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Vaughan Township Council Discusses Important Matters

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan met at the Council Chambers in Maple on Monday, January 17, 1949, at 1 o'clock p.m. All members were present. The following persons appeared before the Council:

Albert Parr and Charles Agar — Requested permission to place pit run gravel on the 10th Concession north of Nashville during the winter months. Council directed the Road Superintendent to inspect the gravel suggested and refer the matter to the District Engineer of the Department of Highways.

The following matters were considered by the Council:

Township Hall Caretaker. A letter from Joseph Snider was read to the Council asking that the remuneration be increased from \$25. to \$40. per year and the charge for opening the hall be raised from \$1.00 per floor per opening to \$1.50. After considering this matter it was moved by M. McMurchy, seconded by Albert Rutherford, and carried: "That Joseph Snider be engaged as caretaker of the Township Hall and grounds at a salary of \$40.00 per year, plus \$1.50 for each floor each time the hall is opened, provided the windows are washed twice a year and more adequate arrangements are made to remove dust before each meeting."

Relief — Council were advised that three families had been added for unemployment relief assistance. Circumstances pertaining to each case were outlined to the Council and all three families having moved from the City of Toronto, the Corporation's share of relief issued would be charged to the City of Toronto.

Assessing — In view of many factors to be discussed in any change in assessing of the Township, after a brief discussion the Council directed that this matter be referred to a later meeting.

Calcium Chloride — Council directed that this matter be considered later when the road appropriation by-law is discussed.

Recreational Committee, Thornhill — Richard H. Neil, Secretary-Treasurer of the Vaughan Township Recreational Committee (Thornhill) requested that Mr. W. A. Cameron of Thornhill be added to the committee and Mr. Neil further requested the names of the two representatives from the Township Council. The Council considered the functions of the Committee already provided with relation to the by-law previously passed and recommended that the Committee so provided by by-law continue with the organization and initiation of a suggested programme. Council approved of enlarging the committee as and when warranted.

George P. Dowe — Suggesting improvement to Spruce Avenue at Richvale and suggesting that a portion be treated with a hard surface. Council directed that this matter be deferred until a later date when all members of Council would have an opportunity to inspect the same.

Township Dump — Condition of dumps in the Township of Vaughan was considered and in view of the undesirable nature of the dump each year, the Council directed the Reeve and the Deputy Reeve to attend the Department of Highways with regard to purchasing property to provide a dump on property not adjacent to public highways.

Re-stocking Pheasants — Consideration was given to the posting of property where pheasants were released in recent years. Council instructed the Clerk to inquire from the Wild Life Branch of the Department of Lands and Forests with regard to the building of pens from which pheasant poulters may be released.

Thornhill Sidewalk — The Clerk outlined the contract in connection with the building of the sidewalk at Thornhill with regard to work done and payments made. Council directed that no further payments be made in connection therewith until Mr. Ellacott appeared before the Council.

Health Unit — The Reeve outlined the operation of a Health Unit and the attitude of the various municipalities in the proposed unit north of Steele's Avenue in the County of York. The Reeve and Deputy-Reeve were directed to consider this matter further at the County Council.

Elders Railway Crossing — Clerk advised that a letter had been forwarded to the Board of Transport Commissioners stating that the Township of Vaughan were of the opinion that approach to the railway crossing should be financed other than by contribution from the Township of Vaughan — the Township road being established before the railway track was laid. No action taken.

Markham Township — Requesting the Township of Vaughan to support their By-law placing restrictions on lots 31 to 35, concession 1. No action taken.

School Debentures — The issue of \$30,000.00 debentures for school purposes at Concord was considered by the Council. The Clerk was directed

to invite bids on the sale of same. Locker and Cold Storage Plant — Council were advised that Mr. Culham, Township Planning Consultant, had considered the amending of By-law 1586 to provide retail business being established along the Yonge Street frontage of lots 31 to 35 inclusive in the First Concession. In view of the uncertainty of the development in this area, the position of roads, the nature of retail business that may be established, and the small amount of business that may be supported by immediately adjoining houses, the Council directed that a By-law be prepared to permit the building of a Locker and Cold Storage Plant on the property in question.

Councillors' Salaries — Consideration was given to establishing remuneration to be paid to councillors for services during 1949. After considering this matter, council expressed the opinion that salaries for 1949 be the same as for 1948, i.e. — Reeve \$425.00 and Deputy Reeve and Councillors \$350.00 with expenses for business trips outside the municipality.

Department of Highways — Advising that the expenditure of \$1,272. as part payment for the new road maintainer would be approved for subsidy in 1948 and the balance of \$21,000 would be subsidized in 1949 and accepted as part of expenditure under the Road Appropriation By-law.

Vellore School Section — Albert Rutherford advised that the Trustees of Vellore School Section intimated that they wished a right-of-way across Township property from the old school site to the property recently purchased. No action taken.

Closing Sideroads — Reeve Hostawser outlined what representation the Council made to the Department of Highways to keep open various highways proposed to be closed because of the Toronto Barrie Highway. Further consideration in this matter was left until a later date.

The Council adjourned to meet at the Council Chambers in Maple on Monday the 7th day of February, 1949, at 1 o'clock p.m.

RICHVALE

It would appear the youth program in the Richvale district is now well under way. Unless some unforeseen circumstance should stand in the way we may predict a very successful future to the benefit of the community in this enterprise.

Last week a meeting between the leaders of the various groups and the groups' committee was held with the object of allocating the sum of money which was raised in the very successful raffle during the Christmas season. The unanimous decision was that the money be distributed to each group on a per capita basis. This means that for each member of each group that group will receive three dollars and twenty cents. The aggregate received by the groups will be sufficient to purchase the necessary equipment so they may be able to offer the boys and girls a diversity of recreation and training. In all there is now a total of ninety-nine boys and girls registered as members of the groups. Every night Monday to Friday inclusive has a class taking part in activities designed to teach responsibility and citizenship. Eventually the parents will be called up to lend a hand — we hope they won't refuse their support for it is this very work which gives a community its stability.

Don't forget the euchre this Thursday, January 20th. This is the first project of the East Vaughan Ratepayers' Association's entertainment committee this year and the proceeds will go into the building fund. Everyone is invited — the time is 8:30 p.m., the place Richvale School.

A hoe-down is predicted for the near future in the basement of dear old P.S. Richvale. Yessir, a good old foot-stomping, swing your gal, evening. Of course there will be round dancing to allow the patrons to cool off. We are informed the late may be February 5th, which is a Saturday, however, more about it next week. It will be under the auspices of the Ratepayers, arrangements being by the entertainment committee.

For a while last week the citizens of Spruce Avenue were speculating as to who was going to start a mushroom farm on their fair boulevard. Visions of mushroom soup, steak with mushrooms and all the other delicacies of gastronomic delights had people drooling — then came the awakening. It was only the building committee of the community hall gathering the necessary (sniff! sniff!) material with which to winterize the floor and footings as a protection against the frost — what frost! From here it sure sounds like rain on the roof — nevertheless winter isn't over yet and a pile of prevention is worth many dollars of cure.

Father: You're an awful nuisance. Next time I take you out I'll leave you at home.

THORNHILL

Mr. and Mrs. George Chambers moved from the home they occupied on Centre St. last week, to take possession of their new home on John St.

Mr. and Mrs. Byford of Toronto have had a California type bungalow erected on Centre St. at the corner of Elmbank Rd.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Coghill of Morgan Ave., on the birth of another daughter on Tuesday, January 11th.

Last Thursday evening, the Young Ladies' Guild of Thornhill United Church met at the home of Mrs. A. Anstey, Thornbank Rd. The meeting, presided over by Mrs. R. Sharpless, president, featured C.P.R. motion pictures in technicolor, shown by Mr. Robert Henderson of the C.P.R. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10th.

Thornhill District Lions Club

"The proposed swimming pool for Thornhill Park will be discussed at a meeting of the ratepayers of the village to be held on January 25th," it was announced by President Tom Jackson, at the regular meeting of the Thornhill District Lions Club on Monday night. The pool, largely the donation of Gordon Leitch of Leitchcroft Farms, is only one project being planned, and Mr. Leitch hopes it will lead to Thornhill having one of the finest recreational centres in Canada. The plan is to build the pool this year and add another feature in 1950, gradually building up the recreational centre. The pool will not cost the ratepayers of the village one penny, and its administration will be the responsibility of the Lions Club. In making the donation of \$30,000 towards the cost of the pool, Mr. Leitch stipulated it must be built first, other recreational projects, possibly a rink, to follow in other years.

The Lions Club will hold a special Farmers Night at Lawrence Memorial Hall on January 28th. This has become an annual event on the Club's calendar and arrangements are being made by a committee headed by Alf. Bagg.

Ratepayer's Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the village trustees will be held in Victoria Hall Tuesday evening, January 25th, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be thrown open to a discussion of the swimming pool to be built in the Park.

Euchre in Aid of Doncaster Ladies' Club

Mrs. C. Morrison and Mrs. G. Drake sponsored a euchre at the home of Mrs. Drake last Friday evening to raise funds for the Doncaster Ladies' Club. 1st prize winners were Mr. H. Mizen and Mrs. Dale. Booby prize winners were Mrs. C. M. Morrison and Mrs. Hagan.

W.A. of Thornhill Presbyterian Church Holds Elections

The W. A. and W. M. S. of Thornhill Presbyterian Church held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Findlay, Centre St., last Thursday afternoon. Rev. S. Hirtle conducted the election of officers, which resulted in the following: President, Mrs. H. Harper; vice-president, Mrs. S. Findlay; recording secretary, Mrs. F. Porter; corresponding sec., Miss E. Francis; treasurer, Mrs. W. Francis; assistant treasurer, Miss Hazel Welsh. At the close of the W. A. meeting, Mrs. H. Mizen, president of the W.M.S. took over Mrs. S. Findlay gave a reading on "China", and Rev. Hirtle gave a talk on missionary work in China.

The next meeting of the Women's Association of Trinity Anglican Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Ball, Thursday, January 27th, at 2:30 p.m. Will members please bring donations for parcels for Britain, which will be packed at this meeting.

OAK RIDGES

At St. John's Anglican church, Oak Ridges, on Sunday, January 9th, a stained glass window was unveiled and dedicated in memory of Mrs. Ida May Chatterley, wife of Mr. John Chatterley, and donated by the husband and family. It will be recalled that the late Mrs. Chatterley was for many years, an ardent church worker, enthusiastic in interests of St. John's W.A. of which she was president for some years. She was a life long inspiration to her fellow workers and rectors. The rector, Rev. D. C. H. Michell was in charge of the service and Rev. G. I. B. Johnson of Richmond Hill was special preacher.

Mr. Raymond Burt has returned home following surgical operation at Toronto Western hospital some time before Christmas. He is reported doing very well and village and All Saints' friends will be pleased to see him about again in due time.

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