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TO THE CITIZENS OF RICHMOND HILL

The council of 1959 has carried further the program of improving the assessment and amenities of the Town.

A. WORKS PROGRAM

Streets: A start has been made on the correcting of many minor ills such as daylight corners and defining of intersections on Yonge Street. Major projects included paving of Richmond Street, and building of roads south of Markham Road.

Water: The water treatment plant will be operating within a short time and will eliminate our objectionable water qualities.

Drainage: Planning has been done on the Markham Road storm sewer which will alleviate the recurring and costly flooding of Markham Road at Sussex and at Bayview.

Planning is complete on the Crosby Sewer from Yonge Street to the CNR right-of-way, which will enable the connection of problem areas on Yonge Street and Crosby to an outlet.

Outlets have been provided for drainage at the south end of the town.

The Beverley Acres drainage scheme is still held up by higher levels of Government.

B. PARKS PROGRAM

Our Town Park has been graded and sodded. The Lennox Park has had the water course straightened and the area has been filled and graded.

The Pond Development Scheme is held up by the Provincial Government.

A start was made this year to provide playground equipment.

Some tree planting has been done in the south part of the Town.

C. PLANNING:

The land use by-law is being revised and is nearing completion — the new by-law will enable the enforcement of zoning regulations with regard to multiple family dwellings and will correct our many difficulties of interpretation.

A study has been made of the future development of Yonge Street and the consideration of this plan is a major item for 1960 council.

The question of Richmond Hill's future development is under study with relation to surrounding areas — any plans for annexation or development proposed by developers will be readily controlled once a master plan is complete.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Council of Richmond Hill has been instrumental in setting up a combined committee with Markham and Vaughan to study common problems and to work for the mutual interests of all three municipalities.

It is obvious to any resident that progress is being made towards the betterment of the Town, and that this progress must continue.

Your support in the coming election on December 5th will enable me to help in this progress.

RE-ELECT JOHN BRADSTOCK COUNCILLOR

Mayor And Deputy-Reeve Elected

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tion of Mayor Tomlin. Reeve Perkins Platform

Reeve Perkins continued by stating that there has been a population increase in Richmond Hill since last year's election, of one twentieth. He welcomed the new residents who would be voting for the first time this year. The residents of the town are divided into two parts he continued, first are those who can be called the oldtimers who have helped to build the municipality from the beginning, and secondly are those who in recent years have selected Richmond Hill as the town in which to make their homes. Old and new must work together to keep the town a good place to live in. The problem of the original narrow streets had been overcome. The parking problem was being steadily overcome also. As chairman of the committee responsible he could claim that good work in these connections had been achieved. A watch had been kept on the tax dollar.

Maximum Industrial Development

If re-elected went on Reeve Perkins, my platform and policy will be much about the same but he would fight for maximum industrial development. This was first on his list.

Wants Ward System

Secondly he would work for the establishment of a ward system because "How can everybody in a large town like Richmond Hill possibly know every candidate enough to judge the quality and worth of each?" In a ward system he would be known and people would be better able to judge the best man to send forward as their representative. Richmond Hill is big business now he said and assessment is above the 26 million dollar mark. We want a system which will send forward the best man for the job not a hit and miss system such as we have now. "The town needs experienced men" he concluded and "my nine years of public service qualifies me to serve. I will try to bring this experience together with common sense forward in the interests of both the old and the new citizens of our town."

Strongly Opposes Reeve

Councillor Haggart who spoke next came out strongly and at once in opposition to the policies of Reeve Perkins. He began by stating that his prime platform was his quarrel with council on the subject of public engineering. There is nothing personal in my attack on Reeve Perkins said Councillor Haggart. I like him as a man. But he has been the chairman of the probe committee investigating the engineering services.

Bad Service—Expensive, Too

We got bad service which proved very expensive to the town. It was so bad a probe committee was set up. The findings of the committee supported my case in this but then council refused, having found the engineers concerned guilty, to pass sentence. They should not have been employed again but in fact they were employed again. Taxpayers do not want expenses without reason but in effect this is what the Reeve had been responsible in giving to the town.

Reeve Responsible

He had tried to reason with council but his frustrations finally got the better of him and he had felt it necessary to challenge these policies, in particular

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Advocating the need for industrial development Mr. Whillans said "to attract industry we have to make sufficient land available at a fixed competitive price. The addition of industry would result in a sound financial structure enabling the town to borrow at better rates. I am in the investment business and know the importance of the proper balance between residential and industrial assessment. I do not agree with some members of council that the town is in a healthy condition financially, rather I think the situation is precarious."

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lar he had to challenge Reeve Perkins as the man mainly responsible "If you approve the policies of Reeve Perkins in this matter," he declared, "then I am not the man for you. But if you don't approve them then you have no alternative but to elect me."

"Kiss of Death"

Deputy Reeve Tinker said that the election of a man to office by acclamation was often referred to as the kiss of death. But having in the past gone through all the turmoil of election with its feeling of butterflies in the stomach, he was content with his lot and proposed to enjoy it to the full. His policies would go unchanged and he claimed considerable progress had been made in the works program and there was still money in hand for further work. He would oppose further expansion by annexation of land except for industrial purposes.

JOHN W. BRADSTOCK, completing his second term on council and the only 1959 member seeking re-election as a councillor said he stood for a continuing policy of cleaning up the town, planning for the future, new park development and a tree planting program. During the year he had served on the works committee and as chairman of parks and buildings, and on the arena commission. The main park this year was graded and sodded, some work was done on Lennox park and the work at the Mill Pond has been held up until next year by the provincial government.

Councillor Bradstock said a start was made this year on the purchase of playground equipment and he hoped this would continue until an adequate supply is obtained. "Some tree planting has been done, not much, but it was a beginning," said Mr. Bradstock. He reported that the parks budget for the year totalled \$400.

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Mills Company has operated in Richmond Hill since 1912 but the taxes had increased so substantially in the last ten years consideration is now being given to moving out of town. We don't want this to happen so I thought I would offer myself as a candidate for council in the hope I might help solve some of the problems, said Mr. Mills. Outlining his platform Mr. Mills said he stood for holding the tax line and avoiding all but the most necessary capital expenditures. "We are facing some projects which mean the expenditure of a very large sum of money. Let's see if we can't do it better. Let's see if we can't do it better. Let's see if we can't do it better."

BRUCE MURRAY, an unsuccessful candidate last year, said he is making his second try for a seat on council. "It was said after the last election that this was a caretaker council. Well I think they forgot their brooms because they haven't done a very good job. I said last year we should have no more annexation and almost every other candidate said the same thing. What happened? In January a move was made and we annexed more land for commercial and residential development. Of the probe into extra expense on Crosby sewer he said "We spent \$8000 and got nothing."

JOHN MACDIARMID in declaring himself a candidate for council said he stood for common sense economy in spending tax money. We have to complete projects under way but then we should draw the line. We must provide for the necessities but we cannot afford luxuries. He proposed economy should start with the council, and council members salaries should be reduced. At \$16 per meeting he thought they are overpaid. "I am not happy at all with the two big drainage projects," said Mr. MacDiarmid. "We should try to trim the costs." Of the Beverley Acres Drain project he said "I'm opposed to spending a quarter million dollars to run water uphill. It would be cheaper to run it down hill." Of the two year term proposal he said "I reject it completely," and he said he was opposed to barring the press from any council or committee meeting.

MRS. MARGARET SOUTHWELL former school trustee standing for election as councillor said she hoped to bring about closer relationship between council and school board. "Education accounts for a major portion of our taxes," said Mrs. Southwell, who suggested "we should do all we can to eliminate the need for building new schools until there is industry to balance our assessment. When the first parcel of land was annexed by Richmond Hill the reason given was that this land was needed for industrial growth. There are now 2000 or more homes built on this property, necessitating the building of three schools with 54 class-

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Only 12 Per Cent Of Voters Elect Five Vaughan Trustees

Only 12 per cent of the voting population in Vaughan went to the polls on Monday, to elect a five-member board of trustees for the Vaughan Twp., School Area who take office January 1, 1960. Considering the fact that ratepayers and councils alike throughout the whole province belabour the fact that education is the biggest item on every tax bill — it would seem from the vote in Vaughan that either the taxpayers, who did not vote, are perfectly content to "let Joe do it"; don't care enough about their right to vote; don't care who handles their school

problems — or they are apathetic about municipal affairs!

Several people complained there was "not enough time", between the nomination night and election day, for voters to make up their minds about candidates, so they just didn't vote.

Others said the election was "too quiet" and not enough publicity was given to the ratepayers regarding the election — or the polling stations.

But whatever the reason, Vaughan Township set a new record in elections — with a 12 per cent

The new board of trustees will be comprised of two women members and three men. Mr. Herb Constable of Maple led the polls with 638 votes, followed by Mrs. Ruth Hogg 630, Milton Savage 582, Sam Kaiser 573 and Mrs. Mona Robertson 473. Warren Baillie and Edward Hayes were the candidates not elected.

The largest number of votes cast (33 per cent) were in Jefferson, Mrs. Robertson's home area and in Kleinburg where Mrs. Hogg and Mr. Kaiser reside. Following is a record of how the vote was cast:

	SCHOOL BOARD									
	Electors									
	Eligible	Cast	Baillie	Con'le	Hay	Hogg	Kaiser	Rob'son	Sav'ge	
1. Thornhill N.	293	12	7	8	8	6	2	8	1	
2. Patterson	238	49	15	19	12	32	22	34	42	
3. Edgeley	239	19	10	18	4	15	13	11	15	