

Town Council Meeting

Council Hopes Start Soon Markham Rd. Storm Sewers Direct Levy Will Be For Half Cost Town Pay Balance

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night unanimously passed the Construction by-law for installation of storm sewers on Markham Road and established a pattern for payment of drainage projects which likely will be carried on in all sections of the municipality.

The Markham Road storm sewer estimated to cost \$218,000. will be paid for by a direct frontage levy on the properties served and by a levy over the whole municipality. The engineer's recommendation of a frontage rate of \$5.00 per foot on properties immediately abutting the work, and \$2.00 per foot on properties receiving indirect benefits was adopted, which means about a fifty-fifty sharing of the cost by the area and the town as a whole.

It is planned to proceed as quickly as possible with the Markham Road project, and it is imperative that it be completed in time to enable the County to proceed with paving of the road next year. The installation of storm sewers will take about three months, and it is hoped to start by September 1st. If there should be any delay in securing approval of Water Resources Commission and the Ontario Municipal Board the work could be undertaken in the winter as a works relief project and might be subject to government subsidy.

Beverly Acres drainage scheme was mentioned during the discussion. Estimated to cost \$250,000, council has not yet decided how it is to be paid. During last municipal election campaign some candidates declared the entire cost should be spread over the whole municipality. Monday night all members of council voted for the engineer's recommendation of the apportionment of the cost of Markham Road storm sewer on about a fifty-fifty basis, and this might indicate that this will be the pattern for Beverly Acres or any other drainage schemes in the municipality.

Several times during the discussion Mayor Tomlin mentioned that there must be no discrimination and that ratepayers in all parts of town must be treated on the same basis.

The Markham Road project will include a storm sewer varying in size from 30 inches at Bayview to 54 inches at Cedar Ave. The cost will be paid by issuing debentures over a 20 year period. It will serve most of Allancourt and a considerable area north and south of Markham Road from Bayview to Church St.

Councillor Haggart pointed out that there are other drainage areas in the west part of town, and a storm sewer to be built on Crosby east of Yonge and that the pattern of payment would be essentially the same as for the Markham Road project.

Mayor Tomlin said in the Beverly Acres drain project there might be government subsidies on a part of the work such as bridges and this might reduce the total cost considerably.

The Mayor said he was sure the improvements planned for Markham Road would mean a great increase in property values. He emphasized that improvements anywhere in town were to the benefit of all our citizens and all reaped the rewards of progress. "We must not be sectional in our approach to

any problem concerning the town of Richmond Hill," said the Mayor, "everyone has a common interest in progress".

The motion by Deputy-reeve Tinker to proceed at once with the Markham Road storm sewer was carried with Councillor Haggart voting against it. "I'm going to oppose the motion," said Councillor Haggart, explaining that his reason for doing so was that he had opposed the appointment of Proctor & Redfern as engineers for the proposed project, and to be consistent he could not vote for the adoption of the report. He expressed agreement with the payment formula recommended in the report.

Council adopted a recommendation of Proctor & Redfern for acceptance of a tender for soil testing. Councillor Haggart objected to the engineers opening up the tenders. "All tenders should be sealed and opened by council," said Councillor Haggart. Councillor Bradstock contended the procedure followed by Mr. Redfern was accepted practice.

Works Commissioner Whalen submitted estimates for several other works projects including the storm sewer on Crosby Ave., to cost \$52,200, of which the Liquor Control Board will pay \$15,000. The paving of Industrial Road will cost \$11,985, of which \$9,112 will be levied as local improvement to the properties served and \$2,872, paid by the town. The cost of the Rumble Avenue sewer, also a local improvement will be \$20,470.

Council agreed to opening of Sneedon Road through the industrial area from Markham Road to Beverley Acres. Deputy-reeve Tinker Works Committee Chairman commented on the extent of the works projects which he said would total well over a million dollars. He suggested the finance committee review all in the light of town finances and determine a schedule of works most urgently required.

An estimate of \$7,800, for the extension of Enford Road to Elgin sideroad was referred to the finance committee on motion of Councillors Haggart and Ross.

Enforcement Officer
Reeve Perkins, Personnel Committee chairman, reported his committee recommended against the appointment of a by-law enforcement officer at the present time.

Ambulance Service
Mayor Tomlin reported that the town solicitor has not the legal right to subsidize an ambulance service. Recently the ambulance operator advised council the local service would be discontinued and suggested it might be continued if a municipal subsidy could be arranged.

Lot Size
David Thomas was granted permission to divide a lot at the south east corner of Church and Centre East to provide one lot 45 feet in width, five feet short of the minimum requirement for the area. It was stated that Mr. Thomas was very co-operative with council in improving the corner at Church and Centre. "We're just reciprocating," said Reeve Perkins.

Public Crossing
A letter from the Transport Board advised that it would recommend Crosby Avenue as a public railway crossing. The town must pay for improvement of crossing, but will be assessed only 12 per cent of the maintenance of crossing signals. Council felt the settlement was fair.

Nursery School
Council accepted the advice of the solicitor and refused the application for establishing a nursery school at 273 Richmond St. Councillor Ross voted against the motion to refuse the application.

Water Bills
On motion of Councillor Haggart, Bayview Variety in Bayview Plaza was authorized to collect town water bills, and add a surcharge of 10 cents for the service. Accounts must be paid before the due date.

Taxi Licences
On recommendation of Councillor W. J. Haggart, Police Committee Chairman, council refused the application of Northview Taxi for six additional licences in town.

Police Cruiser
On motion of Councillor Haggart and Councillor Ross it was

decided to call tenders for a new police cruiser to replace the 1958 model now in use. Cost of needed repairs has been estimated at \$530, so it was thought good business to consider purchase of a new vehicle.

Reeve Perkins pointed out that no provision was made in the budget for such a purchase. "We might be penny-wise and pound foolish to spend the money on repairs", said Councillor Haggart. Councillor Ross said the car now has a mileage of 38,000 miles.

Councillor Haggart — If we call for tenders we don't have to buy a new car, but we will see what we can do.

Reeve Perkins — I'll go along with that.

Council concurred in police committee recommendation for an additional phone line for the police office. People have complained of receiving a busy signal when calling the police.

Parking
Reeve Perkins, chairman of the off-street parking committee got council support to offer \$3,000, to George Elliott for a small parcel of land to facilitate opening a rear lane on the west side of Yonge St.

The committee reported progress in plans for a lane on the east side of Yonge St. entering from Lorne Ave.

It was decided to call tenders for parking meters on the lot at Yonge and Richmond Sts. On the parking lot there will be spaces rented by the month for all-day parking, and parking meters will have a two hour limit.

Mayor Tomlin pointed out that council was anxious to assist in maintaining the business assessment in the Yonge Street area by making off-street parking available.

The parking committee recommended no action in regard to the request of Sam Sochava for a lane from Dufferin Street to serve stores on the east side of Yonge St. It was reported that the lot at the corner of Yonge and Dufferin could be purchased for \$35,000.

STOUFFVILLE: The O.M.B. has given approval to a debenture of \$50,000 for the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission. Half this sum is to erect a new Public Utilities office building, the balance is for capital construction on local hydro lines.

NORTH YORK: Metro Toronto executive committee has delayed the building of the new courthouse in Willowdale. Ten tenders submitted by contracting firms were all declared too high when opened. The property commissioner said costs of building had gone up 10 to 12 per cent since the first estimates were made more than a year ago.

AURORA: Malcolm D. Richardson of Aurora, was re-elected president of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society at its 53rd annual meeting held in Toronto. John J. Mooney of Toronto, Vern Martin Jr. of Paris, Ont., and Don G. McClelland of King, Ont. were new directors elected.

AURORA: Mayor James Murray has criticized the closing of side-roads in King township at the Barrie highway, particularly the extension of Wellington Street West. He said the closing was detrimental to Aurora business and necessitated the local fire brigade travelling many extra miles to reach the sixth of King which is in their area.

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Two other staff members, Thelma Patrey and Reg. Milne were absent on duty.

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Neighbourhood Notes

Last week work was completed on floodlighting for Brown's Corners United Church, and now as you come along No. 7 highway at night the church is highlighted. Very, very effective!

Mary Champion entertained last week at an outdoor party for Astrid Flaska, who is back from Florida with other members of her family for the summer, staying at Flaska Farms. The girls had a wonderful day. Mary took her guests on a hayride and there was a picnic supper in the flats. Al and Beverly Jones, Lynda and Jimmy spent last week vacationing at Orillia while Don and Evelyn McQuay kept Kathy.

Another recent Orillia visitor was Charles Hooper, Jr., who stayed with his aunt and uncle here while his parents were on trip west.

Mrs. Gordon Scott of Oshawa was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McQuay during the past week.

While Bill and Molly Hood are holidaying, Mrs. Secrett has been staying with her five grandsons.

Toronto daily papers have carried feature articles with accompanying pictures, recently of Rebecca Sisler and her commission for the Toronto Art Gallery. The piece on which Rebecca is working is a mother and two children (grouped) and it will take approximately eight months to complete, the work, which will bring her 2,000.00, will be on view in the gallery.

Mrs. Dick Jones and a group of friends are in Atlantic City this week enjoying the sea air.

"The Bowlers" spent a pleasant week-end at a lodge in the Huntsville district. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hood, Mr. and Mrs. R. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boynton and Mr. and Mrs. Mill Sherman.

Mrs. S. J. English left her home for a few days while it was being redecorated and visited relatives at Owen Sound.

Gundy Wilson and son Larry motored to Fenelon Falls last week-end for a brief holiday, bringing Doreen back with them.

Mr. Binnington after almost two months' of bed rest, is now able to be downstairs once a day. The Binningtons are enjoying a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hewitt and grandson Andrew.

While Bert Storey looks forward to a birthday the end of the week, her brother Art is back again in York County Hospital for a skin graft on his foot which was injured in a power mower accident back in June. This is the third session of hospitalization for this injury and we hope Art's troubles are over now.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Crisp were campers at Rock Lake, Algonquin Park, last week with their son-in-law and daughter Hart and Ruth Rowlands and their four children.

Sunday Accidents
With the usual week-end traffic tie-ups, accidents on Don Mills Road are becoming the rule rather than the exception.

Last Sunday morning Mr. Edgar Fuller left his home on the east side of the road, at Buttonville and pulled into the south lane of traffic. He was rammed from behind by a second south-bound car, and although he escaped with a shaking-up his car was so badly damaged it is doubtful if it can be repaired.

Before one o'clock a second accident near the Markham Sand & Gravel works damaged three cars, one very badly, in a rear-end collision as cars slowed for the light at Number 7 Highway. W.I. Picnic

Last Wednesday afternoon W. I. members enjoyed a picnic at Lynbrook Park. Travelling by motor, there were approximately 30 members and friends present. During the afternoon there were games and swimming with a picnic supper and a great deal to munch to eat.

Elizabeth French and Marilyn Macmillan won prizes for throwing the ball in a basket; Mrs. McGimpsey's team won the relay race; Mrs. Jean Cook was most accurate at guessing the number of beans in the bottle, and Mrs. Wilkins guessed the correct time. Mrs. Joe Robinson was the best shoe kicker as usual.

Addition And Alterations To Lions Hall

Sealed tenders will be received by Clifford & Laurie, Architects, 1999A Avenue Rd., Toronto, Ontario, until 12 noon, July 30th, 1959.

Drawings may be obtained from the architect or Mr. D. Boyd, 66 Centre Street West, Richmond Hill, Ontario, after 12 noon, the 20th day of July.

Deposit: \$15.00.

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