

Three Day Advance Poll—

(Continued from page 1) said it was his view the by-law should be amended to conform with North York. "We are competing with North York," he said, "so we should keep in line with them." Tom Gillings, Chief Building Inspector to the township, said he had checked with Metro Toronto and they averaged a lot three times the size of the building. Councillor Jesse Bryson said he favoured smaller lots but wondered about sewage and drainage. Would there not be difficulties with lots of the small size proposed by Councillor Ralph. If there were no such difficulties then he would go along with Mr. Ralph's reasoning and proposal. He asked how the ruling for 4,500 square feet had ever been made. Mr. Gillings replied that it was the work of the planner at the time the by-law was passed. Councillor Ralph said that the questions relating to drainage, etc., could still be taken into consideration when in-

dividual applications were made to council.

By-Law Amendment Agreed
Councillor Anstey said he agreed. The proposal was agreed and carried with appropriate instructions being given to the clerk, for the amendment of the by-law.

Firm Policy Demand
Going on to his second subject, Councillor Ralph said the council should have a firm policy on how to deal with subdivisions. He suggested that no firm policy to encourage development had been mapped out although the township gave every encouragement. "This is not enough," he added. "If we don't go out and sell it, we won't achieve all the development that is possible."

Proposed Secured Loans
Councillor Ralph said he would like to see something done to aid the subdividers. He proposed that money could be loaned on the security of land. The township would be repaid by increased industrial assessment. Comparing the situation in Vaughan Township with the situation and policy of other townships he quoted North York.

"North York does not demand five per cent contribution of lands as in residential developments, but does reserve the right to demand land for township services, such as truck-yards, service outlets and for drainage purposes." "In fully serviced areas they will contribute to services up to the sum of \$3,000 per acre," he said, adding that "in partial services, they will contribute to \$2,200 per acre". As a result of their contribution, they demand from the subdivider that he agree to one of two methods of developing the lands. These are, (1) In order to get financing, the township demands a ceiling price for a period of three years and if the area is large they suggest staging of the development; or in the alternative (2) A guarantee from the subdivider that so many feet of assessment would be added per year to the assessment rolls in lieu thereof a contract to pay in cash for the assessment, the total cost of the debt being levied against the lands in the subdivision.

North York says they had found this policy to be most successful in making the subdividers highly competitive in a very competitive market.

Existing Small Industries
Councillor Ralph's second brief had contained a list of industries of a small type which had been established within the past year, and others proposed for 1960. Their combined probable value amounted to \$605,000 and employed 175 persons. This was an indication of what encouragement of small industries could mean to the township he suggested. This meant better business all round too as was demonstrated by the fact Moore's Restaurant have doubled their business and gasoline stations have increased gallonage and repairs 100 per cent in the last two months. Another restaurant has been proposed and a chocolate factory for the corner of Creditstone Road and No. 7 Highway. Good Deal of Merit

On conclusion of Councillor

Ralph's address and the following discussion by Councillors, Reeve John Perry said he thought the proposal had a good deal of merit. "May I consider this?" he asked.

Various Tenders
Earlier, Council had considered tenders received for the supply of a truck and a grader. There were eight tenders which were read out clearly and distinctly by the deputy-clerk, Fred Jackman. Prices of the tenders varied between \$28,688 entered by Carruthers Brothers (the highest) and \$22,150 entered by Dominion Loan Machinery (the lowest). These prices varied if a trade-in was made. The equipment and prices were so varied that the reeve suggested they should be referred to the Road Committee for consideration. He added that Council would buy nothing without first seeing the product. The deputy-reeve who was chairman of the roads committee was unable to be present with council he added and he should be consulted.

Highest tender for a truck was entered by White Motors of Woodbridge at \$8464. Lowest was that of R. D. Little & Sons Ltd. of Richmond Hill at \$5877. Again because of the varied nature of the trucks offered and the absence of the deputy-reeve, these tenders were referred to the roads committee.

Kerr Bridge Widening
Council considered agreements for the purchase of land for the widening of the Kerr Bridge and approved purchase of two lots at \$382 and \$300 respectively. Other negotiations were proceeding.

Building Own Home
Application by a resident for permission to complete a house he is building himself on Roosevelt Drive received approval. Councillor Anstey said he had taken a long time with it so far and suggested he be given another four months, which provoked the reeve to remark, "He is not in a hurry is he?"

Temporary Display Buildings
The reeve agreed to take up with the Planning Board a request by a Mr. Halliday for permission to erect some temporary display building on Steeles Ave. West near Yonge Street. They are the Colonial Home type of building. Councillor Anstey said this would be against the by-laws but suggested permission be granted on a yearly term contract basis to ensure their removal when required by the township.

Ratepayers Letter
A letter from Maple Ratepayers stating the improvement made in local roads made it a pleasure to drive on them, brought from Reeve Perry the quip, "See that this is framed now."

Reeve's Summing Up
Concluding the council meeting Reeve Perry said that in accordance with his new policy, the special meeting of the roads committee would be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. He called on all citizens to make an effort to attend the public meeting which is being held at McConaghay School, Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. tonight which will consider the hospital project. He said this was of "great importance" to the area. A total of 23 members of the public were present in the public gallery at the commencement of the meeting. Ten remained till the adjournment. At one stage someone started to use a hammer elsewhere in the building, hesitated, then stopped. It was not heard again.

Smiles & Nudges
There were smiles and nudges among the public with glances in the direction of the press which indicates that these reports in "The Liberal" are being well read in the township. We recorded a complaint because of hammering in the building last week, which increased difficulty in hearing council members.

Municipal Council Meeting

Town Faces Court Action On Refusal Of Building Permit Council To Poll Area Residents Before Decision

Richmond Hill Town Council's decision on the contentious application of Emerald Isle Construction Co. to build a fourplex on Wood Lane will be guided by the opinions expressed by the people in the immediate area. This was the majority decision of council Monday night after a rather lengthy discussion.

A letter presenting all facts of the situation will be drafted by the Mayor and Clerk and sent to residents of the immediate area. Neighbouring property owners will be asked their opinion and on the result of this poll council will base its final decision.

During the discussion Mayor Tomlin revealed that a court action against the municipality has already been started by Mr. Saddler of the Emerald Isle Company. Mr. Saddler is asking a writ to compel the Building Inspector to issue a building permit.

A previous petition had expressed opposition to the proposal. A petition read Monday night with twelve signatures expressed no opposition.

Councillor Whillans suggested the second petition should be considered invalid because a diagram on the back was not on all petitions presented to ratepayers. Councillor Whillans was sharply critical of Reeve Haggart who accompanied Mr. Saddler when he called on some ratepayers. "I don't think the Reeve used good judgement in appearing in support of this petition," said Councillor Whillans, "his presence might indicate at least some tacit approval of council."

Reeve Haggart said he did not appear in support of the petition. He had accompanied Mr. Saddler on some calls because he was requested to do so and he thought he might be helpful in explaining any details in plans for road improvement.

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Mr. J. Angel, of Clarke ave., has returned home from Europe where he was on an extensive business trip.

Friends and neighbours of Mr. B. Moase, of 99 Clarke ave., are sorry to learn that he is in St. Michaels Hospital awaiting further surgery. He entered the hospital in January for an operation.

Most scores for the first week of play in the Doncaster Community Ladies Club 1st. Thornhill Girl Guide Mothers euchre marathon have been turned in and the highest tally was by Mrs. Marie Robinson and partner Mrs. Mamie Semple with 89.

The finals of this marathon will be held at the Thornhill Public School in March. There will also be progressive euchre for those who could not join the marathon.

Proceeds of this event will be in aid of the Girl Guide troop and Brownies.

As mentioned before, many of the local school associations will assemble at the Thornhill High School on Tuesday, February 16, at 8:15 p.m. to hear Dr. John Rich, M. D. Ph. D., who is the clinical director of the Thornhill Hospital which is for emotionally disturbed children, who have severe behaviour problems and his subject will be "How Child Psychiatry Works," instead of holding their regular meetings this month.

Henderson Ave. and Clarke - Elgin Schools will take in this event.

Miss Mary Perrault, will leave by air for two week visit with relatives in Timmins, on Sunday, February 14.

On Monday, the doors of the newly completed Clarke-Elgin opened to the pupils for the first time.

The school is situated between Clark and Elgin at the extreme north west end of Henderson Avenue. The principal is Mr. Gordon Learn. The school has 7 classrooms and 1 kindergarten room and there are approximately 260 students.

Miss L. D. Wakely, 27 Morgan, captain of the "March of Dimes" collection in this area extends an expression of thanks to the mothers, who braved poor weather to "march on polio." She said the organization was pleased with the results in our AREA as \$134.00 was collected.

MARKHAM — A new committee was formed in Ontario County to study the problems of Civil Defense. In 1959 the County spent \$2,500 for civil defense organization work.

Councillor Whillans said he thought the Reeve's action might prejudice the action of the town's official communication.

Councillor Whillans after the Mayor's announcement that legal action was started said he would welcome a legal decision. "I think the town is in a very strong legal position," he said.

Councillor Broadhurst expressed the opinion council was wasting altogether too much time on the matter. "We might profitably use our time discussing more important matters," said Mr. Broadhurst, announcing that he had changed his mind and would support the compromise suggestion made at the previous meeting.

A motion by Councillor Bradstock and the Mayor provided that no action be taken until all the property owners in the area had been consulted in a letter from the town clerk. An amendment by Councillors Broadhurst and Mrs. Southwell was that permission for the permit be granted.

Mrs. Southwell was critical of past councils for allowing development without proper planning on Wood Lane. The Mayor said the original Wood Lane was 12 feet in width, and that the area like Topsy "just grew up."

Councillor Whillans said council should stick to its guns and protect the interests of the people.

To the suggestion the people be again consulted Councillor Broadhurst commented, "they must be getting tired of expressing opinions."

George Chassie, a resident of the area stated his objection was not to a fourplex, but to the fact that one building would be behind the other. He didn't think an 89 foot lot should be subdivided.

It was agreed the letter to the neighbouring properties should be drafted by the Mayor and Clerk. "I think you can depend on me to be fair to everyone," said Mr. Tomlin.

Haggart Presides
Reeve W. J. Haggart presided at Monday night's meeting. Mayor Tomlin was addressing a meeting of the local Rotary Club and was late in arriving. Reeve Haggart remained in the chair for the entire meeting.

Council on motion of Councillor Mrs. Southwell made the usual grant of \$10. to the Salvation Army. It was agreed to co-operate with the Jaycees in sponsoring Brotherhood Week February 21 to 23.

Welcome Naturalists
Town Council assured the local Naturalists organization of every co-operation in welcoming delegates to the provincial convention to be held here this month. It was agreed to increase the town grant to the society from \$80. to \$100. when President R. Till outlined the financial situation. It is expected more than 500 delegates from all over Ontario will gather here and a program to be issued will contain a welcome from the Mayor and a message from the Parks Committee chairman.

High School Tender
Council approved the suggestion of York Central High School Board to include \$17,000. additional High School costs in this year's budget. Total cost of the new Bayview High School will be \$803,000., some \$17,000. more than anticipated. This total cost includes \$49,000. for the site, \$642,303. the building contract, \$38,538. architect's fees, \$55,000. for furnishings, and \$13,000. for water and sewer services.

To Meet Metro
Council agreed to meet with Metro Planning Board to discuss Metro's draft plan sometime next month. Reeve Haggart pointed out the report contained hundreds of pages, scores of maps and charts, weighed seven pounds and would take a lot of study. Mayor Tomlin urged the members to give the report careful study. "This may well be one of the most important matters to come before this council in some time," he said. Possibility of an all day session was suggested.

Town Solicitor
A letter from the Town Solicitor J. D. Lucas asked an increase in his retainer fee. For some years the fee has been \$3,000. and he asked \$4,000. for 1959 and \$4,500. for 1960. The request was referred to the Finance Committee Councillor Whillans suggested the time might be nearing

when the town would employ a full time legal adviser. "Possibly sometime, but not yet," said the Mayor.

Remodel Town Hall
There was some difference of opinion as to whether or not an architect is necessary to carry out remodeling plans at the Municipal Building. It is planned to use the space vacated by the library for a council chamber and offices for the Industrial Commissioner. A letter from one firm asked a fee of \$1150 plus 5 per cent. Do we need an architect?" asked Reeve Haggart. "There's some doubt in my mind," said the Mayor.

Councillor Bradstock thought expert advice would be helpful. He thought it might be too much to ask of the Works Department. Reeve Haggart said larger council chamber accommodation is necessary. "We may have larger councils," he said, suggesting "if an architect is needed we had local architects who might be interested."

On motion of the Mayor the matter of engaging an architect was left with the Building Committee chairman and Works Commissioner.

No. 2 Account
Councillor Broadhurst got unanimous support for a motion asking the clerk to prepare a statement of receipts and expenditures in the Number 2 account since its inception. This is the account contributed to by subdividers at the rate of \$500. per lot.

Roads
Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell said the roads in Elmwood are in terrible condition. "There are holes bigger than the road," she said adding that some are of such proportions that residents are filling them up with old tires. "That should make smooth riding," someone remarked.

Approve Plans
Council approved plans for improvement of Sneddon Road and Crosby Avenue. Improvement plans for Crosby provide for widening east of Sneddon Road and considerable land will have to be acquired.

Industrial Committee
At a recent special meeting, Mayor Tomlin appointed Reeve Haggart and Councillors Broadhurst and Whillans as members of an Industrial Committee.

"How about a meeting soon?" asked Councillor Whillans. As the committee must name its own chairman the Mayor agreed to call the first meeting. "Let's get going," said Councillor Whillans.

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University Club Regular Meeting

Mr. John L. Brown was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the University Women's Club of York County held Monday evening, January 25, in Kingcraft House, King City. Mr. Brown, who is Director of Warrendale, a private treatment centre in Newmarket for emotionally disturbed girls, was introduced to his audience by Mrs. William Outerbridge of Aurora, Secretary of the Club.

Mrs. W. R. Kinnear of Aurora thanked Mr. Brown for his fine address and presented him with a small token of the club's appreciation. The meeting then adjourned for coffee and a social half hour.

During the evening, Mrs. G. Fish of Aurora, membership convener, introduced the following five new members to the club: Mrs. F. A. Lindars, Richmond Hill, U. of T., Victoria; Mrs. C. Gordon Lemon, Richmond Hill, McGill, Household Science; Mrs. L. J. Kormendy, Richmond Hill, U. of T.; Mrs. James G. Garbutt, King, U. of T., Victoria; Mrs. Frank Waldon, Aurora, U. of T.

The club's next meeting will be held Monday evening, February 22 in Kingcraft Hall, King City. The guest speaker will be Miss Jane Mallett, well known Toronto actress in radio, television and the theatre.

BOLTON — The centenary of Bolton Fair will be marked by the construction of stone gates at the Fair Grounds.

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