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**Reeve Perkins Says Probe Committee Report Has Been Delayed At Request Of The Commissioner Of Works Haggart Charges Plan Is To Get Rid Of Him First**

The special Probe Committee investigating the engineering on Beverley Acres sub-division has not made a report because the Town Works Commissioner has requested it be delayed.

This was the answer given by Reeve F. R. Perkins, Probe Committee Chairman, at a ratepayers meeting at Crosby School last Thursday evening in answer to a question from the audience.

Explaining the delay, Reeve Perkins said Works Commissioner Whalen asked that the report be delayed until he completed negotiations with J. A. Bailey, subdivider, concerning certain drainage and road problems in the area.

Mr. Perkins read correspondence in which the Works Commissioner intimated that the publication of the second half of the probe report might complicate matters and that he didn't wish any conflicting issues until his dealings with Mr. Bailey are finalized. In his communication it was stated that Mr. Bailey had flatly refused to do the work requested.

About fifty ratepayers attended the meeting in Crosby school. Mr. John Triance acted as chairman and allotted each candidate four minutes with one minute for questions from the audience. It was an orderly meeting and each candidate received an attentive hearing. Questions ranged all the way from the Drainage Probe Committee report to whether or not children should be made to run around school in their stocking feet.

Councillor Haggart, a candidate for Reeve, launched the drainage problem as the most contentious subject of the evening by extending a welcome "to the shores of the Crosby ditch." He declared that the prime issue of the campaign is engineering, and he made a vigorous demand for an answer as to when the Probe Committee will give the second part of its report.

Reeve Perkins ignored the remarks of the previous speaker as he followed Mr. Haggart and making the same speech as nomination night appealed to all the citizens to work together to make Richmond Hill a good place in which to live. However as soon as the meeting was thrown open for questions the Reeve was asked why the second half of the Probe Committee report had not been presented to council. Mr. Perkins said the delay was due to concern for the tax dollar, and that he had been requested not to further complicate negotiations with J. A. Bailey by bringing down the report.

The special Probe Committee headed by Reeve Perkins and including as members Councillor Bradstock and Councillor Paterson was appointed early in April. Town Council took this action after receiving a letter from Tom Broadhurst (now a candidate for council) asking for a full scale

Street, provide serviced industrial land and enforce the zoning by-law.

Tom Broadhurst quoted his attendance record at 1959 council meetings to prove he was a serious candidate. He was critical of the "un-natural harmony" so noticeable in the past year and promised to stir things up.

John McDiarmid was critical of the plan for Beverley Acres drainage project. He said it is foolish to spend a quarter million dollars trying to run water up-hill. He was critical of council salaries, two years ago they were \$8. per meeting and now raised to \$16.

Bruce Murray corrected a nomination night statement that \$3000. was spent to investigate the Crosby sewer. He found the cost to be \$330.98. He said a bus service should not be subsidized without authorization by a vote of the people. Answering a question he said he had attended four council meetings this year, and was quite satisfied with a one year term.

Ken Smith stressed the need and importance of industrial development. He was critical of council action in selling land given to the town for park purposes.

Howard Whillans outlined his platform calling for proper supervision of the zoning bylaw, need for industrial development and a commuter train service.

Mrs. Margaret Southwell, a candidate for council after six years as a school trustee appealed for support. Harold J. Mills the other candidate for council was unable to be present.

Sam Cook, re-elected as Hydro Commissioner and Deputy-reeve Stanley F. Tinker re-elected by acclamation thanked the ratepayers for their support. School Board Chairman L. D. Clement and Trustee Harold D. Sanderson discussed school problems, and new candidates for the Board, Raymond Lewin, Mrs. Irene Worrell, and Basil Pappas gave their ideas on the local educational scene and asked for support.

There were several questions directed to the candidates, one most often asked concerned the rule that required children to go about school in stocking feet. Trustee explained this wasn't necessary if children had any kind of running shoes or slippers. It was stated that heavy rubber boots were damaging to school floors.

Another questioner advocated admission of specially equipped students to kindergarten at the age of three. Trustee Sanderson was applauded when he said he didn't believe in paying teachers to be baby-sitters.

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