

Drainage Problems

Whitchurch Twp. Debates When To Assume Subdivision Roads

The subject of subdivision roads to be assumed by the Township was the main topic of discussion at the meeting of Whitchurch township council last Thursday evening.

Deputy reeve Timbers asked the Council, "Should Council take over the subdivision roads when they are built or when lots are sold and taxable homes built?"

Councillor Delos Graham commented that such land would only be assessed as farm land until the lots are sold.

In view of the many problems regarding roads experienced by Whitchurch Township, the Council is giving close consideration to all matters pertaining to township roads.

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Mr. Wm. Doherty of the Beamish Construction Company waited on council to ask about obtaining some of the \$5100, being held back until the completion of the road projects at Lake Wilcox undertaken by his firm last year.

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Joint Meeting of Councils & School Board.

No Decision On Debuture Issue For New Thornhill High School

Winners In Soap Box Derby



Dr. C. R. Reeds, president of the Maple Lions Club is seen presenting wrist watches to Teddy and Alfred Knight of Pine Grove, who came in first in the Midget Class at the Soap Box Derby sponsored by the Maple Lions at the Pinespeedway on July 24.

Markham Resolution Requests Dept. Of Educ. Make Survey

At Tuesday's joint meeting of the four councils (Townships of Markham and Vaughan, and the Villages of Richmond Hill and Woodbridge) which comprise the Richmond Hill High School District, and the High School Board, no immediate decision was forthcoming on the necessary debuture issue to cover the cost of the Board's proposed new High School to serve the Thornhill area.

The only major development of the meeting was a motion moved and seconded by two members of Markham Township council, Deputy-Reeve A. LeMasurier and Councillor W. Clark, calling for the Department of Education to make a complete survey of the educational needs of the district and a public meeting be held before the councils' consent to any debuture issue.

This meeting which was held in the Library of the Richmond Hill District High School saw representatives of the four municipalities meet with eight members of the Board of Education.

Markham Township was represented by Reeve Win Timbers, Deputy-Reeve A. LeMasurier, and Councillors W. Clark, A. Lennie, and C. Hooper.

Opinion on the school board has been divided as to what type of school should be built. A majority of the board favors the erection of a purely academic school.

Reeve Timbers of Markham Township advocated the construction of a cheaper type of school, basing his opinion on the financial position of Markham Township.

Reeve M. McMurchy of Vaughan Township, stated that the municipalities, in realizing the increase needed in educational facilities must also consider the cost.

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Over 150 Attend The Annual Doncaster Community Picnic

The annual Doncaster Community Picnic was held Saturday at Greenwood Park. Over 150 people attended and it was considered to be the most successful picnic yet held.

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Ratepayers Vote For New School S.S. 5 Whitchurch

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Unusual Bird Seen On Bayview Farm

Several birds of the species, Pileated Woodpecker, have been seen on the farm of Mr. E. L. Clubine, Bayview, this past week.

These birds are rather large with a brilliant red crest on the head and they are of particular interest to local bird lovers as they are still comparatively rare in this region.

An increasing number of uncommon and even rare birds are now being seen in this area and many local citizens have taken a growing interest in wild life study.

Fish Derby, Mystery Event To Feature Lions Carnival

After much investigation and organizing it is finally possible to release details of the "Mystery Event" of the Richmond Hill Lions Club Carnival on Sat. Aug. 8.

This event will take the form of a Fish Derby and is under the chairmanship of Lion Douglas Boyd. Lion Doug. felt that one of the natural beauty spots of this village should receive more attention and so with the full co-operation of the Lions Club, the village council and others, he struck upon the idea of building up public opinion towards the preservation and restoration of the waterworks pond on Mill St., in the village, with a "Fishing Derby" held in conjunction with the Annual Carnival.

In order to have control over the contest and those participating it was felt necessary to charge a nominal fee (see advertisement in this issue) so that competition will be fair to all. The following rules and regulations have been laid down:

1—Official time, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. 2—Maximum of TWO (2) Fish per tag. 3—Tags to be worn by all contestants. (Issued upon receipt of entry fee). 4—Tag stubs to be attached to fish. 5—Shore fishing only — NO BOATS OR RAFTS. 6—Prizes for contest as listed below. 7—Contestants agree to act as Good Sports and observe rules of fair play at all times.

8—Contestant may have his tag taken away and fee refunded for poor sportsmanship. 9—Private property surrounding section of pond not to be damaged in any way. 10—Judges decisions are final. Prizes will be offered in the following classes: The biggest fish; the smallest fish; the first fish; a tagged fish; last fish and any others that the judges may decide upon at time of competition. Prizes Donated. To-date Lion Mel Maltby has offered a prize for the contest and more will be forthcoming with a list of donors and prizes to be published in next week's Liberal.

In case there are any doubts 100 or more fish of good size (well over minimum) will be deposited in the pond at a time prior to the opening of the Derby and of this number, 20 will be specially tagged to add interest and also the reward of a prize to any who catch a tagged fish. If at all possible it is hoped by the committee that Pete McGillen, Outdoor Life Columnist will be able to accept an invitation to take part and present prizes. An announcement to this effect will be made known as soon as Pete can give his reply. This should provide a good opportunity to be a fisherman close to home for a day and the Lions wish one and all "good fishing" and lots of nibbles.

Markham By-Law Will Prohibit Transporting Of Swill Into The Township

With precision like speed Markham township council Monday gave 3 readings to their new by-law drawn up by Solicitor J. D. Lucas and designed to halt the transporting of swill into the township.

At the request of Council Building Inspector R. Norton appeared before the members regarding the Contractor, S. Appleby's small building located behind a block of 6 new stores erected on Yonge street in Highland Park. This is the same building which has been under discussion by Council and the Highland Park ratepayers during the past several months.

Before embarking on any drastic action Council in April referred the matter to the Solicitor for a ruling. On the strength of the Solicitor's advice that there had been an infraction of the township by-laws Council passed a resolution on May 28 instructing Mr. Norton to take whatever action is necessary to enforce the building by-laws.

Mr. H. Cosburn, a large swill feeder located on No. 7 Highway east of Unionville in opposing the by-law stated, "I wonder if Council realizes the full scope of its action. If this by-law goes through its going to put a man out of business."

In stating Council's position Reeve W. Timbers remarked that, "It was not Council's intention to put anyone out of business. You can still feed your hogs other things beside swill." In stressing that the by-law only prohibits the transporting of garbage from another municipality into Markham Mr. Timbers contended, "You can still use any refuse collected within the limits of the township." In reply Mr. Cosburn who has resided in the township for the past 8 years and who carries as many as 500 hogs at a time claimed there isn't enough swill in Markham township, "It must be hauled in from Toronto."

The members who were sympathetic to Mr. Cosburn's position remarked on the cleanliness of his operations. Council has never received any complaints regarding his premises. In agreeing that "Some swill feeders shouldn't be allowed in the business," Mr. Cosburn advocated that the problem be attacked through the Health of Animals branch of the Department of Agriculture.

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Local Kennels Wins High Honors

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Taylor who have recently opened the Glen-El-te Kennels (Collies and Shetland Sheep Dogs) at Bond Lake are the proud owners of Quarrybrae Lindy Lou who was awarded top honours right through to Best of Breed in the Sheltie class at the Birchcliff Kennel Club held in Scarborough Arena recently.

The same female also took the Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex awards when shown in London on June 27.

Mrs. Taylor is treasurer of the Collie and Shetland Sheepdog Club of Canada and both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the Canadian Kennel Club.

Coming Events

AUGUST 4 — The next regular meeting of the Township of Markham will be held at the Council Chambers, Unionville, August 4, 1953, at 1:30 in the afternoon. c1w5

AUGUST 6 — Thursday, Bingo, in Lake Marie Sports Pavilion under auspices Lake Marie & King Athletic Association. Good prizes. Admission 35c. Starting 8:30 p.m. c1w5

AUGUST 10 — Monday, General Election. Vote Tiny Cathers, Progressive Conservative Committee Room, Turner 4-1248. Authorized by the Richmond Hill District Progressive Conservative Association. c1w5

AUGUST 15 — Saturday, Thornhill and District Horticultural Society Annual Flower and Vegetable Show, Thornhill United Church Sunday School Hall, 4-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. c1w4