

LOCAL COUNCILS HOLD INAUGURAL MEETINGS

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Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 7.45 p.m. Bingo Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge St.

JANUARY 8 — Thursday. Beginning January 8 and every Thursday thereafter, Bingo 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws. clw27

JANUARY 9 — Friday at 8.30 p.m. Square dancing in Jefferson Public School, Yonge Street North. All welcome. clw28

JANUARY 10 — Saturday evening. Dance 8-11.30. Oak Ridges Legion Hall, King Sideroad. Admission \$1.00 per person, under the auspices of the Oak Ridges Legion, Branch No. 570. clw28

JANUARY 12 — Monday. Let's start the New Year right, square dancing with Richmond Hill Community Swing. Join us at the McConaghy School at 8.30 p.m. sharp. clw28

JANUARY 12 — Monday — Vellore Euchre Club is holding its annual Open Night in Vellore Memorial Hall on Monday, January 12, 1959, at 8 p.m. Good prizes will be given. Lunch provided, everybody welcome. Admission 50c. clw27

JANUARY 12 — Monday at 8.00 p.m. — The General Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the 3rd Richmond Hill Cub and Scout Group will be held at the home of Mrs. E. French, Beaverton Road South. Two guest speakers will speak on "Cubbing" with a question and answer period, followed by a social half hour. clw28

JANUARY 14 — Wednesday at 8 p.m. The 1st Richmond Hill Scout Mothers' Auxiliary will hold their first meeting of the New Year in the Municipal Hall. The meeting will be followed by pictures of the pot luck supper. Refreshments. All members are urged to attend. clw28

JANUARY 19 TO FEBRUARY 23 — Marathon Euchre, sponsored by the Doncaster Community Ladies' Club. Anyone wishing to play, call Mrs. Barbour, AV. 5-5205 before January 12. All proceeds in aid of the burned-out Bonnid Family. Join the fun and help a worthy cause. clw28

JANUARY 23 — Friday — Vellore Old Boys' 7th Annual Dance and Euchre in Vellore Memorial Hall at 8.30 p.m. Hollingshead Orchestra. Modern and old time dancing. Admission \$1.25. Lunch provided. clw28

JANUARY 24 — The Honourable Kelso Roberts, Attorney General for Ontario, will be guest speaker at the North York Progressive Conservative Association Annual Meeting to be held at Newmarket Town Hall, 2.30 p.m. January 24, 1959. clw25

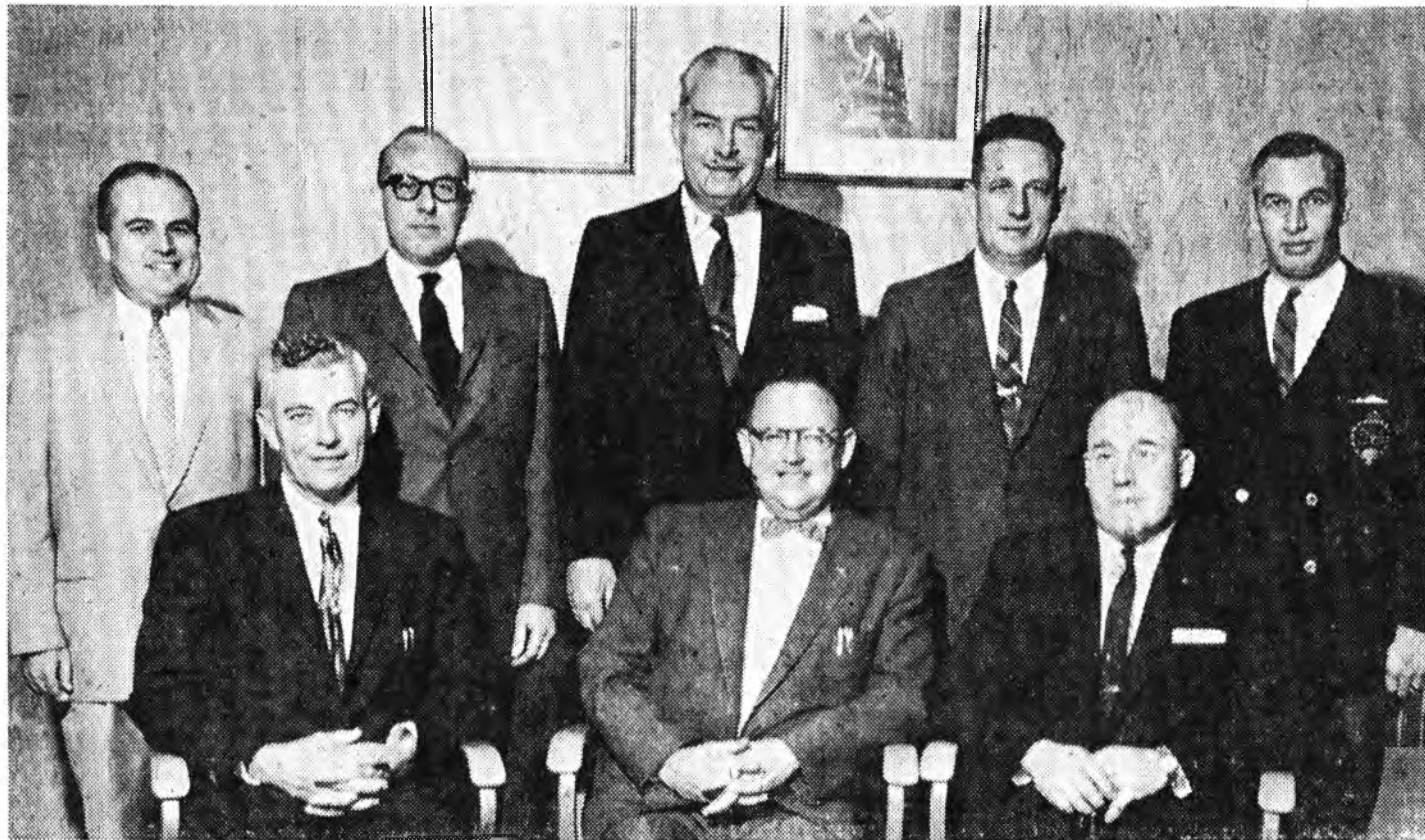
Dr. H. C. Campbell Speaker At U.N. Meeting Jan. 12

Dr. H. C. Campbell Chief Librarian, Toronto Public Libraries, will be the guest speaker at a public meeting of the York Branch of the United Nations Association to be held in the Macleod Killip School, Richmond Hill, Monday, January 12th, at 8 p.m. Dr. Campbell was born in Vancouver and graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1930. He was Librarian for National Film Board from 1942 to 1946, and for ten years with the United Nations and UNESCO to develop library services in member states. From 1953 to 1956 he was editor of Unesco Bulletin for Libraries. He has travelled widely in Europe, the Middle East and South America, assisting in the development of public and special library services and international exchange of publications. In 1956 he was appointed Chief Librarian Toronto Public Libraries. Dr. Campbell is an outstanding speaker and will have an interesting and informative message. This is a public meeting and everyone is invited to attend. Mrs. A. W. McLennan of King is president of the York Branch of the U.N. Assoc. which has a large and growing membership in all parts of the County.

Announce New Free Hydro Service

In conjunction with the new reduced local hydro rates that came into effect on January 1st the Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission has announced a further free service to its customers. Effective immediately the commission will supply its flat rate water heater customers free maintenance on all the electric components of their hot water heaters. The only exception to the service will be in the matter of tank replacement. Under the new plan designed to insure a continuous supply of hot water no charge will be made for parts or labour on any service call. The free service will be only available during normal working hours, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any hydro consumer desiring further information should call the hydro office at Turner 4-3511.

Richmond Hill 1959 Council Takes Oath of Office



Richmond Hill's 1959 Municipal Council members took the Oath of Office Monday. Shown above after the inaugural ceremonies left to right: front row seated, Clerk and Treasurer Russell Lynett; Mayor Kenneth W. Tomlin, Reeve Floyd R. Perkins. Back row, left to right, Councillor Joseph Paterson, Councillor J. W. Bradstock, Deputy-reeve Stanley F. Tinker, Councillor W. J. Haggart, Councillor R. P. Ross. — Photo by Lagerquist

Vaughan Township Council 1959 Inaugural & Business Meeting Sets Pace For Year

Last Monday saw the inaugural meeting of the 1959-60 council of the Township of Vaughan in Maple with some 30 public spectators and a large number of township employees in attendance.

Township Clerk Jas. McDonald swore in the new council with the declaration of office as each member held his hand on the Bible.

The Rev. M. Jenkinson led the devotional exercises in which he referred to a passage from the Old Testament on the building of a wall which said "He that would be greatest among you, let him serve".

Instead of giving his remarks verbally, Reeve John Perry had prepared a written statement which included the appointment of various council members to subcommittees.

Beginning this year the council has adopted the two-member committee system with each department having a chairman and vice-chairman. This method permits committee meetings to be recorded.

These are the appointments for 1959: Fire and Police — Reeve Perry and Deputy Reeve Vic Ryder.

Roads — Deputy Reeve Ryder and Councillor Bruce Ralph.

Administration, Assessment and Finance — Councillor Jesse Bryson, Reeve Perry and Deputy-reeve Ryder.

Planning and Development — Councillors Bill Anstey and Jesse Bryson.

Water — Councillors Ralph and Anstey.

The Reeve Speaks
In his remarks, Reeve Perry stated that in most areas of the township well over 60 per cent of the taxes go to education, and he reminded the people that council has absolutely no control over how or how much to spend on education; this authority is vested entirely in the respective school boards. He suggested the Act be altered to permit school boards to levy and collect their own taxes.

On the subject of roads, the Reeve said "it is only logical that

more money must be spent on permanent road building, which will, in time, reduce maintenance costs.

"Only so much can be done in a certain period with a set amount of money but we will do our best. The projects, begun in 1958, will be continued over the next two years with ever increasing miles of hard surface and an extensive wide ditching program."

Reeve Perry said he would submit to council that street signs be improved and standardized. He

recommended no changes in fire and police services at the moment.

Regarding the department of planning, the Reeve said one in every seven properties in Vaughan Township changes hands each year and that this could well be the year of terrific development. Mr. Perry apparently had made his own inquiries into the rumored C.N.R. marshalling yards, but could get nothing definite from any quarter.

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Parents' Night At H. Schools

The three principals of the York Central District high schools informed the board of the following dates for Parents' Night at their various schools:

Richmond Hill
Principal W. Morrow said Parents' Night for Grades 9 and 12 will be held next Monday night, January 12, from 7.30 to 9.30. The rest of the school, Grades 10, 11 and 13 will have their Parents' Night on Wednesday, January 14.

Thornhill
Parents' Night will be held alphabetically at Thornhill High School Principal Elson said. On January 22, Parents A to K will be invited to attend while parents L to Z would come to the High School on January 27 at 7.30 p.m.

Woodbridge
Principal L. Morrison said Woodbridge High School will hold Parents' Night January 15 at 7.30 p.m.

Joint Meeting To Select Metro Appointee

Reeve W. L. Clark and Deputy-reeve W. Dean will represent Markham Township Council at a joint meeting of the Councils of Stouffville, Markham Village, Markham Township and Richmond Hill to be held this week. The purpose of the meeting will be to select a joint appointee to represent the four municipalities concerned on the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board. Markham Township will put forward the names of Mr. C. Laurin, a former member of Markham Planning Board and Mr. A. G. Thompson, a member of the Stouffville Planning Board. The new appointee will take office on January 13th and will replace Mr. A. L. Masurier who recently resigned.

Impressive Inaugural Markham Twp. Council

At an impressive inaugural meeting held Monday morning the members of Markham Township Council officially took office for 1959. Clerk Harry Crisp swore in the members, while Rev. A. F. Binnington of Victoria Square United Church led in devotions. Reading from Holy Scripture Mr. Binnington suggested council gain their strength and wisdom for the coming year from our Lord. In all their dealings he suggested they see the other person's viewpoint. The duty of council is to improve the living conditions and anticipate the needs of the people of the township.

In a lighter vein in referring to the life of a politician, Mr. Binnington said they need the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job and the hide of a rhinoceros.

In his remarks Reeve W. L. Clark, a long-time veteran of municipal politics, felt 1958 had been a year of accomplishment; however 1959 will present many challenging problems. He forecast the development of several more subdivisions and referred to the rumored construction of two new provincial highways and extensive railway facilities.

Reeve Clark called for increased public interest in the affairs of the township, "our meetings are always open to the public and we'd certainly welcome greater ratepayer interest," remarked Mr. Clark. Referring to high taxes as the main criticism of the administration Reeve Clark deplored the lack of interest in school board affairs. "A total of 60% of our taxes goes to education over which council has no control whatsoever," emphasized Reeve Clark. The speaker felt the lack of ratepayer interest in educational matters was evidenced in the recent School Area No. 1 elections when in the Hillside Avenue poll nobody bothered to vote and in the Buttonville poll only one brave soul bothered to come out.

Calling on any future development to be controlled and economically sound Deputy-reeve W. Dean felt any decisions of the planning board, will have a profound effect on the future of the township. Mr. Dean advocated the Metropolitan Toronto Conservation Authority give Markham consideration in the coming year. He was critical of the fact that the conservation costs have jumped from \$200,000 a few years ago to \$4,000,000 today.

Councillor L. Mumberson recommended council consider replacing some of its present fire equipment in 1959. He also recommended that council expand the services of its fire prevention bureau. In the matter of recreation facilities, Mr. Mumberson said he is looking forward to the development of the first township park at Victoria Square.

Councillor J. MacNeil spoke of the completion of the new water system in Water Area No. 1, while Councillor S. Watson suggested council prepare a five year plan for the hard surfacing of township roads.

High School Students Assoc. Announces New Members Super 80 Club

This week the Richmond Hill High School Student Association announced this term's members of the Super 80 Club. At the completion of the term examinations, if a student receives 80 per cent or higher he becomes a member of this very select club and receives a special insignia to be worn as long as he or she can keep an average above 80 per cent. If the student falls below the average at the Easter exams, the insignia must be returned to the association until such time as it can be won again. This is the second time that the awards have been made as the Association first initiated the award system last June. The following students have won the award for the second time: John Haldane, David Matsunaga, Sara Gibson, Sharon Craigie, Bruce

No Large Projects Planned

Mayor Tomlin In Inaugural Address Says 1959 Will Be A Year For Consolidation Visualizes City With Population Forty Thousand

Town Moves To Acquire Well Site
At Monday night's Richmond Hill Town Council meeting the Clerk was instructed to contact the solicitor and take immediate steps to procure the land on which the municipality recently located a well to supplement the local water supply. Mayor Tomlin stated that under the Public Utilities Act the Town has the right to expropriate the land if necessary. The new well site is on the MacKay property in Markham Township just south of the town limits.

In his inaugural address at the opening meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council last Monday His Worship Mayor Kenneth W. Tomlin suggested that 1959 will be a year of consolidation. He said that few large capital expenditures are planned for the year but that there is need for a program to clean up a lot of projects. While 1958 would be largely a year for consolidation in our expansion and development program the Mayor said that this very definitely did not mean Richmond Hill should stand still. He warned that there is no place for reactionary thinking in either municipal or national administration and he declared that after a bit of consolidation Richmond Hill should continue to grow and develop. He visualized a city of 35,000 to 40,000 people.

Mayor Tomlin, Reeve F. R. Perkins, Deputy-reeve Stanley F. Tinker, and Councillors W. J. Haggart, J. W. Bradstock, R. P. Ross and Joseph Paterson took the oath of office administered by Town Clerk Russell Lynett.

Rev. J. F. O'Neil, Rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church, addressed the inaugural meeting and led in prayers. In congratulating the Mayor and members of council, Rev. O'Neil expressed the hope that 1959 will be a fruitful year and one of fulfillment. "The people look to you for sound, just and imaginative leadership," he said.

Mayor Tomlin said he thought it most fitting that inaugural council meetings should commence with religious observance. "It is right that we should seek the Lord's blessing on our undertakings," he said.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to council members elected and to Reeve Perkins returning after a year's absence and Councillor Ross, a new member. "I know you have at heart the best interests of Richmond Hill," he said, "and I hope we can work together for the good of the town."

Mayor Tomlin said 1959 was following a year of very great activity. "Last year," he said, "we had a very extensive program of works and accomplished several important administrative changes." Reviewing the activity of the past years he mentioned the new municipal building, the addition to the sewage disposal plant, the new library now under construction and the Elmwood-Harding sewer extensions. He said the whole town now has sewer service with the exception of the recently annexed Rumble Ave. area. Centre Street East has been paved and Richmond Street will be given similar treatment as soon as weather permits.

Mayor Tomlin said Richmond Hill has experienced very rapid growth and development in the past few years and that the coming year looked like one for consolidation. He said a Parks and Playground program is vitally important. The large residential developments we have had cannot carry on indefinitely without reasonable amenities.

The Mayor suggested that the 1959 council should continue the policy of encouraging the assessing and maintaining the assessment level in our central business section. He suggested council should continue to co-operate with the business men in developing off-street parking accommodation and in other ways encouraging development of the commercial area.

The coming year should not require many major capital projects, said the Mayor. He suggested council efforts in the coming year be concentrated in solidifying our residential commercial development and extending our industrial development. "We appointed an Industrial Commissioner last year, and he's doing an excellent job," said the Mayor urging members to press the campaign for industrial development in the coming year.

"Last year we appointed a Works Commissioner, and his appointment is a matter of great satisfaction to members of council and to our administrative staff," said Mr. Tomlin. "It has resulted in getting done a great

many things which needed doing."

While he had said the coming year should be one of consolidation, His Worship warned he did not mean that Richmond Hill should stand still. After a pause for consolidation, he said, he should not continue to grow and develop with a carefully planned program, and he visualized a city of 35,000 to 40,000 people in the not too distant future. "Reactionary thinking has no place in the development of Richmond Hill," said the Mayor. Municipalities such as Richmond Hill must continue to grow and develop if the nation is going to progress, he said.

Reeve Floyd R. Perkins, returning to council after one year's absence fills the chair occupied for seven years by his grandfather, the late Jacob Lunau who was Reeve from 1926 to 1933. He agreed that 1959 should be a year of consolidation. However, he said a town is just like a business. If either goes ahead, or back, it just can't stand still. During the coming year he said he would try to make sure Richmond Hill taxpayers got value for their tax dollars. "We may have differences of opinion," he said, "but I assure you there will be nothing personal, and any differences we may have will be left at the council table," said the Reeve.

Deputy-reeve Stanley F. Tinker, promoted by the electors a year ago, said council agreed that 1959 should be a clean-up year. There have been many jobs which should be done and which just weren't done because of the press of many projects. "I would like to surprise the taxpayers and get these jobs done this year," said the deputy-reeve.

Councillor W. J. Haggart who headed the polls in the recent election said he was not satisfied with the quality of our engineering and suggested that council in 1959 should dispense with the services of Proctor and Redfern as consulting engineers. He suggested consideration should be given this year to establishing the ward system in the town for the election of councillors, and that council members should give serious and careful consideration to expanding the municipality to obtain industrial land.

Councillor J. W. Bradstock re-elected and starting his second year on council said the coming year will be an all-important one for Richmond Hill. "We should know where we are headed which is of vital importance to a growing municipality."

Councillor Joseph Paterson thanked the people of Richmond Hill for his re-election to council and said he would do his best to serve the town in 1959.

Councillor R. P. Ross, the newcomer to council, said he looked forward to working with the 1959 council, and would deal with matters as they are presented. Mr. Ross takes his council seat after serving five years as a Public School Trustee.

Clerk Russell Lynett assured council of the best in co-operation from all members of the administrative staff.

Mrs. Ruth Stocks and J. E. Smith extended good wishes on behalf of the press and ex-reeve P. C. Hill who served as Reeve in 1948 expressed congratulations to the 1959 Mayor and Council.