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## To Award Contract Friday Beverley Acres Drain Cost \$15,000. Over Estimate May Hold For Winter Work Grant Saving \$22,000 If Work Delayed To Winter Month

Richmond Hill Town Council held one of the briefest sessions of the year Monday night when the main item of business was opening tenders for the contentious Beverley Acres Drainage project.

Five tenders were received and the two lowest were referred to the Works Committee for review and recommendation. The Works Committee will meet Thursday afternoon and a special council meeting will be held Friday to award the tender.

Even the lowest tender will bring the total cost of the project some \$15,000 above the estimated figure of \$248,000 for which the town has received tentative approval from the Ontario Municipal Board.

Council members Monday night considered the possibility of delaying a large portion of the work until the winter months so as to qualify for the special government grant. On approved works carried on after December 1st the federal and provincial governments give municipalities a special grant of 75 per cent of the labor costs.

Engineer Donald Redfern who attended Monday night's council meeting estimated the saving to the town by taking advantage of the winter works grant would amount to about \$22,000.

Lowest tender submitted was by Renzetti Construction Co. for \$230,231.10 and the highest was by Sam Consentino for \$330,528.56. Engineer Redfern in response to council questioning stated that in addition to the contract price the total expense will include \$15,513.50 for land costs, about \$16,000, engineering fees plus an unstated amount of legal expense. This he said would bring the total cost of the project to about \$15,000, in excess of the \$248,000, expenditure estimated in the application made to the Ontario Municipal Board. He stated that the Board generally raised no objections if the actual price was within ten per cent of the estimated figure.

A letter from the Ontario Municipal Board read earlier at the meeting pointed out that while tentative approval has been given by the Board no tenders can be let until the Board gives final approval of the amount to be spent.

Council debated the advisability of postponing the project until winter when it would be eligible for the 75 per cent grant on expenditure for labor.

Councillor Broadhurst asked if there are any engineering objections to doing the work in winter. Engineer Redfern replied that in a general way the answer is yes. "I don't think you get as good a product in winter construction," he said, "there is more trouble with back-fill and you get more complaints from the ratepayers."

In answer to Councillor Broadhurst the engineer stated the project will take from three to four months to complete.

Councillor Broadhurst observed that council might get a penny wise and pound foolish to delay the project to have it qualify for works program special grant.

Reeve Haggart who presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Tomlin who still is on holiday suggested the whole matter

ker said the completed road represented the end result of the hard work of a lot of people, starting back in the days of Reeve W. J. Taylor. Councillor Whillans said while he would go along with the suggestion he couldn't get too excited over it. On motion the Mayor and Reeve were named a committee to arrange an official opening and reception.

Deputy-reeve Tinker reported progress on the arrangement for Richmond Hill and Vaughan to jointly subsidize an ambulance service. Each municipality will contribute \$100 monthly. Financing will be through the York County Health Unit, but the County body would take no responsibility for the service. Councillor Broadhurst suggested that since public money would be subsidizing the service council should have some supervision. Reeve Haggart said council would pass on the agreement. It is hoped to have the subsidy start September 1st. Councillor Whillans asked if other operators of ambulances might object. Reeve Haggart said it wouldn't do them any good to object.

On motion of Councillor Tom Broadhurst council authorized the publication of details of the Number 2 account. The motion specified that the published statement include the auditor's breakdown of money spent for benefit of the Beverley Acres drainage area. Councillor Broadhurst said that while this report had been given to Councilors before the recent Municipal Board hearing he thought the ratepayers should have the information.

Reeve Haggart commented on recent complaints of heavy trucks using Centre Street East. He said the only solution is to get busy at once and acquire the land necessary for a continuation of Industrial Road South from Centre Street to Markham Road. On motion of Councillor Mrs. Southwell and Deputy-reeve Tinker the Mayor and clerk were authorized to take the necessary steps to procure the right-of-way. Councillor Bradstock suggested there should be a valuation of the land. Reeve Haggart said this would be one of the steps taken.

On suggestion of Reeve Haggart a letter of appreciation will be sent Mr. Pallister and the Shell Oil for their fine co-operation during paving operations on Markham Road.

Council will write Canadian National Express and ask that Bayview Gardens be included in Richmond Hill free delivery area of express service.

On motion of Deputy-reeve Tinker and Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell the town will stage an official opening when Markham Road construction is completed. Reeve Haggart said the road is a first in many ways. It is the first concrete base road construction in the municipality and the first main east-west artery. Councillor Mrs. Southwell suggested the possibility of a street dance. Deputy-reeve Tinker

should have the careful consideration of a committee. On motion of Councillors Broadhurst and Whillans council referred the tenders to the Works Committee for a report. The Committee will review the tenders and investigate the standing and record of the tendering firms, also study the relative advantages and disadvantages of delaying the work until winter, and report to council.

Reeve Haggart who is chairman of the Works Committee announced that the tenders will be considered by a Works Committee meeting Thursday afternoon, and that a special meeting of council will be held Friday afternoon to receive the report.

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celebration going on up at the big house, Mr. Fraser said that the children had a share and held an annual Christmas party for all the farm children. For the past four summers he had sent the two Agnew boys, Tommy Clapp and Charles Saunders away to the Y.M.C.A. Camp at Haliburton, which they much enjoyed.

Mr. Fraser's farm manager, Harold Clapp was with him for 15 years, coming to Fraserdale Farms within a year of when the farm was purchased. The farm had originally been stocked with a registered Jersey herd but in May, 1946, all the Jerseys were sold and Mr. Fraser from then on devoted himself exclusively to raising beef cattle.

Members will meet at the north end of town and form a parade to the cenotaph where a wreath will be laid in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice for their country. The parade will form up at 2 p.m. and service at the church will follow the wreath laying at the cenotaph.

Children from the L.T.B. and O. Home will take part in the parade and during the service their banner and flag will be dedicated. Earl Nears of Northview Lodge is North York County Master and Lodge members from all parts of the district will attend the service which will be presided over by Rev. C. G. Higginson, Minister of Richmond Hill United Church.

## Bayview High Sch. Not Ready Tuesday

(By Jane Manning)  
There will be a "shift" system for Richmond Hill High School and Bayview High School students as the fall session begins next Tuesday, September 6th. Assembly will be at ten o'clock in the morning as previously announced and all pupils of both schools are expected to gather in the Richmond Hill High School at that time.

Bus schedules for the first day of school will be as already announced. At assembly necessary instructions for Wednesday, September 7th, will be given out. That is the time to be at the various bus stops, and the hours at when classes will convene and disperse each day while the shift system is in operation.

Probable time for class opening at Richmond Hill will be eight o'clock in the morning with dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Classes for Bayview High School will start at fifteen minutes to one and close at five-thirty in the afternoon.

Rumble Calls Meeting  
Decision to inaugurate the "shift system" came Thursday evening at a special meeting called by Chairman of the York Central District High School Board, Stewart Rumble.

One of the prime reasons for the shift system is the fact the Department of Education will not pay a grant unless the students are enrolled and attending school. Instead of waiting and hoping the academic wing at least would be completed in time for the September opening and consequently Principal Howard Eubank of Bayview had his staff and schedule in readiness.

No plans were made with Principal Wright Morrow of Richmond Hill to go on a shift system until the meeting on Thursday night when it was definitely learned the classrooms would not be ready for occupancy on next Tuesday. However, Principal Morrow experienced a shift system with Thornhill High School students around five years ago before their school was built, so major difficulties are not anticipated in cutting the school day in half for over one thousand students.

Three hundred of the young people will cross the town to Markham Road and Bayview Ave., this fall to inaugurate classes in Richmond Hill's second high school, but York Central District's fourth secondary school.

## Applies For Permit King Bomb Shelter

A Toronto man, Mr. Roland C. Haisell, was the first to apply to King Township Building Department and to receive a permit for a bomb shelter, to be built on his King property.

Township Building Inspector Donald McCallum issued a permit, without charge, on condition that the shelter be used only in a nuclear attack and not occupied as a regular dwelling.

To date there has been nothing in the building by-law to cover such shelters. Mr. McCallum said his department would be checking to see if it would be necessary to add qualifications to the by-law.

Mr. Haisell, an employee of Dominion Bridge Company was prompted to have a fall-out shelter after his own home in London received a direct bomb hit during the war.

He plans to start the underground emergency quarters next year on his Cavell Ave. acreage near King Township's fourth concession line, about three miles north of King City.

Mr. Haisell proposes using two large steel arch culverts of the type used under rural roads. Over the structure would be seven feet of earth. The shelter, large enough to accommodate an average family several weeks, is being planned to connect underground with his new home, which is also in the blueprint stage.

Mr. Haisell is an active instructor in Metro's Civil Defence Organization.

## Not Sufficient Time Markham Liquor Vote

A four month period is insufficient time to arrange a liquor vote in Markham Township, according to a unanimous decision of council. The decision was reached at a special meeting of council held Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Hugh Brennan, chairman of the planning board recently requested council give consideration to a vote of the electorate on the question at the forthcoming December voting.

Vote To Cost \$5,000.00  
Clerk Harry Crisp informed council that it would take considerable time to arrange such a vote. Councillor L. Mumberson suggested it would cost the township a considerable sum of money. The clerk reported the recent liquor vote in Vaughan cost the public \$5,000.00. Markham has been "dry" since 1906, and there are no records available to indicate that any vote has been taken since that time. Anyone is eligible to vote on the issue, who cast a ballot in the last provincial election.

"If one individual is promoting the vote, he should have started in January," commented Councillor J. MacNeil. "I feel it would constitute too much work for our clerk at this late date," said Reeve W. L. Clark. The reeve suggested that the matter be considered by the 1961 council and a vote, if arranged, could be held in the middle of the year.

The clerk pointed out this method had been adopted by the Township of Vaughan.

Liquor At Golf Clubs  
"I feel that it is probably the best," agreed Reeve Clark. Mr. Clark said it was a known fact that "drink" was being served at some of the golf clubs in the township. Councillor Stan Watson suggested that if a vote was taken and the township remained "dry," the local police would have more authority to close down such places.

## School Days Again - Familiar Bell Rings Next Tuesday Morning Thousands Children Get Back To Work Enrolment Is Up For All Schools High And Public

Tuesday, September 6, will be "S-Day" for some 6,000 public, separate and high school children in Richmond Hill and Thornhill and so far as the six Richmond Hill elementary schools go, September 6 will be a full school day. This is the word from Public School Superintendent Gordon McIntyre.

For parents as well as the horde of younger citizens, Labour Day (September 5) will also be "Scramble-Day" as last-minute details governing 'the first day in school' will be finalized.

Biggest item enrolment-wise will be the six Richmond Hill public schools. When they closed in June there were 2,965 students. This total will be up to approximately 3,115 this year. Five years ago, incidentally, the total enrolment was 916.

Last year there were 100 teachers employed by the public schools. Six of these did administrative and supervisory work only. Five more teachers have been added for the upcoming term.

Pleasantville Public School on Mill Street, will officially open on September 6. The eight-classroom structure will have 250 students and the principal is Mr. Duard Rose. This school was organized a year ago and was housed in portables the first term.

Breakdown  
A breakdown of the six local schools shows the 1959-60 enrolment picture, with 'e principals' names bracketed, as follows: Beverley Acres, 628, (Mr. Grant Nighswander), MacKillop Mem-

orial, 494, (Mr. Robert Newman), Crosby Heights, 484, (Mr. Eldon Gooding), McConaghy, 428, (Mr. Grant McDiarmid), Walter Scott, 681, (Mr. Nathan Davidson), and Pleasantville, 250, (Mr. Duard Rose).

In April of this year, the local public school trustees budgeted for \$794,101.79 which, it was stated then, would mean a general tax increase of one and one-half mills. The provincial grant to the Richmond Hill Public Schools was slashed \$26,000, from \$279,218.01. This had the effect of reducing the proposed renovations at McConaghy School from \$20,000 to \$10,000 and the contingency fund some \$10,000 to \$3,748.00, while another \$6,000 was pared from maintenance costs.

Four of the six classrooms have or are being renovated at the school and work on a fifth is proceeding. Purpose of these renovations is to bring the original school up to standards comparable with the other schools in the area. (Continued on Page 17)

## Vaughan Twp. Public School Enrolment To Be Over 3,000 And 105 Teachers On Staff

Vaughan Township Public School Inspector J. Gibson reports that the 25 Public Schools in the area will enroll about 3,000 pupils this year, approximately the same number enrolled last year. There will be 105 teachers doing regular class work, two special teachers and eight principal supply teachers. Transportation will be available for students attending the Jefferson and Purpleville schools.

A new departure this year will be an itinerant remedial teacher who will visit the smaller schools that do not have auxiliary teachers, to assist pupils who for one reason or another fall behind in their school work. A music supervisor will round out the staff.

Mr. Gibson said that the School Board will continue to gradually eliminate school section numbers and boundaries which, under the new school area setup, do not exist. "We prefer calling each school by its name rather than a number," he said.

This year too, Vaughan Township will install kindergarten facilities throughout the area. "Our problem is to equalize kindergarten opportunities on a par with those of the former school area," Mr. Gibson explained. The Kleinburg and Maple kindergartens will be open to any youngster in the township.

Next Tuesday morning, September 6th, will officially end summer 'madness'—for it's then we witness the return to regular routine and "text-book learning" for hundreds and hundreds of children who have, since the end of June, been on a long summer vacation from school.

Many of them—who have holidayed away from home and their own familiar haunts—will have met with new experiences and acquired extensive learning, not found in books, from summer associations and travel.

But despite the pleasure they have enjoyed in visiting far away places and despite the fact that on the 29th of June they chanted, "No more classrooms, no more books"—we'll safely wager they are really happy to be able to go back to school again.

## Back To School

of being game wardens, referees, policemen, overtired and overloaded chief cooks and bottle washers, for youngsters who develop voracious appetites during summer months, or are alternately bored or exuberant for 14 to 16 hours of long summer days.

And it's just at this time of the year, too, that parents realize to the fullest what 'miracles' teachers are. For much though mothers and fathers may love and cherish their children, as parents they will often confess—in the waning months of the summer—they have begun to develop inferiority complexes—they are glad to know someone, some teacher, somewhere, has the "know-how" and the trained understanding, to take over the formal education of their offspring—in an authoritative yet intelligent manner.

Yes, the doors of our schools will swing wide open on Tuesday, and with them begins a new cycle of learning and happiness and contentment for all. We hope everyone, students, teachers and parents, will enjoy the school term ahead.

## Coming Events

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9:00 p.m. — 12:00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tfc36

BINGO every Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd., West, Richvale. tfc49

SEPTEMBER 6 — Tuesday. Don't forget the first Jaycee's meeting at the Yangtze Pagoda, 7 p.m. clw9

SEPTEMBER 6 — Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. Due to storm — garden visits originally arranged for last Monday — postponed to Tuesday, September 6. clw9

SEPTEMBER 7 — Wednesday. Bingo, Newmarket Legion Hall, 8 p.m. sharp. Jackpot \$75. tic45