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Public School Junior Choir



Herman Fowler, Music Director of Richmond Hill Public School is seen with the members of the Junior Choir who competed in the recent Kiwanis music festival.

Seen above, they are as follows: (front row) Lynda Caseley, Mary Ann Donald, Shelagh Robinson, Barbara Schroder, Mary Lou Corner, Lynda Manuel, Iva Bovaird, Beverley Lee, Elizabeth McLeod, Mary Shell, Deirdre Hunt, Shirley Muligan, Anne Fleicher, Sharon Craigie, Judy Edgumbe. Second row: Peter Crock, Richard Lautamus, Billy Stride, Linda Hall, Lois Perkins, Jill Ruffman, Lily Dawn Agar, Sharon Sturdy, Marie Harrison, Bette Tomlin, Pat Stone, Grant Hallman, Leonard Hammond, Bob Roney, Herman Fowler, Back row: Richard Nixon, Richard Meade, Ken Pentchaff, Brian Maxwell, John Stanley, Rodney Goddard, Ford Battler, Bob Sanders, Bob Giles, David Moore Bruce Teetzel, Clayton Harrison, Gordon O'Hara, Ralph Mason. —Photo by Lagerquist

Markham Twp. Agrees To Extra \$75,000 Thornhill High School

Markham township Council Monday unanimously agreed to a request from the Richmond Hill District High School Board for a \$75,000 increase in their original debenture figure of \$80,000 to cover the erection of the new Thornhill High School.

The extra \$75,000 will be used to handle the additional expense of the 17 acre school site, the roadway, grounds, water and disposal unit. The land was purchased at a basic figure of \$2,750 per acre with the extra sum set aside for anticipated legal expenses. The \$55,000 cost of the school site is roughly twice what the Board had originally estimated.

Markham will attempt through negotiations with North York to secure an adequate water supply for the new school. It is hoped water could be piped from the present water area in Highland Park. It is estimated that if such a water system could be secured a reality it would mean an initial saving of \$10,000 for the Board. The Trustees have set aside \$4,000 for the drilling of a well.

Once the Trustees have received the approval of the four municipalities (Townships of Markham and Vaughan and the Villages of Richmond Hill and Woodbridge) which constitute the school district they will then approach the county requesting them to increase the proposed debenture issue from \$80,000 to \$875,000. They will appear before the county next week.

The High School Board delegated up of Chairman V. McMullen, and Trustees R. McMillan, S. Rumble, H. Charles and H. Collard.

Grant to Buttonville School

In the first move of its kind since the setting up of the system of charging subdividers so much per lot towards the cost of education and municipal services Council has voted the Buttonville School Board \$5,600 from the special school fund to be used for expenses incurred in securing a site for their new two room addition. Such expenses are not covered by a Provincial grant. The money was raised from the Arnold subdivision located in the Buttonville school section.

Approve Location Gas Station

Council has granted approval to the McCall-Frontenac Oil Company to erect a gas station on a 150 foot by 150 foot lot at the corner of Meadowview Road and Yonge Street in Highland Park. The gas station also subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

Planning Board had held up final approval of the project until Mr. R. C. Gamble who owns the property had outlined his plans for the commercial frontage along Yonge Street. Mr. Gamble is only leasing the site to the McCall-Frontenac Company and a General Motors car agency which is reported intending to locate next to the gas station. Mr. Gamble has also dedicated 33 feet to the Glen Cameron Avenue in order that the right of way may become an authorized 66 foot roadway and be absorbed into the township road system.

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ARTHUR BURSILL

Consider Health Plan For R. H. Public School Staff

A representative of Physicians' Services Inc. met with the members of the Richmond Hill Public School Board last Thursday evening to present a proposed hospital and surgery benefit plan for the teaching and maintenance staff of the school. Trustee Tinker pointed out that the time had come when fringe benefits had to be considered in wage negotiations with staffs.

Trustee Cecil Mabley suggested that a wage increase might take the place of such a health plan but the balance of the Board agreed that a plan such as this would not cost the Board as much money and would have more far-reaching advantages. Trustee Tinker added that it was an important bargaining point in obtaining a high calibre of teachers. "It is fast becoming an integral part of salary schedules in almost every line of work," he said. The proposed comprehensive coverage suggested by P. S. I. would cost the Board approximately \$775 for a staff of 35.

In considering the revision of the salary schedule later in the evening, the Board voted to raise the minimum wage in both teacher-categories by \$100. The minimum before the blanket raise was \$2500 for Class A certificate and \$2300 for Class B certificate.

In line with a recent recommendation of the purchasing committee (Trustees Robt. Ross and Dick Mills) to consider quantity buying of school supplies, a school supply house representative met with the Board to discuss the supply of such items as exercise books, pencils, maps, washroom supplies and cleaning materials for the school. The sales representative estimated that staples for the year would cost approximately \$4,000 including \$2400 for consumable items such as books, pencils, etc. However, this figure does not include kindergarten supplies.

Chairman Jas. Pollard pointed out that the Board had invited estimates on supplying staples to see if quantity purchases of this nature would be feasible. The Board agreed that the school had grown to the point where it was no longer possible to permit teachers to make individual purchases.

An application for a position on the teaching staff and an enquiry regarding a position on the maintenance staff were filed for further reference.

The Board decided to meet

with J. R. Herrington to discuss student insurance. Mr. Pollard pointed out that the Board felt that if all possible insurance should be provided.

Kindergarten

In reply to an enquiry from the Kindergarten staff regarding accommodation for Kindergarten after the O. M. MacKillop School opens, the Board agreed that it would be most convenient to retain the kindergarten classes at the present school until the end of the school year. The enquiry also asked what provisions would be made for transporting kindergarten pupils from the new school. The Trustees emphasized that there was no definite policy on transporting kindergarten pupils. Chairman Pollard said that with the opening of the new school, it was hoped that transportation costs could be reduced by at least two-thirds. "I don't see why children from the May Avenue area can't walk to school, particularly when there is a cinder path along the highway," said Trustee Margaret Southwell. "I still think we will be obliged to provide transportation on Yonge Street," replied Trustee Tinker.

The Board instructed the secretary to write to Richmond Hill Council to request their signature on the by-law for the new school in the Allan-Court Subdivision as soon as possible. Trustee Ross said that it was reported that a large number of permits had been issued for homes in the eastern subdivisions. "If this is the case," he said, "we'll need to start on the new school as soon as possible in order to keep abreast of the accommodation situation."

Other Business

In answer to a request by the Women's Auxiliary of the Highland Park Association for a park area in the subdivision the township has agreed to approach the National Lumber Company to ask them to consider donating part of the property they hold in the area for this very purpose. It is expected that additional park land will become available once the balance of the Gamble farm is subdivided.

Council will petition the Department of Municipal Affairs for permission to take up the deeds on property normally put up for sale for back taxes. The municipality could then hold the property selling it at a later date at an increase in revenue for the township. Normally such lands are sold at Tax Sales.

The City of Toronto has agreed to pay Markham the sum of \$4,018 in lieu of taxes on the Hospital property at Langstaff. A number of residents on Secomoe Avenue in Doncaster have requested Council to consider changing the name of the street to Rosecliff Drive.

SCARBORO: About 400 residents of the Cliffcrest area have petitioned for the installation of sewers.

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