

Coming Events

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

BINGO every Thursday, 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws. tfc27

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. tfc

FEBRUARY 3 — Friday, 8.30 p.m. Square dancing, Jefferson Public School. All welcome. clw32

FEBRUARY 5 — Thursday, The annual meeting of the North York Humane Society will be held in the Town Offices (Mayor's room), Aurora, at 8 p.m. c2w31

FEBRUARY 5-15 — Rev. W. N. Teal of St. Catharines will conduct an Evangelistic Campaign in the Free Methodist Church, corner of Elmwood and Ruggles, Richmond Hill. He will be assisted on Sunday evenings by the Gospel Harmony Trio and on week nights by visiting soloists and other groups. clw32

FEBRUARY 7 — Saturday, Rumage Sale, Christian Education Building, United Church, 2 to 4 p.m., under the auspices of the 5th Richmond Hill Scout and Cub Mothers' Auxiliary. c2w31

FEBRUARY 7 — Saturday, Opportunity sale of good used clothing and household articles will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Brook St., Thornhill, by the Parish Guild at 2 p.m. Tea will be served. c3w30

FEBRUARY 9 — Monday 9 p.m. Richmond Hill Community Swing Valentine Party in Wrixon Hall 9 p.m. All square dancers invited. \$1.00 per person. clw32

FEBRUARY 9 — Monday 8.30 p.m. Annual meeting of Victoria Square Community Hall will be held on February 9 at 8.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. c2w31

FEBRUARY 10 — Tuesday 8.30 p.m. The 1st Richvale Guides and Brownies Mothers are holding a euchre at the Community Hall, Spruce St., Feb. 10, 8.30. *1w32

FEBRUARY 11 — Wednesday 7.30-9 p.m. Boys' Club at Lake Wilcox will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Friend, Willowbank Ave. clw32

FEBRUARY 11 — Wednesday, The regular meeting of the 1st Richmond Hill Scout Mothers' Auxiliary will be held Wednesday, February 11, in the Municipal Hall at 8 p.m. The meeting will be in the form of a Valentine Party. Come out and enjoy yourselves. clw32

FEBRUARY 11 — 1 p.m. Annual Valentine Luncheon in the Richmond Hill United Church Hall under the auspices of the Afternoon Women's Association. Guest speaker, Dr. Helen S. Hog, topic, "An Astronomer Visits Russia." Tickets \$1.00 from members or Mrs. H. Currie, TU, 4-2177. clw32

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FEBRUARY 13 — Friday at 2.30 All the women of all the churches in Richmond Hill are requested to keep this date open for the Women's World Day of Prayer in the Richmond Hill United Church. c3w30

FEBRUARY 14 — Saturday, 11 a.m. Walker's Store, Maple, Sale of baked goods and candy, also some miscellaneous articles by the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. c2w32

Short Talks Are Program Feature Lion's Meeting

If the Governor General stopped off tomorrow in Richmond Hill and had lunch and inspected the new Public Library addition, would the townfolk be sufficiently gratified and impressed to change the name of Richmond Hill to Massey Hill? This sort of thing happened once. It was the year 1819 and the Governor of Upper Canada, the Duke of Richmond, stopped off for a brief visit at the thriving village of Miles Hill, which was then building its first church, the Presbyterian Church, on a Yonge Street lot donated by one of its first citizens, James Miles. The citizens, pleased and flattered by this favour, promptly re-named the village.

This story, "How Richmond Hill Got Its Name," told by Lion Craig Bowden, was one of seven brief talks given by members at the Richmond Hill Lions Club Members Night last Thursday evening. Other talks were "Aspects" by Lion Jim Langstaff, "The Principal Functions of Municipal Government" by Lion Floyd Perkins, "Reminiscences" by Lion John Wilson, "The Value of a Library in a Community," by Lion Ross Scrimger, "The Problems of a Dry Cleaner" by Lion Ed Sackfield, and "The Rights of Man" by Lion Frank Walsh.

PICKERING: A fox believed rabid, bit three dogs and then smashed a window to get in the basement of a home, where it was destroyed.

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ASK ABOUT OUR Thursday afternoon CARRIER SERVICE TU. 4-1105

Markham's Reeve Clark Suggests Province Take Lead Solving Water Supply Problems

Tribute To Employees Salary Schedule Municipal Staff Set By Council

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night on motion of Reeve F. R. Perkins, Personnel Committee Chairman unanimously adopted a salary schedule for municipal employees. The new schedule agreed on at a committee meeting provides a commencing salary with annual increases and a maximum.

In presenting the schedule to council Reeve Perkins paid tribute to municipal employees who are doing a good job for the town. "It is my belief that to continue to get the best service we should pay them well and keep them happy," he said. Mayor Tomlin expressed the opinion that in a period of remarkable growth and development the town has been most fortunate in the calibre of its municipal employees, and this he said applies to members of the staff at all levels.

Councillor Joseph Paterson said that in addition to adopting the

salary schedule the committee had drawn up a set of regulations governing employment and conduct which he thought would contribute greatly to the goal of obtaining the maximum in efficiency and co-ordination. It all adds up to efficient municipal administration he said, "and that's what we promised to the ratepayers".

Mayor Tomlin commented that the policy of having these matters considered in detail by committees resulted in speeding up the work of council.

The salary schedule adopted is as follows:

Employee	Commencing Salary	Annual Increase	Maximum
Clerk-Treasurer	\$6500	\$300	\$8000
Deputy-Clerk-Treasurer	5000	200	6000
Assessment Commissioner	5000	200	6000
Assessor	4800	200	5000
Building Inspector	5000	200	6000
Industrial Commissioner	6000		
plus a maximum of \$2000 expenses			
Fire Chief	4500	200	5500
Police Chief	5000	200	6000
Secretary & Sr. Clerk	3200	200	4200
Waterworks Meter Reader	3000	200	4000
Caretaker	1.55 per hour based on a 44-hr. week		
Office Boy	2000		
Commissioner of Works	6500	200	8000
Roads Superintendent	4500	200	5500
Utility Superintendent	4500	200	5500
Foreman	1.75 per hour based on 42 hour week		
Sub-foreman	1.60 per hour based on 42 hour week		
Labourers	1.55 per hour based on 42 hour week		
Probationers	1.45 per hour based on 42 hour week for three months		
Mechanic	4000	200	5000

On recommendation of the Personnel Committee council unanimously agreed to offer a new salary schedule to the members of the police force. The suggested salaries are in excess of the existing rates, but at somewhat lower than the amounts asked for in a recent communication from the Police Association.

In comparison with other municipalities the schedule is in most cases slightly higher than Mark-

ham and Vaughan, but lower than rates paid in Metropolitan Toronto.

Asked if the new schedule was agreeable to the police, Councillor Haggart, police committee chairman stated it had not been presented to them yet, as it was felt it should first be approved by council.

Police salary schedule unanimously adopted by council is as follows:

Rank	Present Salary	Requested Salary	Suggested Salary
Sergeant	\$4150	\$4760	\$4600
A/ or P/Sergeant	4050	4640	4400
1st Class Constable	3950	4530	4200
2nd Class Constable	3750	4350	3900
3rd Class Constable	3450	3960	3600
Probationary Constable	3150	3620	3300

1958, A Good Year For R. Hill United Church

The annual congregational meeting of Richmond Hill United Church was held on January 28, in the main hall of the new Christian Education Building. The meeting, presided over by the minister, the Rev. C. G. Higginson, was well attended. Rev. Higginson said, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126). We are glad as we remember the events of 1958, a year which brought to completion our ambitious building project. Truly, this was the Lord's doing. We only go forward in God's work as we walk with Him in faith and love. As your minister, I appeal for steadfast prayer in private and consistent participation in the Sunday services."

The annual report of the church reviewed by Mr. Reg. Baker showed total resident membership at the close of 1958 stood at 950. Sunday school enrollment was 699, with an average attendance at the Sunday school of 511. Funds raised — General \$16,870.37; building fund \$39,513.91; missionary and maintenance, \$4,918.79; by Sunday School \$1,994. The Building and Finance Committee report showed the cost of the Christian Education centre was \$245,511.16 with an amount

of \$132,113.33 still owing. There were 27 marriages, 69 baptisms and 26 burials during 1958.

Following is the 1958 official (Continued on page 16)

Parks Committee Plans Activities

Councillor J. W. Bradstock, Parks Committee Chairman, reported to Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night that meetings had been held to consider plans for improvement of parks in the coming year. Estimates for work planned will be presented to council soon.

Mr. Bradstock also reported a meeting with interested parties relative to plans for development of the pond park area. The Naturalists Club has been asked to submit a schedule of proposals and estimate of cost. There has been consultation with the Conservation Authority re modifying the deed requirements for the land, and as soon as these negotiations are finalized he will have a report for council.

Minor Hockey Night



Nearly 400 parents and interested spectators attended at Richmond Hill Arena last Friday night in a successful and enthusiastic observance of Minor Hockey Night in Richmond Hill. At left, His Worship Mayor Ken W. Tomlin, a loyal fan, is shaking hands with Barry Brent, one of the hard-work hockey promoters. — Photo by Lagerquist

Population 14,210 Record Increase Town Assessment Shown Last Year

The year 1958 was one of record growth for Richmond Hill. This was revealed in the annual report of the Assessment Commissioner, R. W. Johnston, presented to Town Council Monday night.

Richmond Hill's population increased by 3,278 last year and at December 31st the total population figure for the town was 14,210, as compared with 10,932 at the end of 1957.

The increase in taxable assessment in 1958 over 1957 is shown as \$3,273,390, making a total assessment of \$24,161,477. The assessment is classified 84.76 per cent residential, 3.49 per cent industrial, and 11.75 per cent commercial. The balance between industrial and commercial compared to residential showed a slight improvement in the year.

To maintain a healthy assessment in the commercial area the commissioner asked council to give consideration to any worthwhile project towards the purchase if necessary of property for municipal parking in the central part of town. He suggested the setting up of a Municipal Parking Committee to make a study of the situation and council unanimously adopted the idea. The Mayor was given authority to name the committee.

Richmond Hill's total assessment figure of \$24,161,477, in 1958 is more than three times the 1956 figure when the total taxable assessment was \$7,378,533.

Municipal property, churches and schools are exempt from taxation and in Richmond Hill such property assessment totals \$741,950.

Richmond Hill's remarkable growth is shown by the population figures for the past six years. Town population official figures are:

1953	3,310
1954	3,510
1955	5,021
1956	7,996
1957	10,932
1958	14,210

Classified by age the town last year had 1885 children, age 3 and under, 438 four year olds, 491 5 and 9, 1023 age 10 to 13, 189 age 14, 141 age 15, 456 age 16 to 19, 678 age 20 to 59, 187 age 60 to 64, 172 age 65 to 69, and 384 people over 70 years of age.

Richmond Hill's taxable assessment includes 1,193 acres and in addition there are within the town boundaries 23 acres in

Richmond Hill Council And Markham Twp. Contest For Water From New Discovery Both Need Added Supply And Hope Well Is Answer

Planning Board Asks \$7,000

Richmond Hill Planning Board has asked Town Council for an appropriation of \$7,000 for the current year to pay the services of a Planning Consultant and other expenses. It was pointed out that the future growth of the town needs careful study and planning and such services as could be provided by a consultant would be desirable in the coming year. Last year's Planning Board budget was \$1400.

On motion of Councillor Haggart the request was referred to the Finance Committee. "This is a request we cannot afford, not to afford," said Councillor J. W. Bradstock.

Mayor Tomlin remarked that the town had been most fortunate in having had excellent service from its planning board with a very little expenditure of money.

In a discussion of water supply problems of Richmond Hill and Markham Township at Town Council meeting Monday night, Reeve W. L. Clark of Markham Township suggested that all water resources of the province should be handled by the Province and the Water Resources Commission should supply water to all municipalities like Ontario Hydro supplies electricity.

Richmond Hill's Mayor Tomlin and members of both councils expressed approval of the suggestion and Richmond Hill council unanimously adopted a resolution by Councillor W. J. Haggart suggesting that the Province assume responsibility for water distribution. The resolution suggested that water be distributed to municipalities in much the same manner as electrical power is distributed by Hydro, and the sewage disposal be included. The resolution will be presented to the Ontario Mayors and Ontario Municipal Association for support and endorsement.

During the discussion it was pointed out that it was not economically sound for all municipalities to continue the expensive and never-ending search for water supply.

In presenting the suggestion Reeve Clark said that Ontario is surrounded by a chain of lakes and that an ample supply of excellent water is no really great distance from any of our large centres of population. In other countries water supply is piped for great distances.

Mayor Tomlin said the time is past when Ontario communities should have to keep trying to secure adequate water supply from wells.

The suggestion came during a discussion by members of Richmond Hill and Markham Township Councils of the proposed development of a new deep well by Richmond Hill in Markham Township.

In its search for additional needed water supply Richmond Hill carried on extensive test drilling in Vaughan and Markham Townships. After an expenditure of more than \$10,000, in test drilling a well was located in Markham Township just south of the town limits. It is located on the MacKay property which the owner is planning to develop and for which he needs a water supply. He has asked for water and services from Richmond Hill and was told such service would be conditional on the annexation of the commercial area.

The owner of the property in a surprise move a couple of weeks ago decided the well site to Markham Township, and that municipality has plans for its development to serve the needs of people in the area.

Mayor Tomlin Monday night made Richmond Hill's stand very clear and definite. "Richmond Hill needs the additional water supply, we discovered the well and we intend to develop it," he said. He said the town had rights in the matter of securing needed water supply outlined in the Public Utilities Act.

Members of both councils expressed a wish to settle the whole matter amicably and without costly legal entanglements. Markham suggested a fifty-fifty sharing of the water, but Mayor Tomlin contended there could be no such agreement until the well is developed and the production capacity is known. The mayor and members of council made it clear they would not be opposed to selling some of the water to Markham Township if the well produces more than enough for Richmond Hill's needs.

No definite decision was arrived at, and Councillor John MacNeil, Markham Township Council water chairman, stated he would like to have the whole matter considered by council.

The Markham delegation included in addition to Reeve Clark, Deputy-reeve Wilfred Dean and Councillors John MacNeil, S. Watson and L. Mumberson.

Reeve Clark said the township had formed another water area to take care of the needs of people in the municipality who are asking for water and the supply of the well on the MacKay property is needed.

Deputy-reeve Dean said, "We have been petitioned for water



REEVE W. L. CLARK Says Province should distribute water like Hydro power.

in the area and now we have to go in the water business. If we give Richmond Hill the site we now own we may have to go as far as the 4th concession to get water."

Mayor Tomlin took exception to the reference to Markham's ownership of the site. "The well was discovered by Richmond Hill and we have the right to develop it under provisions of the Public Utilities Act."

Deputy-reeve Dean — "When North York drilled for water in Markham Township they notified us. It would have been more courteous if you had done likewise."

Mayor Tomlin contended that even though there may not have been any formal notification, Markham council members were aware of the operations. He suggested no feelings of mistrust should enter into the deliberations.

Jail Farm Development
Regarding Markham's needs for water in the area Reeve Clark said council had proposals for development of the Jail Farm at Langstaff and much of that would be industrial. The township has secured permission for construction of a sewage disposal plant north of No. 7 highway and east of Bayview.

Councillor John MacNeil asked why Richmond Hill continued to encourage development if it did not have adequate water supply (Continued on page 3)

No Paving On Markham Road For Some Time

Markham Road will not be paved this year. In fact it may not be paved for a number of years, and when it is, the town of Richmond Hill will be expected to construct curbs and gutters and storm sewers. This was reported to Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night by Reeve F. R. Perkins, and caused a storm of protest from Mayor Tomlin and council members.

"What a great deal we got," said Councillor Paterson.

"It's absolutely ridiculous," said Mayor Tomlin, "we are the largest contributor to the County and benefits we receive are mighty small." He was sharply critical of the county system in our municipal administration.

Markham Road was taken over by the Toronto and York Roads as of January 1st and Richmond Hill councillors understood the road would be constructed to county standards at an early date.

Councillor Haggart contended the road is in atrocious condition at the present time and demanded immediate action. It was reported Toronto and York officials are to meet with local authorities this week to discuss maintenance. Councillor Haggart moved that Richmond Hill fix the road now and send the bill to the County. "It's our people who are suffering," he said, "and if it is left the way it is we're going to have a stack of wrecks." He failed to get a seconder for his motion.

New Regulations Yonge Buildings

Looking to the future needs of a wider Yonge Street, Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night decided to pass a by-law fixing a building line and specifying set back for all new buildings or alterations to existing buildings on Yonge Street.

Solicitor J. D. Lucas was instructed to draw up the by-law. It will set the building line at least 50 feet from the centre of Yonge Street, and 17 feet back of the existing street line in the business section.

On motion of Councillors Bradstock and Ross no permits for Yonge St. building will be issued until details of the by-law are finalized.

Deputy-reeve Tinker remarked that the widening of Yonge St. would be very costly in view of the existing installation of services. Councillor Bradstock said the widening was not for the immediate future but long range planning and provision for what might be needed sometime.

MARKHAM VILLAGE: Assessor E. R. Good met with council last week to discuss the assessment, and to state there has been no complete reassessment of the village for some years.

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FATALITIES 0	INJURIES 1
ACCIDENTS 12	