

Coming Events

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. tfc31

BINGO every Wednesday afternoon at 1.15 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carville Rd. West, Richvale. tfc39

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

EVERY FRIDAY night — at 7.45 p.m. Bingo — Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 22A, Yonge St. tfc36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9.00 p.m. — 12.00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tfc38

APRIL 9 — Thursday, 8.00 p.m. sharp. A gala bingo and bridge party at Walter Scott School is planned by the Allencourt Ratepayers' Association. Prizes and lucky draw, bridge facilities for those who wish to play. Refreshments afterwards. Come — bring your friends — and enjoy a real sociable evening. Everyone welcome. c2w40

APRIL 11 — Saturday. Euchre. Members of L.O.L. and L.O.B.A. will hold a euchre at the Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws on Yonge St. at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission 50c. Lucky door prizes, draw prizes and good euchre prizes. Lunch. tfc33

APRIL 11 — Saturday 2.30 to 5 p.m. The annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show by the Ladies' Auxiliary 2nd Richmond Hill Scout Group at Our Lady Help of Christians School, Bayview Ave. Admission 50c. c2w40

APRIL 11 — Saturday 1 p.m. Rummage sale, Richmond Hill United Church under the auspices of Woman's Association. For pick up of donations, call TU, 4-1718 or TU, 4-1382. c4w38

APRIL 13 — Monday. Square dance with Richmond Hill Community Swing. Only two more dances this season. Come early, dancing starts at 8.30 sharp. McConeghy School. c1w41

APRIL 18 — Saturday. Public skating at Richmond Hill Arena, 8 to 10 p.m. c1w41

APRIL 18th — Saturday, 11 a.m. A sale of baked goods at Mrs. Walker's Store, Maple, by the Women's Association of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. c2w41

APRIL 18 — Saturday 2.30 to 9 p.m. Richmond Hill Horticultural Society Spring Fair. No admission fee. All welcome! c2w41

APRIL 18 — Saturday. Rummage Sale — sponsored by St. Mary's Anglican Evening Guild, in Wrixon Hall, 104 Yonge Street south, at 2 p.m. For pick-up please telephone Mrs. Donaldson, TU, 4-1559 — or any member of the Evening Guild. c2w41

APRIL 18 — Saturday night 8.30 to 11.30 p.m. TALENT CONTEST, \$100 in prizes. Winners have opportunity to audition for TV appearance. Held during regular Saturday night dances at the Legion Hall, Oak Ridges. Admission \$3.00. Call PR, 3-5215, or write P.O. Box 432, Oak Ridges, Canadian Legion Branch 570, Oak Ridges. c2w41

APRIL 22 — Wednesday, 1 p.m. Spring luncheon sponsored by the Women's Association of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. Speaker, Mrs. Elsa Jenkins, manager of Women's Activities, Canadian National Exhibition. Tickets \$1.00, available from Mrs. A. E. Tyson, TU, 4-2432. c1w41

APRIL 25 — Saturday. Rummage and baking sale, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m., sponsored by St. Matthew's United Church W.A., Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill. Afternoon tea will be served. Rummage contributions may be left at 270 McConvey Drive. *3w40

APRIL 25 — Saturday. The 1st Richmond Hill Scout Mothers' Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale in the Presbyterian Church Saturday, April 25, at 1 o'clock. For pick-up of any rummage, call either TU, 4-2617 or TU, 4-2523. c3w41

APRIL 29 — Wednesday evening. Music Festival by senior grades of Richmond Hill Public Schools, in Crosby Heights Auditorium. c5w39

APRIL 30 & MAY 1 — Music Night '59 presented by the Richmond Hill High School Music Club, featuring the Junior Band, Senior Band, Choir, and excerpts from H.M.S. Pinafore. Admission 50c. c3w41

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NEW MARKET: New market Council will stand by its ultimatum to the police department offering police officers a four percent annual raise.

A motion by Councillor George Knapton offering the Police Association a six percent increase was defeated by council five votes to four on Monday night.

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School Demands Up Forecast Boost In 1959 Tax Rates For Richmond Hill

It's getting close to budget day for Richmond Hill Town Council, and Mayor Tomlin and members of the finance committee are busy these days with town officials going over estimates of the various departments. Last year with re-assessment town council was successful in holding the tax line but there are strong hints that a fairly substantial tax rate boost may be expected this year. Early in the year there were suggestions of a one or two mill increase but now there have been indications the rate may rise by five, six or even seven mills. A seven mill boost on a \$5,000, assessment would mean an increase in taxes of \$35.00.

School board budgets were presented at the council meeting last Wednesday night and pretty well exploded any hopes of holding the tax line. The public school levy in Richmond Hill requested by the board totals \$442,799.51 which would require a mill rate of 20.21 mills, compared with just less than 17 mills last year. District High School Boards budget calls for a levy of \$168,088.78 in Richmond Hill which is up about two mills over last year. The public school is part of a union school section which includes small areas in both Markham and Vaughan Townships. However Richmond Hill ratepayers must bear 96.82 per cent of the cost, Vaughan 2.51 per cent and Markham less than one per cent. The two budgets were referred to the finance committee and from comments of council members there was indication school costs will come in for close scrutiny and some criticism. Mayor Tomlin advised council that the Finance Committee would be meeting several times this week and that budgets of all departments would be considered. He remarked that "headache tablets would be provided for the members".

In 3 Municipalities New Dog Catcher Takes Over May 1

The three neighbouring municipalities of Richmond Hill, Markham Township and Vaughan Township have for many years grappled with the problem of controlling dogs, and after years of unsuccessful effort to devise a system of by-law enforcement as individual municipalities have now decided on a joint undertaking. The three municipalities will co-operate in the establishment of a dog pound and the employment of full time dog catchers. The pound will be in Vaughan Township and the contracting dog-catcher will be Ronald Herd, of Richmond Hill.

Richmond Hill Council agreed to the plan at a meeting of council this week and the cost to the town will be \$3750, per year, plus \$1.00 for every dog registered in the municipality. Last year the town's dog population numbered 960. Vaughan Township will pay \$5,000 annually and Markham Township an equal amount. In addition to the amount specified to be charged each municipality the dog catcher will retain all pound fees, and proceeds from the sale of unclaimed dogs. The new official will be vested with full authority to enforce the municipal by-laws. For a start the service will be operated by two men, one being on duty all the time at the pound to take care of the animals. The other man will answer complaint calls and patrol the area which in all covers 240 square miles.

Mr. Herd said that for the first few months he expected to be so busy answering complaint calls that he might not have much time for patrolling. If one man and truck is found to be inadequate to give service he said a second man and another truck would be secured. The pound will be a new building equipped with eighteen to twenty-two steel pens. It will be heated and provided with sanitary facilities so the quarters will be kept as clean and disease-free as possible. In introducing the proposal for a joint effort in dog control Councillor W. J. Haggart said he was very impressed by Mr. Herd's qualifications. He said he is a member of the Kennel Club and has had lots of experience with animals and pets and he had associations with the Humane Society and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mayor K. W. Tomlin in expressing approval of the proposal said the problem of dog control had been a thorn in the side of councils for many years. Councillor Bradstock said he thought dog owners should bear the brunt of the increased costs for dog control.

Plan Spring Fair Apr. 18

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will again herald the advent of Spring to Richmond Hill, Saturday, April 18, with the presentation of their popular Spring Fair from 2.30 to 9 p.m. The Lions Community Hall will be the setting of a delightful and colourful spectacle to please the eye and taste of every age. This year the fair will include flower arrangements, house plants, naturalists' display, garden literature, home baking, movies, tea garden and prizes. An added attraction will be a display featuring three stages of artificial lighting for plant growing. Mayor Ken Tomlin will officially open the fair at 2.30 p.m.

Make a date to meet your neighbors and friends at the Spring Fair. Newcomers to Richmond Hill will feel at home in a friendly informal atmosphere. Everyone is most welcome and there is no admission charge.

Markham Finishes '58 With \$32,237.40 Surplus

Deputy-reeve W. Dean, chairman of the finance committee informed Markham Township Council Monday that the municipality finished 1958 with a surplus of \$32,237.40. Mr. Dean presented the auditor's report as prepared by the township auditors, Wilton Eddis & Company of Toronto.

Current assets exceeded current liabilities by \$75,452.33. The debenture debt of the municipality stood at \$1,895,736.76 as of December 31st. The reserve for uncollectible taxes was set up at \$4,000.00. Clerk-Treasurer H. Crisp reported that tax collections for 1958 were up considerably over previous years.

STOUFFVILLE: More than \$300 worth of mechanics' tools and other articles were stolen from the Fina Service Station, operated by Mr. Dennis Robbins, No. 7 Highway at the 5th Concession in Markham Township recently.

On New Sub-divisions Council Directs Planning Board Repeal Freezing

Richmond Hill Town Council this week asked Planning Board to repeal its recent motion freezing subdivision development, and directed that in future any such policy decisions be submitted to municipal council. Mayor Tomlin and members of council were critical of Planning Board action and it was pointed out that as an elected body responsible to the ratepayers the council is the only one with legislative responsibility.

The Planning Board action freezing subdivision development pending a legal clarification of a court case regarding payment of money to municipalities under subdivision's agreement. Mayor Tomlin said he was quite aware of the situation and had discussed the implications as far as Richmond Hill is concerned with the town solicitor and decided freezing was not necessary. He was surprised when he learned of Planning Board action. It was, he said, a matter of policy which should have been decided by council.

Councillor R. P. Ross, council representative on Planning Board said there should be a clear definition of the Board responsibilities. "As outlined in the Act", said the Mayor. Councillor Ross — Subdivisions were frozen in Metro and the Planning Board acted in good faith doing what it thought in the best interests of Richmond Hill. Mayor Tomlin — The Planning Board is not a legislative body. Councillor W. J. Haggart who sponsored the motion calling for repeal of the "freeze" said Planning Board had gone beyond the realm of its authority. He said several small subdivisions were at various stages of planning and the freezing order was unfair to those who made plans. Councillor Paterson said he felt the Planning Board had acted in good faith. Councillor Bradstock said it was a matter of expediency.

Mayor Tomlin contended there has been some confusion in the last few years due to the lack of adequate liaison between the board and council. He said he hoped this would be corrected by the appointment of an advisory committee to include the town clerk, assessor and building inspector. The motion asking for repeal of the "freeze" and directing that all matters of policy be submitted to council was moved by Councillor Haggart, seconded by Councillor Paterson and carried.

400 At Protest Meeting Markham Wants C.N.R. To Change Route Of Line

Over 400 Markham Township ratepayers met Monday evening with Markham Township Council to protest the proposed location of the C.N.R. bypass across the first three concessions of the township. They heard Markham Township Council in a reversal of policy toward the railway agree to support the ratepayers in their fight for an alternate route.

Reeve W. L. Clark, Deputy-reeve W. Dean and Councillor J. MacNeil will serve as a committee from council to work with the Markham-Vaughan Ratepayers' Central Committee.

The gathering of representatives from eight ratepayer organizations, as well as individuals, with council and planning board had to be held in Buttonville Women's Institute Hall due to the overflow crowd.

Planning Board Chairman Speaks Chairman of the township planning board, Mr. F. H. Brennan, contended in a prepared report to the ratepayers it was inevitable that a railroad line circumventing Toronto must traverse this township but "we do most strongly advocate that council exert its influence in urging both the C.N.R. and if need be, the Federal Government, in re-examining, and reappraising the implication of re-routing the proposed access line in a north-westerly direction."

Urges Alternative Route Councillor L. Mumberson and Councillor MacNeil then gave their support and council its unanimous approval to Mr. Brennan's proposed motion, requesting "the President and the Board of Directors of the C.N.R. to give urgent consideration to selecting an alternate route through the first three concessions of this

Richmond Hill Town Council Hears Auditor's Report 1958 School Surplus Is Questioned By Councillors

High School Board Meets at R. Hill Public Invited

The district high school board will hold its regular monthly meeting at Richmond Hill High School next Monday night, April 13, at 8 p.m. If you have been meaning to attend a meeting of the York Central District High School Board, this should encourage you to come out and observe for yourself just how your high school board, under Chairman Harry Sayers, operates. A cordial invitation to attend the meeting is extended to all parents and ratepayers.

School Surplus Is Questioned By Councillors

The Auditor's report for the year 1958 was presented to Richmond Hill Town Council Monday evening by the Auditor S. Stewart Joscelyn. The statement for last year showed an excess of expenditure over revenue of \$21,197, but this was accounted for as being due to staff additions which had not been anticipated when the year's budget was adopted. Mayor Tomlin and members of council expressed satisfaction with the report and commended Auditor Joscelyn for his splendid services to the municipality.

Vaughan Reduces Rate Twp. Needs

Vaughan Township Council met this week and adopted its 1959 budget with an estimated expenditure of \$647,900, for township purposes. This will require a rate of 14.9 mills which is a reduction of one tenth of a mill compared with last year. Although the council has been successful in reducing the rate for township purposes, increases in county levy and education costs will mean Vaughan ratepayers' total taxes will be up from last year. The total tax rate will be determined at an early meeting. The budget for general township taxation is as follows:

Township General	14.9
Revenue	
Taxation	\$368,670.
Licenses & Permits	20,230.
Grants & Subsidies	32,050.
Hospitalization & Welfare	1,600.
Refund of School Audit	600.
Sundry Income	6,750.
Fines	12,000.
Highway Receipts	188,000.
Interest & Penalties	18,000.
	\$647,900.00
Expenditures	
Executive Salaries	\$ 12,000.
Administrative Salaries	71,920.
Administrative Exp.	54,545.
Fire Protection	23,260.
Police Protection	73,175.
Road Expense	345,000.
Extraneous (Road Debiture, new machinery)	20,000.
Welfare	30,000.
Debt Charges	18,000.
	\$647,900.00

Crowds At Opening of New Store

Morley's new Foodland opened this morning and Richmond Hill's newest food market was given a rousing and enthusiastic welcome by people of the district. Hundreds of eager shoppers were on hand for the shopping bags which were given away free to first customers. The new Foodland is spacious, bright and attractive and fitted with the newest in shopping facilities. It delighted visitors this morning and Mr. Morley Hall and Mr. Warren Hall are receiving enthusiastic congratulations. Record crowds are expected for the big week-end shopping as the opening is featured by many attractive bargains as well as favors, prizes and free draws for prizes.

Representative Not A 'Rubber Stamp'

The little man who wasn't there caused a hilarious break in council's agenda at Vaughan, when Reeve John Perry said he had received a letter from an irate man on Monday, "which was a classic" but "I am not going to divulge his name to the press." The reeve said that the letter had complained that "Arnold Ave. is almost impassable. It needs some drainage work immediately." The writer had then complained that the Metro representative to the planning board was not present at a meeting he had attended "the other night" and that the representative was "nothing more than a rubber stamp." Councillor W. Anstey said, "I see no reason for withholding his name, Mr. Reeve." Mr. Anstey is Vaughan's representative on the Metro Board. To which Reeve Perry replied, "Well I do, because he phoned me today to apologize and say, 'Our representative was at that meeting — I didn't see him, but he was there . . . and he's not a rubber stamp!'"

The record of tax collections over a ten year period gave a clear picture of Richmond Hill's rapid growth and development. Ten years ago in 1949 the total village assessment was \$1,282,659, and the amount of the tax roll \$54,454.66. In 1958 the town assessment amounted to \$2,891,517, and the tax roll \$828,890.47.

Tax collections were reported as very satisfactory. The percentage of collections at the end of the year was 94.08 per cent, and Treasurer Russell Lynett stated that more than half of 1958 arrears have been paid since the first of the current year. Education costs last year accounted for 51.4 per cent of the tax-bill. The auditor's report showed the Public School Board and Separate School Board ended the year with a surplus. The operations of the Public School Board for the year ended December 31st, 1958, showed an excess of revenue over expenditure of \$32,013.18 and the Separate School Board surplus was \$9,635.55. Councillor Paterson commented on these surplus amounts and questioned the practice of school boards budgeting for contingencies. Mayor Tomlin agreed that budgeting for contingencies was in reality budgeting for a surplus which is not in his opinion good practice. Councillor Ross said the Public School surplus was contributed to by an additional provincial grant, and receipts from supplementary assessment.

Richmond Hill's total revenue last year was \$1,143,542.15, and of this amount \$828,890.47 was raised by the tax levy. Other receipts included: dog licences, \$1,956; building permits, \$6,616; fines, \$3,041.68; parking meter revenue, \$4,195. Expenditures totalled \$1,143,542.15 and included \$496,929.79 for education, public works and highways \$112,627, county rate \$72,481, debenture payments \$164,337. Public welfare for the year totalled \$17,346, which included \$10,049 for direct relief.

The cost of the police department last year was \$52,397, and garbage collection cost \$24,185. The deficit on the operation of the local bus line was \$3,500, and the profits from the North Yonge bus operation more than \$25,000.

No. 2 Account Cash on deposit in the number 2 account (contributed to by sub-dividers) at December 31st was \$62,556.41. Expenditures from \$174,922, and included \$5,543 for office furniture, \$25,424 for new Board of Works Building on Pugsley Ave., \$4,848, for police cruisers, \$1,215 for radar equipment for police, \$12,337, for paving Crosby Ave., \$7,704, extension to sewage disposal plant, \$9,804, entrance fees re subdivisions \$50,000, for new library, \$14,782, for test drilling for water. Contributions to the account in the year were \$22,500.

In the No. 3 account (most recent payments by sub-dividers) which is a frozen account to the extent pavements must be authorized by Municipal Board, there is an amount of \$107,388.75. Only expenditures during the year from this account were for water-mains, paving, sewers, pump house, engineer's fees and road grants. Road Impassable Donald Plaxton appeared before council on behalf of Metro Wreckers, Cedar Avenue, complaining about the condition of the road. Since March 1st it was claimed it was practically impassable. A resolution by Councillors Haggart and Paterson directed that the road be made passable at once. "These people pay taxes and should have a road," said Councillor Haggart. Gas Station Hours Mr. Butchard, service station operator seeking a permit to stay open all night appeared before council in support of his request, but was told council would take no action unless a change in the by-law is asked for by a majority of the operators. Asked if he had discussed the proposal with other operators Mr. Butchard said he had on former occasions but "I gave up."

More For Parks A letter from Glenbrae Heights Ratepayers Association urged council give support to a comprehensive parks program. Expropriation Council decided to take expropriation proceedings to secure the land necessary for development of a daylight corner at the south west corner of Centre St. East, and Church Street. Ask Report On motion of Councillor Jos. Paterson council asked for a report on the houses being constructed on Essex Avenue between Faliser and Palmer.

Members of council copies of a brief on behalf of all fringe municipalities asking representation of each municipality on the Metro Planning Board. It will be considered at a future meeting. The Mayor pointed out that the difficulty of certain areas in regard to planning were complicated by the practice of one person representing several municipalities. No. 5 Well Mayor Tomlin reported that little progress has been made with an agreement with Markham Township for the development of the new number 5 well. The well discovered after lengthy drilling operations by Richmond Hill is located in Markham Township. Formerly part of the MacKay property the well site has since been deeded to Markham Township. Mr. Tomlin said Richmond Hill is most anxious to get ahead with the development of the well but that so far he has been unsuccessful in arranging a meeting with Markham Township and Dr. Berry of the Water Resources Commission. The Mayor was instructed to continue his efforts to arrange such a meeting as soon as possible. It was intimated the town is prepared to take legal steps if a satisfactory arrangement cannot be made by negotiation.

Anglicans Observe Ecumenical Sunday

Next Sunday, April 12, has been set aside by the Bishop of Toronto, the Right Reverend Frederick Wilkinson, M.A., D.D., as Ecumenical Sunday within the Diocese. Congregations will be called upon by prayer and exhortation to be mindful of the ideal of the Unity of the Church and of the strides that are already being made within the Ecumenical Movement and the World Council of Churches toward this end. The Bishop writes, "I sincerely hope and pray that this first Ecumenical Sunday will be the beginning of a growing experience in Christian fellowship and co-operation between Christian people and churches in this Diocese." As a demonstration of this concern and ideal a special Ecumenical Service will be held in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, on Sunday, April 12, at 7 p.m. The service will be held with local United Churches and St. Gabriel Anglican Church by their kind co-operation and interest. The preacher for the occasion will be a well-known Canadian Church leader, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Gallagher, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches. He is also editor of the week-end radio and TV program "World Church News". Dr. Gallagher is well versed in Ecumenical affairs and will bring a strong message to those who conviction it is with the Lambeth Bishops of 1958 that "a divided Church cannot heal the wounds of a divided world".