

Thornhill and District news

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Markham Township

Doncaster and Highland Pk. Ratepayers Visit Council

Markham Township Council held a very lengthy session last Monday evening commencing its agenda at 7:45 p.m. and continuing until 11 o'clock. During the course of the evening several delegations were heard.

Mr. C. J. Russell, President of the Doncaster Ratepayers Association, headed the first delegation and asked that the ditch on Yonge Street north of Clark Avenue be closed up, "Even if it costs a lot of money we should have shoulders built over culverts from Yonge St. to Proctor", Mr. Russell told council. "As it is now, the subdividers in Vaughan Township are profiting." He said that the ditch, when filled with water, "is dangerous to children in the area".

Reeve William Clark said consideration would be given the matter because with new development pending this should be taken care of.

Mr. Russell: "When they build up those subdivisions in Vaughan, it means when a flash flood comes there will be more danger than ever as the water will come over the highway into the open ditches on the Markham side."

Mr. Stephens, who accompanied Mr. Russell, asked why council had changed house numbers, thereby creating great confusion to the residents of the Doncaster area. Markham Township Engineer E. Jorgensen said the planning department used a lot of time and research to figure out the new numbering system. Apparently numbers are figured on 20 foot lots, as in other districts. Doncaster residents had numbered their own lots, prior to the township re-numbering system, allowing 50 feet between numbers.

Deputy-reeve Dean said, "They had enough time to do it right — because they have been working on it over two years."

Ask For Park Motion
The second delegation which was from Highland Park, was comprised of three women, Mrs. E. Frey, president; Mrs. E. Axelsson, secretary and Mrs. R. Dempster, past president of the association. They asked for and received from council a motion to the effect that "Suitable park area, adjacent to Highland Park, be set aside for park land", but made it perfectly clear to Council that they were not setting a particular location for the park site at this time.

Mrs. Axelsson said, "A park should be large enough to service the four subdivisions in the area, with an athletic field and recreation facilities."

Deputy-reeve Dean, who then officially moved the motion referred, seconded by Councillor Watson, said the proposed park site council had in mind would be partly treed and have four acres of clear land. Reeve Clark pointed out that trees on part of the land would make an ideal picnic site. Bare land for a whole park is not desirable."

When asked by the delegation whether the present school grounds were included in the acreage for the park, the deputy-reeve said, "No, but the acreage would probably adjoin the present school playgrounds."

Mrs. Axelsson expressed doubts about use of the park in this case, stating, "The ratepayers of Doncaster and Highland Park spent over \$1,000 for a rink in this area. Then we found the school sets up the time-schedule for use of the rink, and pre-schoolers can't use it because of the older skaters."

Referring to the rink the reeve said that there should be another special rink for the smaller children to make it satisfactory.

Council authorized the township engineers to approach North York engineers regarding the finalizing of plans for one sewer on Steeles Avenue to service both townships.

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