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Vaughan Meeting Thornhill Water Dependent On Spring Valley Subdivision

Sixteen Thornhill residents in the Vaughan Township Water Area indicated to Vaughan Township Council Monday night they were willing to wait a period of months to see whether the Ontario Municipal Board gives the "go ahead" to the Spring Valley Subdivision near Thornhill, before pressing for water, because of the costs involved though they viewed the need for water as urgent due to deterioration of the well water supply.

Reeve John Perry informed the delegation O.M.B. approval was being held up by the decision on whether or not to allow a sewage disposal plant for the subdivision. Metro has indicated it disapproves of the plant as it could be a source of stream pollution. Deputy-reeve R. Kirk stated he called Metro's attention to the fact Toronto had to have sewage disposal plants before it was in a position to afford trunk sewers. Reeve Perry said he was "optimistic" the development will secure approval. However, if it didn't, other means would have to be forthcoming to assure Thornhill of water. Mentioned were other subdivisions or an agreement with Markham to use their facilities.

Immediate Payment
 If the Spring Valley development is passed \$200,000 will be paid the Township immediately and will be used to install water mains down Yonge Street to the subdivision. The work will be supervised and contracted for by the township. These mains would bring water to Thornhill.
 The entire cost of the project is estimated by Duncan Hopper and Associates, Ltd., consulting engineers, to be \$400,000.00. Broken down this would be 32,000 feet of 6" main at \$6.00 per foot \$192,000.00; 11,750 feet of 12"

main at \$11.00 per foot, \$129,250; and 300 connections at \$70.00 each, \$57,750.
 At an annual cost of \$34,873.82 for twenty years at 6% interest, Clerk J. McDonald stated there would have to be a revision of rates over the whole water area to take care of the repayment of the capital expenditure if it was proceeded with without the proposed subdivision, and he did not feel this would meet the approval of the O.M.B. or the other residents of the area.

The annual set revenue on the basis of 300 connections, would be the monthly rate of \$3.00 or \$10,800.00, and the frontage assessment of \$12,087.00 or 80,580 feet times 15 cents per foot. The

total annual revenue would be \$22,887.00. Thus the annual deficit, without the subdivision would approximately be \$12,000.

The mains as planned would serve approximately 532 individual lots of which approximately 450 are presently built on. It is assumed 300 connections will be made as part of the initial construction.

Petition Needed
 Reeve Perry said after the stand of the O.M.B. is ascertained, he considered the democratic approach to be a petition from the ratepayers to the township to start action.

In answer to a question Mr. Kirk said the water supply from the Uplands and Carrville wells would be ample for the new connection.

Again several ratepayers stressed the urgency of the need for a new source of water for the homes of Thornhill on the Vaughan side. Commented one gentleman, "It's hard to see that main going down on the east side and know it's not for us."

Play Tag Game Life - Or Death

Councillor J. Haggart, incensed at what he terms "lack of parental discipline," last Monday night told "The Liberal" that children riding bicycles between parked cars in the parking lot of the Beverley Acres Shopping Plaza are playing tag in a "GAME OF LIFE - OR DEATH."

The councillor appeals to all parents to put a stop to this dangerous game before it is too late. He says that it is impossible for motorists to see these children who dart out so quickly from behind parked cars. "Someone is going to be killed," Councillor Haggart maintains, and drivers of motor vehicles in the vicinity are becoming nervous wrecks. "It is up to the parents to put a stop to this nonsense at once," the councillor affirmed.

A resident on South Taylor Mills Drive, also perturbed about the safety of children urged, in a letter to council, that children under 11 years of age should not be allowed to ride bicycles. Deputy-reeve Plaxton moved the letter be turned over to the Beverley Acres ratepayers, since they comprise the mothers and fathers of the children concerned.

Councillor Haggart said, "We have no means of controlling bicycles. Neither council nor our police department can hope to stop this condition - it is up to the mothers and fathers of the children. The onus is on the parents to see that the children are well versed in the safety rules - before riding bicycles. We do all we can to protect children - and adults - from careless drivers, but what about careless parents

who let their children play in the middle of the road?"

He then related how a motorist driving through one of the new subdivisions had had to stop his car, pick up a child playing in the middle of the road with a sand pail and remove him to safety off the road, before the motorist could proceed on his way.

"Surely parents should be made to accept the responsibility of children to avoid this sort of thing," Councillor Haggart concluded.

Deputy-reeve Plaxton said the bicycle problem is peculiar to densely populated districts. "I think the ratepayers are the ones who should investigate these matters," Councillor Tinker, seconded by Councillor Bradstock moved that the ratepayers of Beverley Acres be forwarded the letter in question.

Trustees And Police Committee To Discuss Safety Measures

Tonight, Thursday, members of Richmond Hill Public School Board will meet with the local police committee and representatives of the five home and school associations to discuss safety measures which could be started at dangerous points along the routes to schools. The setting up of a safety patrol among the school children will also be gone

into. The discussion will be held at the request of town council after McConaghy Home and School Association had written asking council to erect more signs at dangerous points. Council pointed out the matter was one for the school board's attention and at Monday night's joint meeting suggested a meeting of the board with the police committee, so that a thorough study could be made of points considered dangerous from the standpoint of safety.

October Meeting Sr. Citizens Club

The new president, Mr. A. E. Plewman of the Richmond Hill Senior Citizens' Club will preside at the next regular meeting, which will have an entertainment program and will be held Wednesday, October 15, at 2 p.m. in the Lions Hall.

He is most anxious that all who are in any way interested in membership in the organization turn out for this meeting as fall activities will be commencing. Those who would like transportation are asked to call Mrs. Tilley at Turner 4-1024. Refreshments will be served.

The board decided to invite the home and school associations to participate in the discussion at their next regular meeting which is tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the board room on the second floor of McConaghy School.

Scott Addition Estimate
 Last Thursday evening at a specially called session, the board heard estimates of the cost of the addition to Walter Scott Public School from the architects, Allward and Goinlock.

Though today's building market is somewhat difficult to pinpoint, the estimate arrived at is \$200,000 for seven standard classrooms, one kindergarten, a 40' x 80' multi-purpose room, additional heating, plumbing and wiring services, storage space, boiler room space, 6 per cent architects' fees, and all furnishings for the rooms. This works out to a cost of approximately \$12. per square foot.

Council will now be asked to seek tentative approval from the Ontario Municipal Board to de-benture this amount.

Vandalism Still
 The portables at Beverley Acres School have again been extensively damaged by vandals. The fittings on pipe leading from the fuel tank to the space heater were taken off, windows and lights were broken, and there were evidences of an attempt to start a fire under the fuel tank.

She Is Everyone's Nurse



MISS EILEEN WOODBYRNE, V.O.N.

A familiar "friend" to the sick and convalescent in Richmond Hill is Miss Eileen Woodbyrne, the town's Victorian Order Nurse.

It is just a year ago that the town of Richmond Hill took steps to insure the setting up of the V.O.N. within its boundaries - winning the support of the residents in this great cause. Starting out with one or two calls a day for her services, Miss Woodbyrne now has as many as 150 visits a month. If there is a health problem in any home in Richmond Hill, the V.O.N. is as close as your telephone.

The V.O.N. campaign for funds begins next Wednesday, October 15, and continues until October 31. In connection with the campaign, Mrs. Malcolm Thomson, chairman of the V.O.N. board, spoke at a recent Rotary meeting, addressed the Jr. Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club, as well as speaking before the Catholic Women's League. Outlining the work done by the V.O.N., Miss Woodbyrne accompanied the chairman to various of these meetings.

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R. Hill Had Largest Clinic In York County

Assistant Clerk Mac Clement read a letter of thanks from Dr. Colacutt of the Department of Agriculture, regarding the recent anti-rabies clinic held in Richmond Hill at the fire hall. Dr. Colacutt said, "The clinic held in Richmond Hill was the largest clinic in York County," which caused Councillor J. Paterson to comment, "I have always maintained we have the largest dog population in Ontario. This calls for a dog catcher."
 Mayor Tomlin instructed the clerk to forward the letter from the department as well as a letter of thanks from council, to the Richmond Hill Women's Institute which assisted so admirably at the anti-rabies clinic.

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