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Town Council Still Hopeful Suitable Swimming Pool Site May Be Located For Builder

Councillor J. W. Bradstock, Parks Chairman, reported to Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night that he is negotiating with J. M. Meisner regarding a suitable site for a proposed swimming pool. At a recent council meeting council welcomed a proposal from Mr. Meisner to construct a swimming pool in town, but the matter of suitability of the site was referred to the Town Planning Consultant and Industrial Commission who objected to the location in the industrial area.

Deputy-revee Tinker said the proposal seemed like a very good one and he thought reference to the planning consultant and industrial commissioner was largely a matter of form. He expressed regret that they had objections and the hope that if a suitable site can't be found council would reconsider the matter.

Councillor Bradstock said he was negotiating with Mr. Meisner and hoped soon to have a report for council. A letter was read from the Richmond Hill Lions Club expressing approval of the proposal to build the pool. The letter stated local service clubs at present are not in a position to undertake such a project. Council members expressed continuing concern in the proposal and are awaiting the report of the Parks Committee. Mayor K. W. Tomlin presided at the meeting and all members were in attendance. A delegation from the Blue Grass-Taylor Mills area complained of a long existing drainage problem. Water has been standing in a large pool all summer and residents asked that something be done about it. "We are very concerned," said the spokesman "there's a lot of pollution."

Parking
 Reeve Perkins, chairman of the street parking committee reported the town has purchased the lot on Lorne Avenue which will give access for a rear lane on the east side of Yonge Street.

Swimming Pools
 Council adopted a motion by Deputy-revee Tinker that the town pass a by-law providing that all private swimming pools be equipped with adequate fencing.

Planning Board
 Councillor Ross asked that some other council member assume his planning board duties while he is working out of the area. Deputy-revee Tinker will attend the meeting as council representative this week. "I think it would do all council members good to attend Planning Board meetings," commented Councillor Bradstock.

Beautification
 On suggestion of Councillor J. W. Bradstock, Parks Chairman, council agreed to an expenditure of \$275, for a hedge and some evergreen planting at the Municipal Building. Councillor Bradstock commended the Library Board and the Horticultural Society for beautification of the library grounds. "It's a real beauty spot," he said.

Enlarge Office
 On motion of Councillor Bradstock council agreed to make alterations enlarging the police offices at an estimated expenditure of \$350 to \$500. Provision will be made for a sound-proof interrogation room and locker room. "The Police Chief has said these are necessary for efficient operation of the force," said Councillor Bradstock.

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Local Public Schools Total Enrollment Reaches 2,896

Due to the construction work on McConaghy Public School, Richmond Hill Public School Board met Thursday evening in the Crosby Avenue Public School. Until the addition is completed one class is using the board room. Superintendent and Inspector Mr. Gordon McIntyre reported the enrollment total as 2,896 pupils in the schools. There is an increase of 150 pupils over that anticipated following the pre-school survey in the late spring. Crosby School expected 415 pupils and has 490. Tentative plans, if a capable teacher can be secured, are to move a portable at present at Beverley Acres School down to Crosby School.

However, when approximately 200 new homes are sold which are nearing completion the enrollment at Beverley Acres is expected to increase at the rate of 1.5 per house, or approximately 150 pupils. (This is based on previous experience as regards public school age children per household in the suburbs). Due to this forecasted increase Beverley Acres classrooms at present have fewer than the average 30 pupils per class so are expected to absorb the inflow.

One of the teachers at Crosby School has been given permission to send a letter to parents asking if they are interested in having their children play in a band, providing their own instruments excepting drums and a tuba. On motion of Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully the plan was approved in principle but it was pointed out financial help from the board would have to be deferred till next year's budget.

Superintendent McIntyre was given permission to attend a Public School Superintendents' Convention in London on October 19, 20 and 21. Short out-of-town meetings were left to the superintendent's discretion such as a meeting with the Superintendent of Elementary Education on November 18 at Teachers' College, Toronto.

Change orders on the various construction projects of the board at the schools were presented by the building committee: Trustees H. Sanderson and C. Williams. After discussion these were passed. Final inspection of the Walter Scott Public School addition will take place shortly.

School's In And Another Needed

Student enrollment in public and high schools totalled 7,086, when district schools opened on Tuesday morning of last week. Largest increase was at the Walter Scott Public School, where 163 more pupils than in 1958 enrolled.

All told 2,896 pupils are in the Richmond Hill Public Schools - accommodated as follows: Beverley Acres 589; Crosby Heights 490; O. M. McKillop 502, besides 6 portables, housing 224 pupils from the Pleasantville area where a new school is planned for the future. Lillian M. McConaghy School 434, and Walter Scott 657.

Four years ago Richmond Hill had two public schools, McKillop (400 pupils) and McConaghy (516 pupils). Since that date the new Walter Scott School was opened in 1955; Beverley Acres in 1957 - although 85 pupils from this school were accommodated in stores and portables for the year preceding. In 1958 the Crosby Heights School came into being; and this term Pleasantville pupils have been reorganized as potentials for a sixth school.

Attendance since 1955 has more than tripled, jumping from 916 on the rolls for that year, to the present 2,894. School Area No. 1 M-V Supervising Principal E. J. Sand reports a total enrollment at the nine schools in School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan as 2,385 for the 1959 Fall term. High Schools The three high schools in this district noted enrollments as follows: Woodbridge 290; Thornhill 76 and Richmond Hill 750. Separate Schools 249 pupils are in attendance at Our Lady of Fatima School, and over 400 pupils are enrolled at Our Lady Help of Christian School, in Richmond Hill.

Local Public Schools

Trustee Sanderson announced. Board Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Street presented a detailed plan for use of classrooms in the five schools after school hours by outside organizations. Mrs. Street mentioned she had been working all summer on the schedule trying to meet all requests.

The board decided to give priority to the athletic programs of the various schools in the afternoons. This will put the Brownie meetings somewhat later in the afternoon. Streamlining the time schedule by insisting the time table be adhered to, several organizations will be able to use the all-purpose gym rooms the same evenings. The building committee and Mrs. Street still have some last minute changes to make but both hope to be able to accommodate all requests from community nonprofit organizations for a meeting place.

Classroom use is frowned upon as it often means disarranging projects or blackboard work, as well as desks. For running on the gym floor, Superintendent McIntyre urged parents to provide safe footwear, i.e. canvas running shoes. He emphasized he considered stocking feet hazardous when playing games.

Pleasantville School Drawings
 Mr. Catto and Mr. Peter Allward of Allward and Goinlock, Architects, were present with sketch plans for the proposed, eight classroom, kindergarten and gym, school in Pleasantville. The gym plans call for a 60' x 40' playroom with an added stage 12 feet deep by 24 feet wide (plus a portable extension). There will be plastic dome skylights on the gym roof.

The classrooms will be standard in size. An addition with suitable senior school classrooms will be planned for in event the school later is converted to senior school use. Board members decided a short parking lot in the front would be necessary in addition to more extensive parking in the rear. Traffic entrance will be off Mill St. only.

The board hopes to be able to go out for tender for the school by early November, it is needed for occupancy by September 1960.

Figure Skater Is Now Store Owner

Mrs. Kaye Baker owns the store known as Kaye's Casual Toggery on Richmond Heights Plaza. A very friendly and pleasant woman everyone who knows her soon gets to like and respect her. Mrs. Baker's husband works for the Department of Lands and Forests. They have one boy, Douglas aged 11.

Few people know that Kaye is an expert figure skater and was at one time a clever instructor in this art.

Mrs. Baker who offers some of the best and most moderately priced bargains in ladies and childrens clothes and has a nice selection of new fall hats, has instituted a monthly lucky draw, for the benefit of her customers. A duplicate of every receipt is placed by the customer in a box on the counter after the customers name, address and telephone number has been added.

A draw will be made monthly with prizes in merchandise given free to the lucky winner.

AURORA - Thieves ransacked Massey's Restaurant, last week - passed up \$200 in bills in an envelope, got away with \$80 in silver.

New Industry

Donald Plaxton appeared on behalf of Mr. Gilchrist and Mr. Barr of Gormley ReadyMix who are considering establishing a plant and office in Richmond Hill. Mr. Plaxton said this well known firm is contemplating locating in Richmond Hill but the town by-law regulations were in some respects prohibitive. The contemplated sites are in the Crosby-Newkirk area, and would be about five acres in size. Council agreed to seek the advice of the Planning Consultant and Industrial Commissioner.

Dog Catcher

It was reported that the dog control officer has reported several stray cats. The matter of enlarging the existing by-law to give him control over all animals will be referred to the Coordinating Committee. It was suggested the dog control officer may be sworn in as a police officer. "Sometimes his duties get kind of rough," it was stated.

Water Agreement

Council sanctioned an agreement with Markham Township and the Ontario Water Resources Commission for joint development of water supply in this area.

Town Inspector

It was reported that three applicants were interviewed by the Works Committee. Councillor Haggart objected to bringing back the applicants for another interview. "That would be an imposition on the applicants," he said, "if the personnel committee members were not at the meeting, they should have been."

Suburban Road

Reeve F. R. Perkins said he was pleased to report that Markham Road in Richmond Hill taken over as a county road last January has now been approved as a Suburban Road, and Toronto will pay 25 per cent of the cost of construction and maintenance.

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