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**Planning Board Liaison**

One of the foremost considerations in the development of urban municipalities these days is good planning. It is stressed at all levels of government and has been facilitated through the setting up of planning boards in most areas. But as individual municipalities develop, there should be considerable attention to the development of boundary areas so that there is no incongruity with neighbouring municipalities.

As the area along Yonge Street in Markham and Vaughan Townships develops, this aspect of planning should receive considerable study. It would be highly illogical to allow the entire highway boundary between these two municipalities to fill in with development of a completely incompatible type. Having a residential zone on one side faced by

a highway commercial on the other is an example of insufficient planning and should be avoided.

The time is appropriate to establish closer liaison between the planning boards of both Markham and Vaughan to avoid this disastrous type of development. In addition, more co-operation in the planning of sewage disposal and water would prove an advantage.

While the Metropolitan Planning Board has attempted to co-ordinate planning, it is on such a vast scale, embracing so many municipalities, that close co-operation is lost. For this reason, it still remains up to the individual municipalities to work out close liaison and cooperative schemes with their neighbours in the interest of good mutual planning.

**Patent Persuader**

Paint is a patent persuader when you desire to make the public think in terms of enthusiasm and a wish to improve their town. Almost every spring some group, from Junior J.C.'s to Horticultural Societies is willing to sponsor a paint up campaign and it is remarkable how this will restore the morale of even a despondent little municipality.

April is the month when the worst of our run down condition becomes apparent and after the grounds have been cleaned and raked, and the curtains washed and re-hung, the time has come to get out the paint brushes — or buy some new ones — and go to work on the woodwork both inside and outside the house. It may sound grim but in reality painting is a happy and rewarding task and almost anyone can grow to enjoy it once the results begin to be

apparent. And in this day of wide choice and easily applied paints there is a whole new field to choose from.

In fact it might be a good thing to set a national paint up week that could become a common custom throughout the country. Once in the older settled parts there were men whose chief occupation was to post bills and to whitewash fences and old buildings and insides of covered bridges. They have vanished, with their whitewash and all the advantages of that medium of covering dirt (for whitewash not only covered the dirt but eliminated the germs in the process). But the need for something clean and bright, come spring, persists, and most of the longing for something to give a fill to living can be satisfied by the perennial pot of paint.

**Vaughan Twp. Gives Stand T. T. C. Issue**

At a special meeting of the Vaughan Township Council held Tuesday, Deputy-reeve Robert Kirk outlined to the members the basis of Vaughan's stand regarding any proposed changes in the T.T.C. agreement covering the operation of the North Yonge Bus Line. Vaughan has opposed Markham and Richmond Hill's stand on the matter.

In a breakdown of available figures Mr. Kirk stated that Vaughan which is a 11% shareholder in the line has a total investment of \$22,702 in the line. Vaughan has collected profits of \$59,974 to date and has only had to make up a deficit of \$1,302. In addition Mr. Kirk said Vaughan has received another \$6,414 from the sale of assets from the line. Vaughan's share of the 1956 profits has been estimated at \$10,000.

"Therefore on an original investment of \$22,702, we have actual profits of \$66,389 and anticipated profits (up to 1956) of \$76,389," stated the Deputy-reeve. "This profit puts us in a favourable position to bargain with the T.T.C. for the continuance of the present service at rates favourable to our township," remarked Mr. Kirk. "Vaughan has advocated that now is the time to consider the future of the service instead of only considering the present day operations." I feel the T.T.C. has intimated it is willing to co-operate and grant us an extension of the present agreement which is due to end in 1960," concluded Mr. Kirk.

**Busy Week-end For Fire Brigade**

The season for grass fires has started and during the past week-end Richmond Hill Fire Department attended eight grass fires. A ninth call was also received during the week-end.

The principal call was to the Selkirk Subdivision Saturday evening where 50 acres of grass were burning. As the streets in the development are not complete, the fire truck had to enter by a farm lane and became deeply mired in mud. An attempt to free the truck caused the driver's shaft to break and it was necessary to call three tow trucks to haul the heavy vehicle out of the mud. The firefighters left at 7:20 p.m. on this call and did not return until midnight.

The following morning at 7 a.m. the men removed the damaged driveshaft, had it repaired and had the truck ready for action on the numerous Sunday calls by 9 a.m.

**Metro Sewage Report**

**Markham Council Critical Vaughan Development**

During the tabling of a lengthy sewage report from the Works Committee of the Metropolitan Council at Monday's meeting of Markham Township Council, the members again expressed criticism of Vaughan Township's rumoured development of 2,100 homes in a mass produced subdivision in the Spring Farm at Thornhill. Ward 1 Councillor Mrs. K. James maintained any such development "would work a real hardship on Markham Township taxpayers." She felt it would create an educational problem for both School Area No. 1 and the Richmond Hill District High School Board.

"The proposed industrial area is to be located at Concord which would be no help assessment-wise to School Area No. 1 whatsoever," remarked Mrs. James. "The development of 2100 homes on the Vaughan side of Yonge Street would be a serious blow to our municipality," said Reeve W. L. Clark. Mr. Clark felt that if such a development proceeded, Markham would have a stronger case than ever for the dissolution of School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan.

For some time now Markham has been advocating a break-up of this School Area with each municipality responsible for its own educational system.

In the matter of drainage Mrs. James stated, "The land on the Spring Farm slopes towards Yonge Street and without storm sewers there would be a definite run-off into Doncaster." In closing Mrs. James called for some degree of liaison between the Vaughan and Markham planning boards in matters affecting both townships.

In the Metro report, Metro Council came out strongly against the use of package sewage plants in the area north of Steeles Avenue. Such package sewage plants are already in operation in Richmond Hill, Woodbridge, Markham Village and Stouffville. The report also recommended that all development north of Steeles Avenue should be confined to lots of one acre or more in size. Any lots below three-quarters of an acre in size require urban services.

Metro felt it was impossible to completely "freeze" all the development in the Yonge Street area of Markham and Vaughan Townships and so recommended extending the East Don trunk sewers north from Sheppard Avenue to Steeles Avenue. This extension would cost an estimated one and a half million dollars. Markham and Vaughan would be asked to share in the cost of this extension. In addition they would be asked to bear a share of the maintenance costs of the Ashbridge's Bay Sewage Plant in Toronto.

Metro also feels that an extension of the trunk lines would allow it a large measure of control over any urban development in both Markham and Vaughan Townships.

**Need Clarification**  
"There are a lot of points in this committee report that need clarification before we can formulate any policy," stated Reeve Clark. The Reeve wondered to what extent North York Township would be agreeable to sharing in the total cost, as it would allow them to develop the westward part of the township. Markham would also have to ascertain Vaughan's feelings on the matter.

The Water Committee was requested to study the report further and report its findings back to Council.

**Supermarket Agreement**  
The agreement to be signed by Dominion Stores and the Township for the erection of a large supermarket at the corner of John St. and Yonge St. in Thornhill has been completed. Markham's share of cost of widening John Street will be \$900. It has

**R. Hill Council Adopts Police Committee Report**

A police committee report presented by committee chairman Councillor H. Jones last Monday night was accepted by Richmond Hill town council. In his report, Mr. Jones said that the matter of the salary schedule for the Police Department had been settled with the police.

Under the schedule, a recruit will serve as a probationary constable for six months at an annual salary of \$3000. Following one year's service as a third class constable at \$3300, a man will be raised to second class for two years at a \$3600 salary. After one year as a second class constable, he will be promoted to first class at a wage of \$3800. An acting sergeant will be paid \$3900 for six months and then advanced to sergeant to \$4000 per year.

Vacation allowance is two weeks for one to nine years of service. After ten years, three weeks holidays are given.

The police will work a 42 hour week and will be entitled to mileage if it is necessary to use their own vehicles in the course of duty.

The committee also agreed to rent a speed trap from Aurora Police Department on two weeks trial basis.

**High School Board**  
Council heard a delegation from the Richmond Hill District High School Board regarding the sharing of debenture issues according to equalized assessment. The accommodation problem was reviewed but as some confusion resulted in the matter of an appointment with council, the matter was not discussed. Council agreed that there would be am-

**NORTH YORK**: It has been revealed that teachers' salaries account for 57 percent of the education tax dollar.

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**Set Salary Scale Whitchurch Twp.**

Following several special meetings a week ago, Whitchurch Township Council Thursday evening finally came up with a satisfactory agreement with the township employees on a new wage scale. Road employees had been offered an increase of 10 cents an hour and \$50 car allowance. However, the road committee had found this offer to be unsatisfactory and presented council with a recommendation on Thursday of 20c an hour for the mechanic and 15c for other road employees with \$100 car allowance to each road foreman.

There was a considerable period of discussion over these figures but the road committee remained definite in its recommendation and the resolution authorizing the increase was passed. The complete scale of salaries is as follows: Clerk \$5,100; Assist. Clerk \$3,600; Road Superintendent \$3,800; Township officer \$3,000; Assessor \$3,400; Building Inspector \$3,100; Road employees increase 15c an hour; mechanic rate increase 20c per hour.

**Withdraw from Pension**  
The pension plan adopted by council for the office staff in lieu of a salary revision is now to be withdrawn. It was found that since the road men were paid by the hour they could not be accepted on the plan. Each party now in the plan will receive his 5% paid by him plus the 5% paid into the fund by the township.

**Aurora School Addition**  
Dr. F. VanNostrand, Representative of Whitchurch on the Aurora High School Board, presented plans to the township for a quarter million dollar addition to Aurora High School. Of this

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**"Dear Mr. Editor"**

**Dog Problem Brings Forth Poem**  
Dear Mr. Editor:  
I submit the following with hope that it will have some effect on dog owners in the Richmond Hill area.

I looked from my window and lo! and behold!  
The sight I beheld left me speechless and cold!  
The garbage was strewn over driveway and wall  
And sorting it over, were large dogs and small!  
Now I have a dog, and I love Man's Best Friend,  
But I bought a long chain, and put him on the end.  
I do not condemn the dogs that I see,  
Running, destroying a shrub or a tree.  
But, to these dogs "Humans" I make my complaint,  
"Please, please, on your dog won't you use some restraint?"

Sincerely yours,  
B. Erwood,  
Richmond, Hill

**Favors Parks Program**

Dear Mr. Editor:  
A most heartening news item appeared in your issue of March 21st which read that Richmond Hill Council had voted in favour of forming a Parks Commission to set up a series of parks in our fast growing municipality. This action by Council was prompted at a meeting with the Parks Committee.

The Parks Committee represents all the Service Clubs in Richmond Hill, the Women's Institute and representation from the combined Ratepayers' Associations. Much credit is due this Committee who have spent a great deal of time and careful study drawing up a report with recommendations which was presented to Council, and as mentioned, was very favourably received.

In a recent article in Maclean's Magazine "The Changing Face of Canada" we can expect the article indicates, that in our cities of tomorrow much of the asphalt will be replaced by lawned walks, in almost every square will be heard the relaxing sound of splashing waters in fountains; that more than trebled will be the existing areas for parks, playgrounds, the areas under the stars, swimming pools, etc.

I can hardly wait for this beautiful tomorrow where I can wander around and without getting mud on my feet. However the Town of Richmond Hill must prepare for this de-

Paul Martin,  
Minister of National Health and Welfare,  
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