the fifth as far as he knew there was no intention of making a new ditch. It was merely a case of widening the ditch to a sufficient width to ensure the proper flow at the culvert.

Deputy-Reeve Stiver wanted the whole council to inspect the road and decide what was to be done as if the work was gone on with as laid out now it meant the dirt from the ditch would be banking the water up on a man's farm and he wouldn't stand for that.

Reeve Gohn said that the council decided how the ditch was to be fixed and he thought if Deputy Reeve Stiver and the Road Superintendent got together the matter could be settled without a visit of the whole council.

The contract for the construction of the new bridge on Church street was let to Mr. H. Patterson for a consideration of \$1250. Other tenders were \$1390, \$1446, and \$1575.

The contract was also let for the construction of a waterbound macadam roadway on Helen Avenue as a local improvement. This work will be done by the A. E. Jupp Construction Company and the estimated cost will be between four and five thousand dollars. The cost will be borne by the owners of property on the street served with the exception of certain flankages which must be taken care of by the municipality as a whole.

Deputy-Reeve Stiver asked what it was going to cost to patch the sixth concession. He said he thought that that work should have been let by contract. He thought it rather poor business to set a bunch of men to work and say, "there go to it, the townline is your limit."

Reeve Gohn — Well it has to be patched.

Mr. Stiver — No matter what the cost?

Reeve Gohn — Yes the work must be done.
Mr. Stiver — Well I think it's rather a poor way of doing business. We let the other work on the sixth by contract and I think the patching should have been done the same way. I understood when Mr. Rudkin was appointed foreman that he would not be expected to do patching or work of that kind.

Reeve Gohn — Mr. Rudkin was appointed exactly the same way as all other foremen and you didn't mention patching although you did mention the construction work and we agreed with you. If the work is going along satisfactorily I don't think there's anything we can do now, unless you think the work is not being done properly.

Mr. Stiver was afraid it was going to run into a big sum of money. He said they'd been at it about two weeks now and were not near the top yet.

Road Superintendent Middleton stated that there had been a great deal of lost time on account of rain but he could not say definitely how much had been spent to date, but the time would not be near two weeks. One week would be nearer to it he thought.

Someone suggested that the work would proceed much faster at the upper end as there weren't so many holes. Councillor Smith ventured the opinion that as near as he could make out it was all holes.

There was considerable discussion on the advisability of crushing stone. It was pointed out that the stone cost fifty cents per yard and the cost of crushing was approximately \$1.00 per yard to which would be added the cost of putting it on the road.

Deputy-Reeve Padgett said if it could be crushed at \$1.00 per yard by all means go ahead and crush it.

Deputy-Reeve Stiver thought that the gravel at prevailing prices was a far better proposition. We're getting more for less money, he said.

As it was decided that there was some work for which stone would be needed a certain amount of crushing will be done.

The bridge question was considered in some detail in conference with Engineer Babcock. Plans will be prepared and tenders called for the construction of the Alcombrack bridge, the Walker bridge and the Miller bridge. An effort will be made to repair the Deacon bridge at an estimated cost of about \$400. There was some difference of opinion as to the advisability of spending money on it or building a new one. In many respects the bridge is in good shape but certain important parts need urgent repair.

Deputy Reeve Padgett said that the cost of a new one would be about \$4000. Five per cent interest on this money would be \$200 per year and if it could be repaired and put in good shape for two or three years for \$400, and maybe for less, it would be good business to repair it.

Council adjourned to meet in regular session on August 7, but it is planned to hold a special meeting on July 23 when the tenders for bridges will be opened and the township rate for the year struck.

The following accounts were passed: United States Fidelity Guarantee Co., per Wm. Keith, treasurer's bond, \$40; C.N.R. freight 29.12; S. McQuay 185 hours at 40c, \$74.00; Ray Sutton, 117 hours \$40.95; L. Middleton salary for June \$125.00; D. Shadlock \$69.40; W.O. McDonald, gravel, 638.75; G. Hoover, gravel 211.87; W. Rudkin, repairs to sixth 261.57; Phil

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Fourteenth Annual Field Day Held At Lake Marie, King City

Miss Minnie Pearl Watson, daughter Mrs. George Watson, of Maplehurst Farm, was married to Mr. Howard Alvin Fry, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fry of Nobleton in All Saints Church, Saturday evening, June 30th. The rector Rev. P.W.A. Roberts officiated. The bride looked very dainty in Ivory Satin and Chantilly lace trimmed with ribbon and lily of the valley. She wore a long bridal veil of embroidered lace and tulle, with Juliet cap of Orange Blossoms, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet of butterfly roses, lily of the valley and fern. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, a gift from the groom.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Dorothy and Gladys Jamerson, nieces of the bride. Miss Dorothy wore pink taffeta trimmed with blue tulle and Miss Gladys wore a blue taffeta trimmed with pink tulle. They both wore white mohair hats trimmed with white velvet and carried bouquets of pink peonies and babies breath. Mr. Stanley Watson, brother of the bride supported the groom.

After the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served at Maplehurst Farm. The happy couple departed on their honeymoon, amidst showers of good wishes (and other things), for Sud-

bury and points north. The brides travelling costume was Copenhagen blue and sand ensemble with shoes, hose and hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Trelevan, of Port Huron, Mich. are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is being relieved from his arduous duties at the station and he and Mrs. Mitchell purpose enjoying a short vacation in Port Huron.

Successful Field Day at Lake Marie
Success again crowned the efforts of the Lake Marie and King City athletic Association when they held the 14th annual Field Day on July 2nd. Over 3000 people thronged the grounds witnessing the sports and enjoying the music by the Beeton Band. The sports were all well contested and showed real ability on the part of the contestants.

The honors in the ladies softball were carried off by the Scotch Settlement team. Aurora and Elgin Mills being both defeated by this snappy bunch of players. It was no walk over for Scotch Settlement however as Elgin Mills made them work for every run.

In mens softball Richmond Hill in two hard fought games defeated Schomberg and Strange.

The mile race was a hum-dinger. Richard Jones, of King City, coming up from 4th place in the last lap and finishing first with a lead of fifteen yards. It looked as if Dick was good for another mile.

Twenty teams entered and competed in the horseshoe pitching contest. Carr and partner, of Aurora won 1st. Wm. Orr and Neil Malloy 2nd, and Quantz and Marwood 3rd.

The moving picture furnished through the kindness of J.J. McCob proved the premier attraction. 2000 people crowded the brick barn for an hour and a half laughed and applauded the resourcefulness of "Speedy".

Sir Henry and Lady Pellatt led off the dance when over 200 couple took part in the first dance. It was wear-but happy and well satisfied dancers who wended the homeward way in the wee small hours of the morning.

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