

Richmond Hill Tax Rate For 1930 Takes Substantial Drop

Down Nearly Three Mills - The Appointment of Assessor Is Again Postponed - Councillor Chapman Sees Need For Equalization.

The tax rate in Richmond Hill for the year 1930 was fixed by the council on Monday night at fifty one and a half mills which is a reduction of nearly three mills on last year's rate. Last year the rate was 54.4 mills. The 1929 assessment of the municipality which is the basis of taxation in 1930 is \$858,892. The amounts required for the various purposes and the rates required are as follows:

\$6905.15—County Rate	8.3 mills
1168.00—Village Rate	7.6 mills
436.15—Public Library	5 mills
5775.00—High School	6.8 mills
6142.50—Public School	7.2 mills
981.50—Elec. Light Deb.	1.2 mills
589.77—Street Imp. Deb.	7 mills
2095.10—Pub. School Deb.	2.4 mills
1846.51—High Sch. Deb.	2 mills
6350.61—Waterworks Deb.	7.6 mills
1297.33—Arena Debenture	1.6 mills
399.70—Fire Equip. Deb.	5 mills
2681.37—Paving Deb.	3.2 mills
1062.30—Floating debt	1.9 mills

The poll tax will be the same as last year, \$5.00 and the dog tax will also be the same \$2.00 for the first dog and \$4.00 for each additional dog. Female dog \$5.00, each additional \$7.00. The instalments will be due May 1st, August 1st and Nov. 15th. George Smith was appointed as tax collector.

The reduction in the rate this year is possible by a very material saving in the amount to be levied for village purposes in the general rate. Last year \$16,678.08 was levied for with a rate of 20.2 mills. This year it is only required to levy for \$6,168. for the general rate which requires a rate of 7.6 mills. Last year the requisition of the School Board was pared as low as possible with the result that the accumulated surplus was used up and this year the levy for school purposes is considerably increased although this does not mean that the expenditure for school purposes has increased this much for the year.

It will be noted from the above schedule that the amount of expenditure controllable by the council is comparatively small, the greater proportion of the tax levy being for what is known as uncontrollable expenditure. The only rate concerning which the local council has any control is the village rate which this year is 7.6 mills, and which will raise \$6,168. The actual amount estimated as required for village purposes for this year is \$15,005, being made up as follows, salaries \$5,215., street lighting \$1200., rents \$390., fuel and light \$175., hydrant rental \$1050., printing, stationery etc. \$750., interest \$1000., insurance \$500., workmen's compensation \$100., road oiling \$700., charity \$400., leaving \$3,400. for streets, sidewalks, contingencies and any work which is undertaken by the council.

To offset this estimate is cash in the bank \$3,500., estimated court revenue of \$4000., and other sundry items totalling \$9,133.21 leaving \$5,872. to be levied for and which with the customary 5 per cent added makes the \$6,168.

The council plans the construction of some new sidewalks this year. Reeve Lunau said Richmond Street and Centre Street needed some top dressing. Councillor Chapman said if the grader were used more the town would not need to spend so much for gravel. Regarding the sidewalks, Councillor Sims said he thought an effort should be made to improve the walks on Yonge Street. We have altogether too many steps he said, its all ups and downs.

Councillor Sims suggested that some action be taken to beautify the town this year. He proposed the appointment of a Parks Commission composed of a member of the council, a representative of the Horticultural Society and of the Board of Trade. A grant not necessarily very large could be made by the council and the commission could proceed with the beautification of the Park. Maybe not much could be done but a start could be made he said. Councillor Sims thought the council was at fault in thinking too much in the language of only streets and sidewalks. 1929 was all gravel he said and he thought the council should devote some energy along other lines as well as the streets.

Reeve Lunau hoped there would be funds available to fence the park this year. "We have land there and if we don't fence it we may lose it" he said.

Councillor Middleton - Maybe it wouldn't be much loss.

Councillor Sims - I think the Park fence is O. K.

Councillor Sims thought that since it was possible this year to make a reduction in the taxes that the rate might be set at 52 mills, which would still be a substantial reduction and yet it would give the council some funds to proceed with much needed works

around the town. The majority however favored cutting the rate down as far as possible and it was fixed at 51.5 mills.

The matter of the appointment of the assessor which was thought to be one of the main items of business for the evening was given a quick hoist when councillor Chapman moved that the clause in the appointments by-law dealing with the assessor be struck out and that a separate by-law for the assessor be prepared to be considered at a future meeting. Councillor Chapman said there was no hurry in the matter of this appointment.

Councillor Middleton advised the council that a man from outside the town with many years' successful experience in assessing was willing to undertake the work for Richmond Hill. Councillor Middleton strongly favored his appointment as he felt the council had been dicker with the equalization question long enough and that it was time to do something.

Councillor Davis supported the suggestion of Councillor Middleton.

Councillor Chapman, who at the previous meeting seconded the motion to re-appoint last year's assessor said that something should be done as things were in a bad condition. He suggested that the council engage a builder to go around and value the buildings.

Councillor Middleton - That's what we hire an assessor for.

The cost of securing the assessor suggested by Councillor Middleton was stated to be \$200. per month. It is not possible to state how long the work would take but it might take six weeks or two months.

Councillor Sims - I'd like to know what it is going to cost us. We've struck our rate you know.

Councillor Chapman - I know something should be done about equalization, but there's no hurry. We have plenty of time.

Reeve Lunau said there was no need to go outside the municipality for an assessor. If we appoint someone to go over the buildings with the assessor it might be alright.

Councillor Sims - We talked that a year ago and it didn't get us anywhere at all.

Councillor Chapman - We'd have to have the buildings done first because after all the word of the assessor is final. I'd start the assessor out with a clean sheet. We don't want any of this assessing in the kitchen by copying out the old roll.

Reeve Lunau - We've just as intelligent men in Richmond Hill as there are outside.

Councillor Davis - You've been talking about buildings. There's room for a lot of equalization in the land as well as the buildings.

The matter of appointment was left over for another meeting.

Councillor Chapman moved that the clause passed last meeting fixing the salary of the constable be struck out and reconsidered. He favored a straight salary for this position. His motion was not seconded the majority of the members apparently quite satisfied with the present arrangement.

Fire Chief Mills requested 100 feet new hose, 3 pair rubber boots and three coats, also three firemen's lanterns. The request was granted.

The commissions of the council for the year 1930 are as follows, the first named in each case being chairman:— Lighting - F. E. Sims, A. Chapman, Reeve Lunau. Waterworks - A. Chapman, H. Davis, Reeve Lunau. Parks and Buildings - W. Middleton, A. Chapman, Reeve Lunau. Finance - H. Davis, F. E. Sims, W. Middleton. Streets and Sidewalks, all members of the council.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Minnie A. Boves, Richmond Street, wishes to thank the ladies of the United Church for calling and rendering their kind sympathy in my sad bereavement of my dearly beloved daughter-in-law the late Mrs. Norman Boves.

DIED

CLIFF - At Aurora on Tuesday, February 4th, John S. Cliff, funeral service from the residence of his brother, Samuel Cliff, Aurora, at 2 p. m. on Friday, February 7th, to Oak Ridges cemetery.

DIED

WALDER - In Toronto, on Tuesday, February 4th, Isaac J. Walder, beloved husband of Matilda Ann Shierk, in his 68th year.

Funeral from his late residence, Richmond Hill, on Thursday, Feb. 6th., at 2 o'clock. Service in Heise Hill Church, Markham Township.

Social and Personal

Mr. T. H. Trench, Mrs. Francis Atkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Savage left by motor on Wednesday for Miami, Florida, where they will spend the next six weeks. Their many friends wish them a pleasant and enjoyable holiday in the sunny south.

The many friends of Mrs. Jerry Smith will be pleased to know that she is making favorable progress at the Wellesley Hospital.

The thermometer took a sudden dip Wednesday night in this district. Early Thursday morning it registered 15 degrees below zero, which was one of the coldest nights of the winter.

Roads throughout the district with the exception of the main highways are pretty nearly impassable for motor traffic. The drifting continues today and any kind of a wind now will block country roads completely.

Red and White stands for quality, service and lowest prices in the grocery business. The local Red and White Store of A. A. Eden is enjoying a generous patronage. Read the specials advertised in this issue.

Mrs. Wm. Ness, of Thornhill, and Mrs. Brooks, of Dollar, are spending this Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke, Roseview Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. W. Cook, Roseview Ave., Mr. and Mrs. James Valliere, Misses Irene and Mary Valliere, Mill Road attended the Golden Wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schmidt, of Lansing, on February 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. James Valliere, Mill Road, Richmond Hill, celebrated their fifty-third wedding anniversary on February 5th. Owing to the condition of the country roads, some of their family were unable to be present. Mr. and Mrs. Valliere have twelve children, twenty-eight grand children, and three great-grand children. Their immediate family circle total fifty-eight.

Mrs. Charles Clark and Miss Rilla Barker visited Mrs. Routley in Toronto on Wednesday.

The convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association will be held in the King Edward Hotel on Thursday and Friday, February 13th and 14th. The banquet will take place on Thursday night, February 13th.

Rev. A. J. Vining, associate secretary of the social service council of Canada, delivered a very interesting and powerful sermon in the United Church here last Sunday morning.

Rev. A. E. Lunau and Rev. G. E. Coulter attended the inaugural service of Rev. E. Wallace, the new chancellor of Victoria University in convocation hall, Toronto, on Friday evening, January 31st.

On Friday last Mr. Lambert Atkinson left for Des Moines, Iowa, where the head office of the Armand Co., is located, of which company he is the local representative.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. Mrs. Fred Cox, Roseview Avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Elger Houghton, of Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Temperton of Toronto.

Mr. Claude Wright left this morning on a two months holiday on the West Indies Cruise. His many friends here wish him a pleasant trip.

Mrs. F. Grainger, Miss Marion Grainger, Mr. James Grainger, Mr. and Mrs. George Cruickshank and Miss Dorothy Kirkton, of Toronto, motored to Niagara Falls on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard and little son of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Mabbett, of Lansing, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Benson.

Miss Helen Dunn, of Toronto, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burr, Markham Road.

Mr. Bertram Grainger spent the week-end with friends in Brampton.

Miss H. O. Martin, of Lucan, spent the week-end with Mrs. Allen Armstrong, Langstaff.

HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB

On Tuesday, January 28, the Home and School Club held their annual oratorical contest in the High School. The results were as follows:—Junior Girls, Mildred Angle spoke on "It is the British Way." Junior Boys, Claire Paxton, "Why we should be Courteous to our visitors, tourists and immigrants." Senior Girls, Mary Hickey, "Education." Senior Boys—Stanley Moore, "The Telephone and its Advancement"

BIRTHS

BOYNTON - On January 31st, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Boynton, King Ont., a son (Carl Dobb).

GRAINGER - On Thursday, January 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Grainger, 286 Eglinton Ave., Toronto, a daughter.

MARRIED

WILSON - BEYNON - On February 1st, 1930, in the United Church, Richmond Hill, by Rev. R. B. Beynon, E.A., uncle of the bride, Miss Mary Aileen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Beynon, of Toronto, to Mr. Fred Wilson, of Jefferson, son of the late Mr. Tom Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of Toronto.

A RARE TREAT IN STORE FOR THE DISTRICT. Reserve TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th for the lecture in the school room of the Richmond Hill United Church, under the auspices of the local Horticultural Society. Mr. H. J. Moore who is recognized as one of the outstanding lecturers on Horticultural subjects, will be the speaker. He will take as his subject "The Peace Garden" and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. The ability of the speaker and the subject chosen is double assurance that all who take in the lecture will not be disappointed.

PROMINENT SPEAKER TO ADDRESS LIBERAL ORGANIZATION

Mrs. McCallum Sutherland an outstanding speaker from Shelbrook, Saskatchewan, will address a meeting which will be held in Ratcliffe's Hall, Stouffville on Tuesday, February 11th at 2.15 p. m. under the auspices of the Stouffville Women's Liberal Association. It is hoped that many from this district will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing this talented woman speaker from Western Canada. William P. Mulock, Liberal candidate in North York will attend the meeting.

ATTENDED ANNUAL PRESBYTERIAL MEETING

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Toronto Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church was held in Cooke's church, Toronto, on Thursday and Friday of last week. Upwards of seven hundred delegates were in attendance and the reports of the various departments reflected a most successful year. There has been a marked increase in membership and the allocation of funds to be raised was materially exceeded. Of particular local interest at the afternoon session was the presentation of a seal for membership certificate to Miss Margaret Buchanan, of Richmond Hill for her prize winning composition on the subject "Our Work in the Hill Field." Miss Edna Young, of Richmond Hill, was awarded the prize for having secured the most new members in the rural section of the presbyterial. Those in attendance from Richmond Hill were, Misses Edna and Ethel Young, Marion Buchanan, all from the True Blue Mission Band, from the Busy Bees, Misses Margaret Buchanan, Sheila Beresford, Eleanor Boyle, from the Y. W. A., Misses Reta Stein, Stella Mackie, and Gladys Savage, and specially appointed delegates from the Women's Auxiliary Mrs. George Kelly, Miss Drew Kelly, Mrs. A. D. Buchanan and Mrs. (Rev.) Marshall, also Mrs. W. Snedden, president of the local branch; Mrs. J. Beresford, secretary, and Mrs. K. Blanchard, treasurer. Mrs. W. Snedden was again elected general interest secretary for the Presbyterial.

Richvale

Taking part in the Richvale church concert on Thursday evening, February 13th, will be a violinist, elocutionist, boy tenor and trio from Toronto. A short sketch "A pair of Lunatics" will be given by local talent. Proceeds in aid of new ceiling. Admission 25 and 10c.

Young People's Society

There was a large attendance at the Y. P. S. Monday evening, when Mr. Elliott Moses an Indian, gave a very helpful and inspiring address on his own people. A good programme has been prepared for next Monday evening, when lantern slides will be shown. Everybody is heartily invited to attend these meetings every Monday night. A play entitled "Mother Mine" will be presented in the Masonic Hall on Feb. 20th and 21st by the Y. P. S. Further announcement later.

Mrs. M. K. Cardwell C.M.B.

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VAUGHAN COUNCIL

QUIET SESSION OF VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

A quiet session of the Vaughan Township Council was held on Monday afternoon. The roads were in bad condition which explained the small number of visitors or delegations waiting on the members.

The routine business was transacted and general and road accounts passed. J. A. Thompson, secretary of the Thornhill Ratepayers Association advised that action would be taken to form a police village and that a similar notice had been given to the County Council. A petition will be presented to the County at the June session.

The council decided to contribute \$50 towards the cost of a snow fence north of Concord provided the City of Toronto would contribute a similar amount and the ratepayers another \$50. Council adjourned at an early hour.

Woodbridge

A four act play "Aunt Susans Visit" by Clara Rothwell Anderson will be presented by the King City Y. P. Society on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, at Woodbridge Hall, under the auspices of the Women's Institute. This is the sixth time this play has been presented and comes very highly recommended.

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TO PRESENT PLAY

A play entitled "Mother Mine" will be presented in the Masonic Hall, on the nights of February 20th and 21st, by the Young People's Society of the Richmond Hill United Church. Please keep these dates in mind. Further announcement later.

RESERVE THIS DATE

Friday Evening, February 14th—Reserve this date and plan to be present at a supper in the New Parish Room, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill.

GET COPY IN EARLY

We regret some correspondence was received too late for publication this week. Let us have your news letters and news items as early in the week as possible.

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. D. Marshall, Minister
Morning Service—11 a. m.
Evening Service—7 p. m.
Everybody Welcome

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, February 9th
11 a. m.—The Minister
2.45 p. m.—Sunday School
7 p. m.—Speaker, Mr. C.F. Plewman of Toronto. Boys work secretary for Ontario.

A special invitation is extended to the young people of our church. We also desire to have the fathers and mothers with us.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Anglican)
Richmond Hill
11th Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 9th
8 a. m.—Holy Communion
11 a. m.—Morning Prayer
3 p. m.—Sunday School
7 p. m.—Evening Prayer

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