

Vaughan Council Briefs

Vaughan Council was informed Monday that its budget for road construction and maintenance for 1960 had been approved. Total cost would be \$165,000. Of this amount \$50,000 was allocated for construction and \$135,000 for maintenance.

Councillor Anstey suggested to Vaughan Township Council Monday that he thought many of the fatal accidents at rail crossings could be avoided by the installation of STOP signs each side of the crossings. It was a simple solution and he was surprised it had not been done. The Reeve agreed that it would be a cheaper form than the usual crossing signals.

The Clerk pointed out that there was a speed limit. The Reeve replied he "would rather cross at 60 than 20 — there is less chance of stalling on the crossing," he said. The Reeve suggested the clerk write Mr. Yaremko, Minister of Transport suggesting installation of STOP signs at crossings. Council agreed.

Vaughan Township Council agreed on Monday to accept an offer for the Kleinburg Well made by International Water Supply Ltd. subject to receipt of deposit.

Council suggested the clerk investigate possibility of making it possible for taxpayers to pay taxes on a monthly basis. Councillor Ralph said such a scheme had proven successful at Long Branch. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve said it would reduce need for heavy loans by Council. The Clerk said he thought the suggestion worth investigation.

Council agreed at its meeting Monday to continue its subsidy for feeding pheasants. To maintain this form of wildlife, the Department of Lands and Forests supplied chicks to council which were then boarded out, the township providing feed and making a small payment for care. When fully grown the pheasants are released. Councillor Bryson said he could support this aspect of it but was opposed to providing pheasants for hunting purposes.

Council was advised on Monday the township would be responsible for 64% of cost of installation of crossings at Steeles Avenue and for 25% of operating costs thereafter.

In reply to a question from the Reeve, Clerk Jim McDonald told council unemployment in the township during March this year was worse than during the same month last year.

Vaughan Township Council met at 9 p.m. Monday and adjourned at 11:15 p.m., having cleared 22 items on the agenda. No members of the public attended the meeting which was the first evening meeting for three weeks. Council will meet at 8 p.m. next Monday.

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Correspondent: The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Anglican Church
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During the past week the Richmond Hill Lions Club mailed Easter Seals to us all. Don't put them aside and forget them, use them — and if you haven't already done so, act now and mail your contribution to the Easter Seal Fund for Crippled Children.

Birthdays
Many Happy Returns of the day to Mary Jane Terry on April 1st, to Linda Evison on April 2nd; to Margaret Hanson on April 3rd; to Clark Hazelhurst on April 5th, and to Michael Terry on April 6th.

Adele Costoff was really taken by surprise on Saturday evening when she entered the recreation room of her parent's home and was confronted by friends who gathered together to help celebrate her thirteenth birthday. There were twenty-two young people present and, if noise and laughter are any indication, a wonderful evening of record playing and dancing was enjoyed by all, of course, refreshments were also an important factor in the celebration. The party was organized by Beverley Lorke.

Another birthday celebrant on the weekend was Heather McFee who entertained a number of her friends.

Jefferson Community Club
Don't forget the Easter Party — square dancing and euchre — to be held in Jefferson School this Friday evening, April 1st, at 8:30 o'clock. (See Coming Events Column.) This will be the last party of the season so be sure not to miss it.

Neighbourhood Notes
During the month of April each house in the district will be canvassed for the Cancer Society. Please be as generous as possible with your donation for this very necessary work.

Welcome home to Mrs. Chas. Ratchford who has been in St. Michael's Hospital for the past three weeks. Chris wishes to express her sincere thanks to all her friends and neighbours for the many acts of kindness, flowers and cards received during her illness. Everyone hopes she will soon be fully recovered.

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell visited Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell and family in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLeod are pleased to be home from a two month's vacation at Daytona Beach, Florida.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. E. Abram who is suffering from a case of the mumps.

An inspiring sight on these dull spring (?) days is the display of white petunias in the front window of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gamble. They dug the seedlings last fall and lovely blooms can be really appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Klein entertained at a dinner party on Sunday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. Klein of Willowdale, Mr. Andrew, Mrs. Fehn, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. George Schloter, all of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Snively have returned home from the West Indies where they have holidayed for the past three weeks.

St. John's Church
The evening branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will hold their April meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday, April 7th, at 8:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Fireside Service in the Parish Hall on Sunday, March 27, was an enjoyable and interesting evening. The slides and travelogue film of Jamaica, presented by Mr. Gibbs, a student of Wycliffe College, were very beautiful as well as educational. At the close of the service, refreshments were served by the young people.

Rural Routers
Residents of Brookside Road will have postal delivery service (at least to the entrance to their road) starting tomorrow, April 1st. Thanks to the work of Mr. Zimmerman a petition he so kindly presented to the postal authorities brought results and boxes have been installed to receive residents' mail.

SCARBORO — Acting on a recommendation of Planning Board, Scarborough Township Council has agreed to amend a by-law permitting the erection of a medical centre at the corner of Eglington and Warden Avenues. Council overruled opposition from several residents in the area.

NEWTONBROOK — North York Township Council announced this week that the Newtonbrook area will finally get sanitary sewers. Estimated cost of the sub-trunk line was set at \$308,700.00.

STOUFFVILLE — "Disappointed" by the apparent lack of interest in the local Businessmen's Association, President Ken Wagg has tendered his resignation. Mr. Wagg resigned after only five people bothered to turn up at a recent meeting of the association.

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Inter-Municipal Co-operation Committee Again Under Fire

Vaughan Township Council again discussed the subject of the Inter-Municipal Co-ordinating Committee which until recently represented Markham Township, the Town of Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township. Mainly on the requests of Councillors Anstey and Ralph the township had voted to withdraw from the Co-ordinating Committee. The Deputy Reeve had voted with these two Councillors.

Waste of Time — Reeve
Councillor Jesse Bryson had abstained from voting and the Reeve had not participated in the vote but had strongly expressed himself in the matter, declaring that he thought — had always thought — the committee a waste of time and serving no useful purpose.

No Decision Last Week
Last week when the subject was discussed following receipt of a letter from the Town of Richmond Hill inviting Vaughan Township to attend at least one more meeting of the Committee or alternatively a full meeting of all three Councils represented on the Committee, to discuss the whole field of inter-Municipal Co-operation, Council arrived at no decision.

Requests Consideration
Reeve John Perry asked for the letter from Richmond Hill to be considered again this week and requested Council to decide what action should be taken.

Councillor "Not Interested"

Councillor Anstey immediately stated he was not interested in attending any meetings of the Committee. He would attend meetings on a Council level and where only elected Council members were represented. He criticized the press for reporting his statements opposing the committee claiming that the press had failed to state that Vaughan Council had always indicated it was willing to co-operate with other councils at council level. (This is an unjustified criticism because at least so far as this newspaper is concerned, we have carefully and laboriously reported fully and impartially all discussions and statements. When reporting remarks made on the subject by members of Richmond Hill Council, it was pointed out that Vaughan Council had indicated it would always be willing to discuss and to co-operate at Council level any matters of mutual interest. This statement had merely brought from Richmond

Hill council members responses to the effect that such statements paid lip service to the spirit of co-operation while failing in practice.)

Taxpayers Cost
Discussing an aspect which has been widely discussed, that the inter-municipal committee presently collects material, prepares briefs and effects the groundwork in various enquiries without cost to the taxpayer, whereas the suggestion that all such meetings should be at Council Level would mean payment of those attending at the usual rates for council meetings. Councillor Anstey said he did not care whether he was paid or not paid but he would not waste his time. Councillor Ralph concurred.

Anytime — Anyplace

The Reeve John Perry reiterated that Council was ready anytime anywhere to discuss with other councils, matters of mutual interest and to co-operate in them, but that such meetings and discussions must be at council level.

When the Clerk Jim MacDonald pointed out that the letter from Richmond Hill suggested an alternative — a meeting of the full councils of the three municipalities involved, Councillor Anstey stated that he had no objection to such a meeting. The Reeve agreed also and the Clerk was instructed to reply to the letter from Richmond Hill accordingly.

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