

School Area No. 1 Wants Meeting With Vaughan Spring Valley Housing

Chairman W. A. Ladell of Markham and Vaughan Township School Area No. 1 with the approval of the entire Board will request a meeting with Vaughan Township Council shortly to talk over Vaughan's subdivision policy, especially in regard to the proposed Spring Valley development of approximately 2,100 homes at Thornhill.

"I feel that the community is going to be penalized with such a large subdivision as this coming in," stated Chairman Ladell. "Township officials have assured me they won't hurry this proposed subdivision, however," he continued.

"Could Bankrupt Township"

"If the township hasn't the assessment to issue debentures for necessary expenditures for a big group of new homes, the township will go bankrupt bringing it in," was the opinion of Trustee Taylor. "I've heard the subdividers will be asked to build the homes over a five or six year period, to that I say bunk. If they start this subdivision they'll finish building it as quickly as possible, as it's in their own financial interest," Mr. Taylor concluded.

"Well the School Board hasn't got to approve the subdivision," pointed out Trustee Taylor later. It was mentioned that this was a contentious point, regarding whether or not a school board could hold up a subdivision already approved by a municipality.

"Get To Vaughan" - Bick

"Well I certainly think you'd better go to Vaughan Council, immediately," said Trustee Bick. Chairman Ladell agreed to do so when the others concurred in this opinion.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Public School Inspector Maynard Hallman was desirous of knowing whether or not the Area Trustees were satisfied with the school sites marked on the proposed plan of the Spring Valley subdivision. "With some small changes I believe we are satisfied," said Chairman Ladell.

Selkirk Subdivision Discussed

Also discussed was the Selkirk subdivision, located in School Area No. 1. Chairman Ladell suggested writing the subdividers to tell him that the Board would like to be informed of future plans for the subdivision so that school accommodation could be planned.

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Vaughan Twp. Chief Mosher Resigns



R. C. MOSHER

In a surprise move this past week, Chief R. C. Mosher of the Vaughan Township Police Force tendered his resignation. Chairman of the Police Committee, Councillor Jesse A. Bryson, announced that council has accepted the resignation.

Overall subdivision policy was discussed, especially where school accommodation was necessary but no new school site was needed. "One subdivision could get everything already provided; another might be caught with providing everything," commented Chairman Ladell.

"You can't take land or money if you don't need it," said Trustee Hicks.

"I'd say to get land at cost is the most important thing," stated Trustee Taylor. "If you take anything from the subdividers you lose your provincial grant," he further observed.

"We have to take each case as it comes along. We can't make any hard and fast rules," summed up Trustee Bick.

Other Business

During the summer extensive repairs to the walls and roof of the older part of the forty year old Thornhill Public School are expected to be made on advice of the Maintenance Supervisor, W. Downing. The roof of Langstaff Public School will also be repaired.

Education Main Topic

Home & School Fun Fair Proceeds Total \$487.60

Education was the theme of the McConaghy Home and School meeting on Wednesday evening, March 27th. The meeting commenced with a report of the total proceeds of Fun Fair Night which amounted to \$487.60. Disbursements were \$32.28; net amount \$455.32. Mrs. Harold Matthews spoke on the success of this fund raising venture and suggested it might be an annual affair for similar projects.

She thanked the parents for their loyal support in contributing as well as attending the Fair. The School Board has suggested the playground equipment be installed in a fenced-in area at the rear of McConaghy School. Miss Tran's class won the book prize for class attendance.

A joint meeting of the three Home and School Associations will be held on April 17th, at McConaghy School. The Hon. L. Alberg, Minister of Education for the Province of Alberta, will be the speaker.

Trustees Speak

Trustee Virginia Sully spoke on public relations. She suggested that, "since parents are the ones most concerned, Home and School is the logical place to start public relations."

Mr. Becker, of the teaching staff, suggested some interesting TV action plays on English History, referring to Radisson and Robin Hood, Disneyland, for the younger children and for grown-ups, Family Circle, starting Sunday, April 7th, on CBC.

Principal Speaks

The principal, Mr. G. McDiarmid, spoke on Social Studies through the Grades. Mr. McDiarmid compared the past with the present research on Social Studies. He stated, "It is significant that after both wars, interest in education increased."

Television has developed a wider range and especially the depth of knowledge in children. Social Studies takes in activities and attitudes and parents can help their children to become well adjusted and better developed in self-reliance by giving them participation in home affairs and more responsibility.

Prospects Discouraged

Town Council Blamed For Loss Of Industry Sales

Addressing Richmond Hill council last Monday evening, John A. Bailey laid the lack of industrial development squarely at the feet of council saying that the lack of concrete action to permit provision of services in the industrial area had lost scores of prospects. He contended that the services were not in because council was not willing to give him the necessary support and authority to go ahead with the project.

In a prepared address, Mr. Bailey outlined the history of his association with the municipality from the time he first became associated with Richmond Hill three years ago. He told council that the "get tough" attitude with subdividers was not new adding that it originated with the first development in the town. He complimented previous council members on their serious constructive manner of approaching development, however.

Heavy Loss

Mr. Bailey said that the drainage difficulties experienced when several Markham residents attempted to block off the natural watercourse and the reluctance of council to give temporary relief cost him firm \$75,000 and did not gain one penny for the town. For this reason, he emphasized that the profits from Beverley Acres were now located in the sale of the industrial land. "In other words, we are land poor," he noted.

Substantiating his claim that unimproved industrial sites were discouraging industry, Mr. Bailey cited a case on Centre Street where a prospective buyer was planning to locate three 10,000 sq. ft. factories. He said that though road problems concerning the Mills property, sewage disposal difficulties and the fact that the Centre Street level crossing would not be improved,

Dismiss Charge Re Bus Crash

NEWMARKET: Work has started on the municipal swimming pool to be located in the park on D'Arcy Street. To date \$42,000 has been raised for the \$50,000 project.

INNISFIL TWP.: Council has agreed to pass a by-law to prohibit the sale and delivery of newspapers on Sunday. The action was recommended by local clergymen.

NEWMARKET: Against the objection of two members of the council, approval has been given for the purchase of a \$5500 grander.

NORTH YORK: The stipends paid to the two hydro commissioners have been doubled to \$1,000.

Magistrate Hollinrake said there was no evidence of wanton disregard of public safety, or any deliberate criminal act to support the charge against Jarvis. Driver of the bus was Donald McBride, 28, of Donlands Ave., Toronto. Chief Constable R. P. Robbins, of Richmond Hill, said the truck was not equipped with rear direction signals. Examination of the vehicle after the crash, he said, indicated the driver's window was in the up position.

Mrs. Rita Falbo, of Newmarket, a passenger in the bus was the only defense witness. John Wager, of Richmond Hill, and Cyril Keats also testified.

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Zoning By-Law Goes to O.M.B.

Last Monday evening, Richmond Hill town council gave the third reading to the new revised zoning by-law. The first by-law was drawn up last year, but a number of amendments were added and consequently a whole new by-law has been compiled.

Councillor James Haggart noted that if the changes remained as an amendment there would be some back protection for residents in the matter of rented basement apartments. "With the new by-law going into effect now, this back protection will be lost," said Mr. Haggart. However, it was the general feeling that further objections could be presented when the matter comes before the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing.

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