

## Town Fathers Meet

# Dissention Caused By Constructing Sewer Through New Subdivision

## Rosedale Manor Owner Balks At Council Order

At the Tuesday night meeting of the Richmond Hill Town Council, Mr. Kenarick, owner of Rosedale Manor Apartments Limited, was told that he must abide by the conditions of his contract regarding drainage of his new subdivision at Elgin Mills and Bayview.

A rather lengthy discussion followed a request made to Council by the delegation from Rosedale Manor Apartments Limited headed by Mr. Kenarick. The subdivider brought his engineer and at the request of council, two engineers were present, including Mr. D. Redfern from the town's firm of consulting engineers, Proctor and Redfern.

When Mr. Kenarick's firm first made application to council for permission to construct a housing subdivision in the area along the south side of the Elgin Mills Side-road, crossing Neal Drive, just west of Bayview, it agreed to make provisions for sewers to carry off the drainage from the subdivision itself, as well as that which ran into the area from elsewhere. Mr. Kenarick explained that the only feasible way for his company to carry out this part of the agreement was to build a six foot ditch around the subdivision, including almost three hundred feet of culvert beneath the intersection of Neal Drive and Elgin Mills.

Mr. Redfern said that according to the original agreement, Rosedale Manor Apartments Limited would have to construct a covered sewer system either through the subdivision or around it, which would cost around \$100,000 and that Mr. Kenarick did not feel disposed to pay out this kind of money. His alternate suggestion was that an open ditch seven feet deep and 14 feet wide be constructed along Elgin Mills from "Murphy's Creek" culvert to Bayview. This plan would include a 290 foot length of closed drain at the intersection of Neal Drive and Elgin Mills, and would only cost him \$25,000.

Speaking on Mr. Kenarick's behalf, Mr. Redfern said "For drainage of the 1,300 acre involved there is a culvert in existence now (Murphy's Creek). Rosedale Manor's engineers say that the required size of pipe is too large to provide regular service either above or below it in the subdivision. So they want to run a ditch around the subdivision with most of it being open. It would only be closed in the deeper parts."

Considerable discussion went back and forth during which time Mayor K. Tomlin had to use his gavel three times to bring the meeting to order. Before asking for the opinions of the members of council, the mayor said "I think this matter can be settled without animosity either on the part of Mr. Kenarick or the members of council."

Councillor J. Haggart emphatically stated his position by saying "I will have absolutely nothing to do with creating any deep ditches which are a hazard to our children."

Councillor J. Bradstock asked town clerk R. Lynett to produce a copy of the original agreement for study.

Deputy-reeve D. Plaxton said "I think this is the most inconsistent policy I have yet seen on this council. After all, Mr. Kenarick is in business to build houses, not to

engineer," said Councillor Paterson, "his experience is broad, and his references which we checked were of the highest order." Mr. Whalen was its an engineering capacity with York Township for three and one half years; with the Department of Highways for five years; at Camp Borden for one and one half years; in the army for 13 months; at Victory Aircraft at Malton for two years; with Swansea Construction Company for five and one half years; for three years as a consultant with Macnamara Construction Company for one and one half years; and with the Ermac Corporation of Toronto for two and one half years.

"Mr. Whalen has been earning from \$7,000 to \$11,000 per year," continued Councillor Paterson, "but since the position here will give him an opportunity of seeing down in one place, he is willing to start in one month's time at \$6,500 per year."

**To Be Hired**  
Councillor Paterson then moved that Mr. Whalen be hired. Clerk R. Lynett seconded the motion, and it was carried at the vote.

The first letter in the correspondence read by clerk R. Lynett was a letter of thanks from the Richmond Hill Softball Association for the help and assistance in the last two years. Mayor K. Tomlin said he considered the letter a commendation of the work of the Parks Committee, headed by Deputy Reeve D. Plaxton.

A second letter was from the Canadian National Railway, advising council that the railway property required for the widening of Centre Street could be purchased at a price of \$1,200. Deputy Reeve D. Plaxton moved that the purchase be made. Councillor J. Haggart seconded the motion, and it was carried.

**Re-Zoning**  
The next letter was from the planning board concerning a large piece of property on the north-west corner of Palmer and Colborne Avenues. A letter had been received by the board from the owner of a house on the property asking for permission to develop that part of the property which adjoined his house. The board felt that all of the ground should be turned to practical use; not just part of it. Councillor J. Bradstock moved that the board's proposition be accepted. Councillor S. Tinker seconded the motion and it was carried.

A second letter from the planning board advised that the Richmond Lodge No. 23 wanted the property at the south-east corner of Crosby Avenue and Pugsley Avenue re-zoned from industrial so that they may erect a Masonic Temple. This proposition, along with others, will come before council next week when amendments are made to the zoning by-laws.

**Sewer Problem**  
Mr. Robert T. Ball, of 178 Elmwood Avenue was present at the meeting to complain about the sewer service to his home. It seems the present sanitary sewer is not deep enough to service his house. Mr. Stan Cassis, an engineer with Proctor and Redfern, the town's consultants, admitted that upon inspection he found the service not to be deep enough for Mr. Ball's house, although it was fine for other houses on the

street. He felt nothing could be done for Mr. Ball beyond the engineering standpoint of the installation of a sump and pump by the town. Councillor S. Tinker said he had talked to Mr. Ball regarding the problem and therefore moved that the town solicitor be asked to investigate to see what could be done. Councillor J. Haggart seconded the motion and it was carried.

**Gas Station**  
Councillor J. Bradstock asked to have the sign by-law placed on next week's agenda. He then informed council that an oil company wanted to construct a gas station on Markham Road, half way between Yonge Street and Bayview, but that the land involved was zoned for industrial use. He therefore moved that a letter be sent to the zoning commissioner from council to give permission for the installation. Councillor J. Haggart seconded the motion and it was carried.

Councillor J. Haggart asked if "dead end" signs had been placed on Becker Road. Mayor K. Tomlin advised him they had.

For public information, Mayor K. Tomlin has designated Sunday, November 9, to be Armistice Day in Richmond Hill.

**No Odor Soon**  
Just before the meeting came to a close, a Mr. Curtiss of Council Avenue asked council when the odor from the disposal plant would be stopped. After checking with Mr. Cassis, Mayor K. Tomlin advised him it would be stopped in two or three weeks.

Then Deputy-reeve D. Plaxton mentioned that the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce will assist the widow of one of the polio victims of last week, and that he felt this was very meritorious service on the part of the Jaycees. Mayor K. Tomlin said that the municipal offices had been placed at the disposal of the Jaycees to help in their campaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

**PICKERING**: With the exception of Councillor Robert Stewart, the township council is in favour of acquiring an engineer for the municipality as a beginning of an engineering department. Councillor Stewart objected by saying the cost of establishing such a man in the municipality would be \$11,000 and that he questioned the advisability of spending that amount of money right now. Agreeing that the township should be ready for future expansion, the council decided to take further action.

## R. Hill Public School Board

# Trustees & Police Begin Child Safety Programme

Safety was the principal subject for discussion at Thursday night's meeting of the Richmond Hill Public School Board.

Representatives of the five Home and School Associations met with trustees and the Police Committee of the town council, Councillor James Haggart, Councillor Joseph Patterson, and Chief of Police R. P. Robbins.

From the meeting came the recommendation of Trustee J. Rabinowitch and accepted by the board that the town council be requested to post signs designating an area of 200 yards on either side of all the schools as 25 mile an hour zones.

No definite decision was reached in regard to establishing a school safety patrol but Chief Robbins stated he was willing to train the boys and girls for such patrol duty. However, he felt these units should be used in residential areas rather than main thoroughfares such as Yonge St. or Markham Road.

**McConaghy School**  
Mrs. Connie Mathews was present for McConaghy Home and School Association and heard the board make the decision to request a crossing guard for Markham Road and Church St. from the town council, this on motion of Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully and Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell. The location of the sign on Church Street behind the parking lot will be placed in a more effective place, Chief Robbins said, following complaints that it could not be seen readily by motorists. Chief Robbins also stated he would request Council to restrict the height of hedges on corner lots to improve visibility.

**Crosley School**  
Mr. K. Gray attended to represent Crosley Ave. Home and School Association but stated as there were no main roads near the school there were no problems yet. He mentioned the necessity of a right-of-way from Taylor Mills Drive to the school to shorten the distance but said he personally felt a walk was good for the children. Chairman Robert Ross commented the fresh air walk was good for the children but many parents objected if there was any distance involved in getting to school.

Two big blue and white school house safety signs for the street have already been ordered said Chairman Ross.

**Walter Scott School**  
Present from Walter Scott Home and School were Mrs. Edward Castle and Mrs. J. Rimmer and they stressed the need of some safety device at Markham Road and Sussex Ave. It was decided this would be a 25 mile an hour area. Councillor Haggart stated the chairman of the Committee on York County roads has been invited to speak to Council in regard to child safety on Markham Road. In January Markham Road is slated to become a County Road.

From MacKillop Home and School Association, Mr. Keith Sully was representative. "The principal source of potential danger was the narrowness of Lucas Street and Mill Street where the children and bicycles proceed several abreast in the street," chairman Ross said, stressing keeping to the right side of the road by safety education by parents and teachers seemed the best answer to that problem. In reply to a comment it might be wise to widen the street, Mr. Ross commented, as long as the street is narrow, the driver must be cautious, it might be more dangerous if widened.

**Beverly Acres School**  
Mrs. A. Frank and Mrs. J. McAlister attended from Beverly Acres Home and School Association. The chief trouble in the subdivision seems to be a lack of signs in the new part. Chief Robbins said they would be put up "as soon as conditions are right." Councillor Haggart stated a bylaw for them would be discussed at a Police Committee meeting later in the evening.

It was claimed local delivery trucks at Beverly Acres did not slow enough for the safety of the youngsters who are often on the road in the residential areas. It was emphasized by the board and the police committee that parental education was of the utmost importance in instilling a regard for safety in the minds of children and Home and School Associations were urged to promote safety education programs.

**WILLOWDALE**: Six persons, including two policemen and a mechanic were injured in a double accident on Yonge Street near Cameron Avenue in North York, Sunday, October 5. A car was stalled across the centre lane of Yonge Street with its horn blowing after colliding with another car. The driver and constables G. Chadwick and D. Monteath were grouped about the car with flashlights warning oncoming traffic, when another car driven by Roy S. White, 49, of Davenport Road, in Toronto, smashed into the group. Everyone involved was injured including a leg cut which required 74 stitches to close. Constable Monteath fell on the car hood and had his face pushed through the windshield. White has been charged with impaired driving.

**WILLOWDALE**: North York council has approved a pension plan for township employees. Under the plan, the compulsory retirement age is 70, not 65, although an employee with 40 years service may retire at 60 if he wishes.

**BRADFORD**: After arresting four youths for car theft, Bradford police had trouble holding them. Still in custody are Ronald Parks and Uabrey West of Bradford. The two who escaped and are still wanted on the charge are Wilburt Thompson and Chesley Stickwood, both of Bradford.



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