

ANNEXATION PUBLIC MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

Municipal Board Hearing Will Be Resumed Shortly

The municipal councils of Richmond Hill village and Markham Township are co-operating in holding a public meeting Friday night to discuss the proposed annexation by the village of a portion of Markham township.

The joint action by councils is in line with the suggestion of the Ontario Municipal Board which adjourned the initial hearing of Richmond Hill's application. At the initial hearing objection to the proposal was made by Markham township council and some ratepayers.

Markham council has since concurred in the application and no serious opposition to the proposal is anticipated. The public meeting is called to give all ratepayers of Richmond Hill and Markham Township an opportunity of discussing the proposal with the councils and officials of the two municipalities.

The meeting will be in Richmond Hill District High School Auditorium Friday evening, February 29, at 8 p.m. and all ratepayers are invited to attend.

Following Friday night's meeting it is presumed the public hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board will be resumed at an early date.

At a meeting of the executive of the Elmwood Ratepayers Association early this week the following list of questions was drafted to be presented to the Friday night meeting.

The Elmwood-Harding Ratepayers Association, as a civic-minded body, proposes the following questions regarding annexation to the joint public meeting of Markham Township and Richmond Hill Village councils:

1. What is the total assessment of the lands and buildings in the area proposed to be annexed?

2. What is the percentage of debenture debt in relation to total assessment in Richmond Hill Village? In Markham Township?

3. In view of the refusal of the Municipal Board to authorize the issue of debentures for the proposed new school, would the additional assessment of the proposed annexation area be sufficient to enable Richmond Hill to issue the necessary debentures?

4. Would it be the policy of Richmond Hill Council to provide a new Public School before debentures were issued for any other purpose such as extension of water mains and sewers into the annexation areas?

5. If a new school should be the first consideration how long would it be before the necessary debentures could be issued for water and sewer extensions to the annexation areas?

6. Would it be Richmond Hill Council's policy to extend water and sewers to the annexation area by (1) petition of the property owners, or (2) by initiation of Council?

7. Would it be necessary to obtain the consent of the required majority of property owners in all the areas requiring pumped sewage before any sewers extending southward to a new pumping station could be installed?

8. What would be the approximate cost per foot frontage of sewers and pumping station for Elmwood and Harding Park subdivisions? What is the frontage charge for Richmond Hill?

9. Is the per foot frontage charge for sewers in Richmond Hill the same for all property owners and would the charge per foot frontage for the annexation area extensions be the same as for Richmond Hill owners?

10(a). Will the annexation area be charged with part of the cost of the Richmond Hill sewerage system before this area actually obtains sewers? (b) Will Richmond Hill property owners be charged with part of the cost of future sewer extension into the annexation area?

11. Will street lighting be immediately installed on established streets in the annexation area and how will the cost of same be assessed?

12. Would Markham Township Council undertake to enter into negotiations with the Hydro Electric Power Commission to obtain hydro rates for Elmwood & Harding Park built-up areas on the same basis as Richmond Hill rates?

13. Is Markham Township Council prepared to offer the property owners of Elmwood and Harding Parks any hope of municipal water and sewerage systems in the foreseeable future in the event that annexation does not take place.

14. Is it a fact that Richmond Hill residential property is assessed at approximately 51% of actual value and Markham Township residential property at approximately 38% of actual value?

15. Has Markham Township issued the necessary debentures to cover the recent installation of water mains in the west section of Elmwood Park sub-division? Or the debentures for the recent grading of roads in this area? If not, will Richmond Hill be able to sell debentures for these works if annexation takes place?

16. Has Richmond Hill established a Zoning Plan which can be implemented to guarantee that an

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HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

6 Oz. Egg

Feeling that it would not be outdone by the hen that laid a cap on one of its eggs, re-reported 3 weeks ago, one of Joe Bales' flock recently laid a mammoth sized egg, 6½ inches in diameter, 3½ inches in length and weighing 6 ounces.

Mr. Bales lives at Elgin Mills. The egg can be seen in the Liberal office window.

May Mean Fare Increase

North Yonge Busses Show Operating Loss For Dec.

TTC report on the operation of the North Yonge busses presented to the municipalities of Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Markham and N. York this week showed an operating loss for the month of December.

The report for the final quarter of 1951 showed a profit of only \$414.94 compared with a profit of \$9,431. for the last quarter of 1950.

Passenger revenue is somewhat increased over the previous year but not nearly in keeping with the rising costs of operation. Revenue in the last quarter increased over the previous year by nearly five per cent, while expenses jumped almost 19 per cent.

Municipal representatives expressed considerable concern over the changing picture of bus operation on Yonge St. Richmond Hill council passed a resolution asking for an early meeting of the North Yonge Transportation Board at an early date to review existing fares in the light of increased operating costs.

"Fares haven't been increased

since the start of the service in 1930" said councillor Perkins who sponsored the resolution asking for an early meeting. "Everything else has gone up and I think people expect to pay a higher fare" he said.

The bus service showed an operating profit of \$14,872.23 for the year 1951 compared with a profit of \$33,611.62 for 1950.

Passenger revenue on the line hit an all time high in 1951 at \$311,419.28. This compares with \$297,184. for 1950, an increase of \$14,234.67 or 4.79 per cent.

The operating expenses in the year 1951 were approximately \$33,000 more than in 1950, due the TTC says mainly to an increase of about 60,000 miles operated.

For the month of December the operation of the busses lost \$772.08 compared with an operating profit in December 1950 of \$2,867.36.

"Expenses have been continually increasing and I could see this situation coming for some time" said councillor Perkins in warning against any delay in taking action to meet the rising costs.

Twp. Road Budget \$164,550 Procedure By-Law Read Twice

Markham Township council set \$164,550 as its road budget for 1952 which is \$57,550 over last year's road expenditure of \$107,000 at a meeting Monday night. Of the \$86,500 set aside for maintenance, \$40,000 of this amount went to gravel for repairs. This sum is \$20,000 more than last year.

Much discussion arose over the gravel question with councillor Hooper in favor of allotting \$40,000 for gravel expenses, asserting that "the people don't mind the money being spent on gravel if they get the proper servicing of the roads."

"Well it isn't fair to the taxpayers to double the gravel money this year," said councillor LeMasurier.

"We have to put gravel on the roads," said Reeve Timbers, "with increased traffic we have to keep the roads in good shape." "Last year," said councillor Hooper, "Unionville's road budget was \$3,800 and they only spent \$730 of it, this year it is \$4,500. These police villages carry a full budget and then the township has to take the cut. We take a cut on our roads for them," he added.

The other items listed under maintenance were dragging which was allotted \$4,000; and Dust Layer for which a percentage of oil and calcium is used, was given \$8,000. Under construction, \$40,000 was set aside for building, most of which will go to the construction of a new municipal garage, and bridges and culverts \$8,000.

The budget for new machinery was cut down from a previous estimate of \$27,000 to \$7,000. "We were told by the Department to cut \$20,000 off our estimate submitted to them, and the Department seemed to frown on new equipment," said Deputy-Reeve James. "We lost one machine in the fire," said councillor Hooper, "how are we going to fix the roads? It's a poor way to handle it," he ended. Road Superintendent Art Buchanan thought that the budget should be a little higher than it was.

Miscellaneous was budgeted \$53,050 bringing the total to \$164,550. Procedure By-Law

A procedure by-law introduced by councillor LeMasurier was given a second reading by council. This by-law is the first of its kind in the past one hundred years history of the Township. The 32 clause by-law established rules and regulations according to which the proceedings of council shall be governed and conducted.

Another by-law was passed naming Art Buchanan as Road Superintendent for the Township to get \$3,000 per annum.

Highland Park Water Rates

A resolution introduced by councillor Lennie and Deputy-Reeve

James stated, "whereas the water rates of Highland Park area are very high compared with rates paid in adjoining municipalities, and whereas according to an agreement now existing between Markham Township & North York Township provision is made enabling Markham to operate from a master meter and retail water to its consumers, and whereas Thornlea School will require an adequate water supply, be it therefore resolved that Markham Township negotiate, as soon as possible with North York Township, to set up a distribution system as described above."

"North York Township buys water from the city of Toronto for 17¢ a thousand gallons," said councillor Lennie, "we could buy it from them at a rate of 25¢, and sell it to the consumers for say 50¢," he added.

Councillors Lennie and LeMasurier were named as a committee to meet with North York Township council to state Markham Township's case, and to report results back to council.

Prohibit Wrecking

A letter was received from Earl Johnston and J. Bush of Milliken complaining of the car wrecking business of Wm. Timbers of that district. A petition has been signed by 26 ratepayers who object to the business which they say detracts from the appearance of the community. Council stated that when Mr. Timbers asked for permission to start a car wrecking business council gave him permission on the basis that as long as there were no complaints he could continue.

"This man is established now," said councillor Hooper, "it's hard to do anything about him now. A by-law passed now would only really prohibit future wrecking businesses." It was decided to send a letter to Mr. Timbers telling him of the complaints, and to refer the problem to the township solicitor to see what could be done about it.

This prompted councillors LeMasurier and Lennie to introduce a resolution asking that any new wrecking businesses be prohibited from starting in the Township.

Address Jr. Farmers

Norman Tyndall who has just recently returned home from his overseas trip is to be the guest speaker on Monday, March 3, at the Junior Farmers meeting to be held in the Vets. Hall, Unionville at 8.30 p.m. Following Mr. Tyndall's address the Junior Farmers plan to hold their annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Lunch and entertainment will conclude the evening.

SKATING NIGHT CHANGED

During Midget Hockey play-offs public skating night at Richmond Hill arena has been changed to Friday night, instead of the regular Wednesday night, the rink management reports.

The change is to make it possible for Richmond Hill Midgets to hold their home games on Wednesday nights.

Child Health Centre To Open March 3

A Child Health Centre sponsored by the Richmond Hill Women's Institute in co-operation with the York County Health Unit will open in Richmond Hill on March 3. It will be open from 1.30 to 4 in the afternoon. After this date it will be held the first Monday of each month during the same hours. The centre will be held in the Lions New Community Hall situated on Centre Street east. This Health Unit will supply free health service to infants and pre-school children of Richmond Hill and the surrounding districts.

12 Mill Tax Rate Set For King City

The rate of 12 mills has been set for 1952 taxes of the Police Village of King City. This is the same rate as was levied last year. The assessment of the village for this year is \$211,415.00, as compared with \$195,090 for 1951. For village use this rate and assessment will realize \$2,536.98 as against last year's \$2,341.08.

When the trustees met on Monday evening in the Masonic Hall, some of the resolutions made were: To hold future meetings of the village council in the Masonic Hall.

To make temporary arrangements for the maintenance of the pumping station, upon the resignation of the present attendant, Dick Williams, who is moving to the Orangeville district within the month.

To request the County to correct the water log situation on King St. on the east and west sides of Fisher St.

To investigate the advisability of rolling a cold rolled asphalt cover over the cinders on the present sidewalk on Keele St. to the school.

To recommend to the Township council that they seek Municipal Board approval for those portions of the township building by-law requiring such approval.

It was noted that the Dept. of Highways had shown some attention to the request made by the trustees at the beginning of the year, that the name King City be marked on the highway signs. This week the sign at the corner of Keele St. and No. 7 Highway was marked with "King City 9 miles."

Langstaff Ratepayers Discuss Bus Service

Discussion at the last meeting of the Langstaff Ratepayers Association and a following executive meeting centred around the North Yonge bus service. It has been suggested that a shuttle service be run from Richmond Hill to Steeles Corners at 20 minute intervals.

This would connect with the regular service from the city limits to Steeles. Direct service from the city to Richmond Hill would be eliminated. Many Richmond Hill residents know the dispiriting feeling of arriving at the limits just as the Hill bus pulls out. Except in rush hours this means a forty minute wait. The members generally felt the inconvenience of having to transfer would be compensated by the speedier service. Those present suggested that during rush hours several limited buses might be run from the city through to Richmond Hill to augment a shuttle service. These buses would make the first stop at Steeles Corners, that is allowing no passengers to alight between the city and that point. As the Langstaff Ratepayers would very much like to get the opinion of the residents in the area concerned any letters or comments should be directed to Mrs. S. Crawford, secretary of Langstaff Ratepayers' Association, Richvale.

Business Men To Hold Dinner Meeting

Mr. George Hill, president of the Richmond Hill Business Men's Association announced this week their next meeting scheduled for March 4 will take the form of a dinner at the Summit View Drive-In. So far 60 tickets have been sold to local business men. A guest speaker from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce will address the meeting. Those attending are reminded proceedings are timed to commence at 7.15 p.m.

Midgets Going To South River Bus Leaves Hill Fri. Afternoon

Richmond Hill Midgets will travel to South River tomorrow night to play their second game with the South River team. The local boys won their way into the fourth round last Monday night when they put Orangeville out of the finals by a score of 7-5 with a total point series of 14-9.

Scorers for this game were Youngberg with three, Atkinson, Brillinger, Leuschner and Pollitt, each getting one. The Hill's early lead was a great help to the boys as Orangeville made quite a strong

comeback during the third period. Goalie Watson Cottrill played an outstanding game.

The hockey club has rented a bus to transport players and any supporters of the team to South River for Friday night's game. The bus will leave Brillinger's Garage on Yonge Street at 2.30 p.m. Friday afternoon, and anyone wishing tickets may purchase one from Tubby Barrow, Jack Hollowell, Dick Mills, Reaman's Variety Store, and Clarke's Pharmacy, in Richmond Hill.

Richmond Hill's New Fire Alarm Call System Now In Operation

Alf. Stong, Richmond Hill fire chief, advises that on Friday, February 15, the new Fire Call System was placed in operation.

The system consists of a set of bells in each of the volunteer firemen's homes with a ringing switch located at Mills' Greenhouse, and at the homes of Alf Stong, Russell Lynett and William Neal. One of these locations will be attended constantly and when a fire call comes in on TU 4-1323 the party taking the call will operate the switch and sound the alarm in all the firemen's homes. In addition, the public school bell will be rung to notify those firemen who are not home or are not within hearing distance of the home bells.

Mr. Stong says that the present arrangement will remain with the Telephone Co. until such time as the dial system is installed, and will work in conjunction with our local system.

The idea for the system originated with Clerk Russell Lynett and details of design were carried out by L. J. Roy, P. Eng., Hydro Manager, who directly supervised the installation by the Hydro staff. At a meeting of the firemen last week, Mr. Roy outlined the operating principles of the system and formally turned it over to the fire brigade on behalf of the Council who had approved the financing of the installation.

James Pollard moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Roy and his staff for the work they had done to install the system and expressed the thought that it would be beneficial towards speed in calling the firemen when the dial system is installed and the Bell Telephone facilities are not available.

It was pointed out that the Bell Telephone have shown every co-operation, but owing to the nature of the dial system which does not require a local operator, it would not be possible to operate on the same basis as in the past when the operator would receive the fire call and in turn call the firemen at their homes.

Mr. Angus Mowat Reports On Richmond Hill Library For 1951

"This is certainly one of the best village libraries I have seen but it emerged from the darkness, only a short while ago, and there is still much to be accomplished towards the fulfilment of its educational functions in the community," states Mr. Angus Mowat, Director of Public Library Service for the Province of Ontario in the summary of his 1951 report on the Richmond Hill Library.

The report which the Library Board received recently reveals some very satisfactory figures in relation to the early circulation of books. The following progress table speaks for itself.

Circulation	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
	7,900	8,400	8,700	12,300	15,000	18,000			

The two year increase from 1949 to 1951 is very significant although Mr. Mowat feels that the book stock of the Library is too small to do the job that is being asked of it. With the population of Richmond Hill at 2123 and approximately 200 borrowers from the Townships, Mr. Mowat feels the Library should circulate up to 10 books per capita.

B. Parker Sentenced To 3 Years In Pen.

Pleading guilty to three charges of theft before Magistrate Hollinrake, at Newmarket last week, Bruce Parker, 27, a transient farm worker, was sentenced to three years in penitentiary.

He pleaded guilty to stealing money, jewelry and a car. Police said he left the King township farm of Ewart Jennings last week with his employer's car, a wrist watch and a diamond ring. He received three years for theft of the money and jewelry and one year for theft of the car.

A further one year concurrent sentence was imposed for theft of a radio and silverware in the Brampton area to which Parker also pleaded guilty.

The man had worked on the Jennings farm for about three months, police said.

Magistrate Hollinrake said Parker apparently made a habit of taking jobs on farms in order to rob his employers.

Long Negotiation Fails To Bring Agreement On Price Of Easement On Property

At a special meeting of the council of Richmond Hill Village Monday night a by-law was passed initiating expropriation proceedings by the municipality to obtain an easement on land necessary for sewer construction across the property of H. J. Mills Ltd.

The council has been negotiating with the H. J. Mills Company since early last fall for the right to construct a sewer across their property. Several conferences have failed to provide agreement and Monday night the council members on the advice of the village solicitor initiated the legal proceedings for expropriation.

Council plans the construction of some 1224 feet of sewer on the property commencing at Centre Street and extending to the northerly limits of the property. The sewer will be installed at a depth of fifteen feet and there will be three manholes on the property.

The easement application provides that construction of sewers will not interfere with any existing buildings, that the H. J. Mills Ltd. may erect buildings over the sewer, or subject it to normal use with the exception of the three manholes.

It was stated that the Mills firm asked \$7000. for the easement privilege and in its legal application the village offers \$1000.

Reeve W. J. Taylor said the council was reluctant to initiate the legal proceedings, but having failed to reach an agreement after some five months of negotiation there was no alternative. He pointed out that the contractor was now ready to do that section of the village and the matter could be delayed no longer.

Council anticipates almost immediate possession to proceed with the work of construction and the court will decide the amount the village will pay the H. J. Mills Ltd. for the easement privileges.

In the expropriation proceedings Richmond Hill will be represented by the village solicitor J. D. Lucas.

Coming Events

FEBRUARY 29 — Friday. Thornhill Library night, quiz, dramatic skit, draw for raffle, in United Church hall at 8.15 p.m. Admissions free. Refreshments. c3w35

FEBRUARY 29 — Friday. The regular weekly euchre in aid of St. Mary's R.C. Church Richmond Hill. Convenors: Mrs. M. Beynon, Mrs. Derek Andrews. There will be a special draw for a hamper of groceries. c1w35

MARCH 1 — Saturday. Baking Sale and Tea in the Richmond Hill Public School 2.30-5 p.m. in aid of the Richmond Hill Midget Hockey Club. c1w35

MARCH 1 — Saturday. Sale of children's and ladies blouses and dresses, wide variety of piece goods 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mayfair Mfg. 78A Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill. c1w35

MARCH 3 — Monday. Meeting of Markham Township Council at 1.00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Unionville. c1w35

MARCH 3 — Monday at 8 p.m. Regular meeting of the Richmond Hill United Church Evening W. A. will feature a demonstration of "Make Your Own Mixes." c1w35

MARCH 3 — Monday. Meeting of Richmond Hill Council at Municipal Office at 7 p.m. Delegations wishing to appear kindly notify the Clerk three days in advance. c1w35

MARCH 4 — Tuesday. Thornlea Ratepayers Assoc. will meet at the school at 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend. c1w35

MARCH 4 — Tuesday. The Richmond Hill Women's Institute will hold a bridge and euchre at the home of Mrs. James Pollard, 55 Church St. N., at 1.30 p.m. Refreshments. Good prizes. Admissions 50c. c1w35

MARCH 4 — Tuesday. Oak Ridge and Lake Wilcox Ratepayers Association will meet at Lake Wilcox School at 8 p.m. Dr. King of the York County Health Unit and Deputy-Reeve Tomlin of Richmond Hill will address the meeting. c1w35

MARCH 4 — Tuesday. The School Area Board No. 1 Markham and Vaughan, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Delegations or others wishing to see the board are advised to notify the secretary School Area No. 1, c/o Thornhill P.O. c1w35

MARCH 5 — Wednesday. Bingo will be held by Canadian Legion Branch 375, Memorial Hall, Carville Rd. W., at 8 p.m. Admissions 35c. c1w35

MARCH 6 — Thursday. The regular weekly euchre in aid of St. Mary's R.C. Church Richmond Hill. Please note change of day. Convenors: Mrs. John Whelan and Mrs. Jas. O'Brien. c2w35

MARCH 11, 12, 13 — Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - another Robin Hood Cooking School will be held in Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Thornhill. Numerous prizes. Tickets 35c or 3 for \$1.00. 8.15 p.m. c2w35

MARCH 14 — Friday. The annual St. Patrick day euchre and draw in aid of St. Mary's R. C. Church in Richmond Hill Masonic Hall. Valuable prizes for euchre and draw. The convenors are Mrs. Chas. Burnett, Mrs. Francis Cosgrove & Mrs. Paul Dubois. c3w35

MARCH 15 — Saturday. White-church No. 6 and 7 Home & School Association 2nd Great Annual Rummage Sale at Ash's Booth, Lake Wilcox, from 1 to 8 p.m. Auction starts at 8. Also home baking and a fish pond for the children. c3w25

APRIL 5 — Saturday. Afternoon tea and bake sale to be held in the Thornhill Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Port-nighters Club. c1w35



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