

Inaugural Meeting Will Encourage Commercial And Industrial Development 1958 To Be Year Of Opportunity And Of Challenge

The inaugural meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council was held Monday morning at 11 a.m. In his inaugural address after taking the Oath of Office, Mayor Ken W. Tomlin urged council in 1958 to encourage industrial and commercial development. "Five years ago," said Mayor Tomlin, "we started to develop Richmond Hill according to a well defined plan and since that time we have enjoyed remarkable growth. A lot of our residential development has been completed but there is still plenty of room for industrial and commercial growth. Our task this year is to complete our development according to our plan and promote industrial and commercial development," he said.

Mayor Tomlin said there will be some changes in administrative practices this year and announced that the first will be in the conduct of council meetings. "We will have a clearly defined agenda for every meeting," he said asking that council members advise the clerk not later than the Friday previous to a meeting of subjects which are to be introduced. Mayor Tomlin said this would enable council members to give prior consideration to the matters to be discussed. He said he hoped this would expedite council routine

and enable decisions to be made and the slate cleared for new business.

Duly sworn into office for the year 1958 besides Mayor Tomlin were Reeve W. J. Taylor, Deputy Reeve Don. Plaxton, and councillors Stanley F. Tinker, W. J. Haggart, Joseph Patterson and J. W. Bradstock.

The mayor called on Rev. Robert Irwin, Minister of Richmond Hill's newest church (Baptist), to address the council and offer prayers. Rev. Irwin congratulated council members on their election and suggested that consideration be given to opening every session of council with prayers. "I am sure," he said, "ministers of the town in turn would be pleased to offer prayers at the commencement of each meeting".

Rev. Irwin referred to the remarkable growth of Richmond Hill, from 3,500 population in 1954 to 10,600 in 1957 — and said that with change and development comes new ideas and a new outlook. While urging that we keep pace with the development he urged that we remember our indebtedness to our old ideals and old principles. Hold on to the old ideals he said paying tribute to the solid foundation laid by our forefathers. "We see not only the change, but the challenge," said Rev. Irwin, "the challenge which faces you as a council, the challenge which faces us as a church and a community. '1958 belongs to us,' said

the speaker pointing out that the task facing the newly elected council was greater than that faced by any preceding council. Rev. Irwin closed his remarks with an inspiring prayer.

Mayor Tomlin extended sincere congratulations to all members of council and he commended all who had offered themselves for public service in the recent election. He included in these congratulations his predecessor ex-mayor William Neal who had the honour of serving as the town's first mayor.

Referring to the year ahead he said he knew there would be some difficulties but pledged all his energy and ability and all the time necessary to do a good job for Richmond Hill in 1958.

Reeve W. J. Taylor, starting his seventh year as Reeve and his eleventh as a member of council thanked the ratepayers of Richmond Hill for their renewed expression of confidence and extended a warm welcome to new members. He referred to the development taking place here and throughout York County and said it had been a great honour and pleasure to have served as Warden of the County in 1957.

Deputy-reeve Donald Plaxton extended congratulations and good wishes to Mayor Tomlin and all members of council. He extended special thanks to Rev. Irwin for his inspiring and appropriate message.

Councillor Stanley Tinker, who headed the poll for council in the recent election, said it was a great honour to be elected to council and he would show his appreciation by expending every effort to make Richmond Hill a completely united town. He reminded the audience that council members are not supermen and are subject to mortal errors in judgment. He asked citizens for patience, understanding and constructive not destructive criticism. "I hope," he said, "the 1958 council will not only be a willing team, but a winning team."

Councillor W. J. Haggart said he was honoured to run close to such a popular councillor as Mr. Tinker. Starting his second year on council Mr. Haggart extended congratulations to Mayor Tomlin and all members of council. "We are all here to work and strive to make Richmond Hill the kind of a community it should be," he said.

Councillor Joe Patterson, a new member of council joined in congratulations to his colleagues and pledged his best efforts for sound administration in 1958.

Another newcomer to council, J. W. Bradstock, said it was a great honour to him as a comparative newcomer to be elected to public office. "I look forward," he said, "to a year of hard but rewarding effort in close co-operation with my fellow members of council."

Congratulations and best wishes to council were expressed on behalf of the press by J. E. Smith, publisher of The Liberal. Mayor Tomlin extended a special welcome to the proceedings to ex-reeve P. C. Hill and a former "dean of council", Wesley Middleton.

Clerk Russell Lynett extended best wishes to the 1958 council and took occasion to express thanks to all members of the Municipal staff for their loyalty and co-operation. We best serve Richmond Hill, he said, when there is co-operation between council, staff and ratepayers.

Richmond Hill Committees For The Year 1958

Richmond Hill Town Council Committees were set up at the initial meeting of council Monday evening. There are only six committees and seven members of council so it was not possible to give every member a chairmanship. However, the striking committee composed of Mayor Tomlin, Reeve Taylor and Deputy-reeve Plaxton endeavoured to fairly divide the committee responsibilities for the year.

Standing Committees for 1958 will be as follows:

Fire and Police—Reeve W. J. Taylor, Councillors Haggart and Patterson.

Parks and Buildings—Deputy-reeve Plaxton, Councillor Bradstock.

Water and Sewers—Councillor Haggart, Councillor Bradstock.

Streets and Sidewalks—Councillor Tinker, Deputy-reeve Plaxton.

Finance—Mayor Tomlin, Reeve Taylor, Deputy-reeve Plaxton.

Personnel—Councillor Patterson, Councillor Tinker, Councillor Haggart.

The first named on each committee will be chairman. It was agreed unanimously that committee chairmen should have authority to make expenditures up to \$50 without consulting council. It was thought this departure would facilitate quick handling of many small items of municipal business.

Inaugural Meeting Markham Must Find New Dumping Facilities

At the inaugural meeting of Markham Township Council held Monday Reeve W. L. Clark's proposed committee appointments for 1958 received the approval of council with one exception. Deputy-reeve W. Dean was appointed chairman of the finance committee instead of Councillor J. MacNeil. Councillor MacNeil then took Mr. Dean's place on the road committee.

The members of the 1958 council are Reeve Clark, Deputy-reeve Dean and Councillor MacNeil of Ward I, Councillor Lumberson of Ward II, and Councillor S. Watson of Ward III.

In the important matter of the road committee which is the largest government department at the municipal level, a new member, Councillor Watson was selected as departmental head for the coming year, serving on the committee with Mr. Watson will be Councillors, Mumberson and MacNeil.

Councillor MacNeil who is also beginning his first term of office as a member of council, was chosen as head of the water and sanitation committee. The question of an adequate municipal water supply has been a perennial problem for councils during the past few years. Mr. MacNeil is a resident of Thornhill which is included in water area No. 1. The other members of this committee are Deputy-reeve Dean and Councillor Mumberson.

Councillor Mumberson will again head the police committee for 1958. A former Toronto police officer, Mr. Mumberson is ably suited to fill the role. The other member of the committee is Deputy-reeve Dean.

Other committees are as follows: Property and parks, Councillor Watson (chairman) and Councillor MacNeil; and Fire, Councillor Mumberson (chairman) and Councillor Watson.

Dumping Facilities
The need for new dumping facilities for township residents has reached "emergency" proportions reported Reeve Clark, as the members turned to solve the problem.

The major problems of 1958, both the township dump at Headford and the Jamieson dump just north of Ringwood were closed in 1957 when they became full. Chairman MacNeil has called a meeting of the water and sanitation committee for this week to start an immediate study of the problem. This meeting will be followed by further meetings with Markham's consulting engineers.

Private contractors who collect the garbage in the south-west corner of the township have been using the incinerator in North York Township for disposal. Reeve Clark wondered how long North York will permit this arrangement.

Deputy-reeve Dean strongly urged council to consider the construction of a permanent type incinerator to do away with the need for dumps. "Dumping is antiquated and I feel incineration provide a far more modern method of garbage disposal," remarked Mr. Dean. Council secured prices on a proposed incinerator from their consulting engineers two years ago but discarded the idea when the costs were found to be prohibitive. Mr. Dean suggested Markham approach county council to see if

they would agree to finance a joint incinerator for use by all York municipalities. Reeve Clark felt the northern municipalities in the county might object to the county financing an incinerator which would only be of real value to the southern municipalities. He cited the long distance garbage would have to be trucked if the northern municipalities were to make use of an incinerator located in the south.

Salary Raise
Reeve Clark asked the finance committee to consider a salary raise for the deputy-reeve and councillors. At present they receive only \$7.00 a meeting plus mileage at the rate of 10 cents a mile. This is considerably lower than surrounding municipalities. Considering the long hours of work and the responsibility entailed Reeve Clark felt the deputy-reeve and councillors were entitled to some increase. The office of the reeve was put on a fixed salary of \$1,500 a year in 1956 Solicitor J. D. Lucas suggested that if any changes were to be made now was the time to make them as under new provincial legislation effective January 1st the maximum salary figure for municipalities with a population of 10,000, and over has been raised considerably. They can now receive a maximum salary of \$16,000 a meeting.

Council made a number of appointments to various bodies effective immediately. Messrs. C. J. J. Laurin of Box Grove and F. Brumweir of Victoria Square were both re-appointed to further three year terms as members of the planning board.

The other members of the seven member board are H. Sissons of Box Grove, H. Brennan of Thornlea, and former reeve A. LeMasurier of Langstaff. Council representatives on the board for the coming year will be Reeve Clark and Deputy-reeve Dean. Mr. Dean will be taking the place of former Councillor Mrs. K. James. Planning board members receive the same rate of pay as members of council.

Messrs. E. Harper of Unionville and C. Clifford of Doncaster have been re-appointed as Markham's representatives on the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for 1958.

Reeve Clark and Councillor Watson were appointed as Markham's two representatives on the Crosby Community Centre at Unionville.

Council expects to receive written notice from the Municipal Board confirming its share of the million dollars in debentures required by the York Central District High School Board for a new high school at Woodbridge and an addition to Richmond Hill. Markham's share will amount to \$262,639.25.

A request from the St. John's Ambulance Association for a grant in 1955 has been referred to the finance committee for study. Last year Markham had a \$25,000 grant to the association. Reeve Clark said he was "heartily in accord" with making a grant to the association. "It was through St. John's training that the life of that little girl was recently saved at Unionville," commented Reeve Clark.

During the inaugural ceremony Rev. J. Forbes of Knox Presbyterian Church at Agincourt led the council in prayer.

Ontario School Children To Stress The Three "R's"

Well, as the old saying goes, "there's an end to all good things" proved only too true on Monday, when the students and teachers of high and public schools returned to their regular school routine, after the exceptionally long Christmas holiday break. Separate school children didn't return to their classes until Tuesday. Beginning at noon on December 20th, this holiday session has afforded them sixteen days of freedom, instead of the regular ten days at Christmas time.

According to the statements made last Friday, by the Hon. Dr. W. J. Dunlop, Minister of Education, new regulations that he is now working on, will place more emphasis on fundamentals in elementary schools, and mathematics, science and English in Ontario secondary schools.

For the past 25 years the so-called "progressive educationalists" have held sway, their basic principles being "no hard work" and "no competition". Their day is done, so far as Ontario is concerned. Dr. Dunlop said, as the province is returning to "fundamentals", backed by hard work and competition. No legislation will be required, he said, only new regulations, adding "I'm working on them now". The minister paid humorous tribute to the successful launching of Sputnik for awakening the public to the needs of education, and "It's time that some really hard work is done in the elementary and secondary schools of the province."

Janet Hisey Weds Ivan Boutillier To Reside In Richmond Hill

Yellow chrysanthemums decorated the altar of St. Mary's Anglican Church on Saturday, December 21, 1957, for the marriage of Janet Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hisey of Richmond Hill and Ivan Ronald Boutillier son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Boutillier of Nova Scotia. Rev. J. Neil officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Charles Harding played the wedding music. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a waltz length gown of white nylon net over taffeta. Her shoulder-length veil was caught to a white circlet of pearls and sequins and she carried a nosegay of red roses and white baby mums.

Gwen Hisey, maid of honour, sister of the bride, wearing a two piece yellow nylon net gown over satin with matching bandeau. She carried a nosegay of lily carnations. The bridemaid was Patricia Davenport, gowned in green net over satin with matching headress. She carried yellow carnations. Best man was Roy Boutillier, brother of the groom.

The reception following was held at the Town Inn Restaurant, Richmond Hill, the bride's mother receiving in a green knitted suit with pink accessories and yellow corsage. For travelling to points east, the bride wore a grey suit with pink accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Boutillier now reside at Richmond Hill.

Dr. A. Hogg New Appointee Vaughan Planning

Dr. Allan Hogg of Kleinburg has been appointed to serve on the Vaughan Township Planning Board for the coming year. He replaces retiring member Mr. George Lake, of Thornhill.

Other members of the planning board are Mr. Darrel Goulding of Jefferson, Mr. D. McCowan of Maple, Reeve John Perry and Deputy-reeve R. Kirk. The first meeting of 1958 will be next Monday evening at the municipal offices, Maple.

December Quiet For Markham Police

Police Chief C. Wideman, of Markham Twp. reports that December was the quietest December on record for township law enforcement officers in the matter of break-ins and burglaries. During the 31 day period there was only one minor break-in reported.

However January started off busy with a rash of break-ins reported in Unionville Village last Friday evening. Thieves broke into the Perkin Hardware, the offices of Stiver Brothers and attempted to enter the home of Mr. H. Maynard. They were scared off at the Maynard residence before they could gain entry.

They stole rifles and ammunition from the Perkin Hardware, but no loss was reported at Stiver Brothers. Sergeant W. Shearn and Constable R. Hood trailed the suspects for some distance but they managed to escape. The investigation is continuing.

Urges Economy

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Library Board—Council representatives, Councillors Tinker and Haggart.

Procedural Bylaw
Councillor Haggart gave notice that at a meeting two weeks hence he will move the adoption of a procedural bylaw for the town council. He said he thought such a bylaw setting out in detail all orders of business and procedure would expedite the transaction of council business and be helpful to new members.

V.O.N. Grant
On motion of Deputy-reeve Plaxton and Councillor Patterson council unanimously voted a grant of \$2,000 to the local Victorian Order of Nurses to assist in the cost of the coming year's operation. The local organization has already raised \$4,000 by public subscription. The nurse will have an office in the municipal building and it is expected she will commence her duties this month.

Skating Rinks
Deputy-reeve Plaxton reported that council had provided lumber for three outdoor rinks. Flooding and maintenance will be by local organizations. Hydro will provide lighting at cost.

Transportation
Councillor Bradstock suggested consideration be given to some public transportation in town. He suggested the TTC be approached to operate some busses to Elgin Mills, across Elgin sidewalk, down Bayview and on Markham Road.

Some time ago there was a local bus service operated by Gordon Mortson but it was abandoned because it did not prove profitable even with a municipal subsidy.

Members felt with the growth of the town such a service now might be practical and interested parties will be contacted by council.

Fire Chief Alfred Stong asked Richmond Hill Fire Committee to meet jointly with committees from Markham village and Stouffville to discuss a revision in rates charged for answering fire calls in Markham Township. It was agreed to hold such a meeting Thursday evening.

An engineer's report that sewers in Beverley Acres had been inspected was presented by Proctor, Redfern & Co. It was estimated that some necessary flushing and alterations would cost \$300 and J. A. Bailey had agreed to pay this amount to the town.

"We will take over the sewers when they are declared one hundred per cent by our engineers and not before," said Reeve Taylor.

A motion that council refuse to take over the Beverley Acres sewers until they are in satisfactory condition was moved by Councillor Haggart and carried.

A letter from solicitor J. D. Lucas advised that council could not be compelled to open a street shown on a registered plan. David McLennan has been pressing council to open Palmer from Church to Yonge Street, but council has declared it has no intention of taking such action.

Deputy-reeve Plaxton suggested council action to close the street.

As work is nearly completed council reduced the required amount of performance bond for developers of Crosby Heights and Finn Investments from \$113,522 to \$25,000. Mayor Ken W. Tomlin presided at the meeting and all members were in attendance.

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