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New Building Aids Richmond Hill's "March Into Tomorrow"



THE NEW CANADIAN TIRE CORPORATION ASSOCIATE STORE AT YONGE AND WRIGHT STREETS

The negotiating and work of months comes to a conclusion this week, as Canadian Tire Corporation's Associate Store, operated by the Hill family, makes its bow to the public. While business has been conducted in the new premises since early May, finishing touches have been paralleling purchases by early shoppers.

Opening dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 11th, 12th and 13th.

The new store embraces every modern facility designed to make shopping easy and fast. Its 23,000 square feet include not only the main retailing floor but also extensive offices and a garage fully equipped to handle any type of service work. The large basement storage permits the carrying of a large reserve stock.

Comfort For Staff

Attempts to make conditions pleasant for everybody connected with the store do not stop on the customer side of the building. Garage mechanics, for instance, have their own locker room and shower. In the general section a large lunch room is provided for staff members.

After the old building from which Canadian Tire has moved, members of the office staff will feel like peas in a pod. The general offices, with large floor space are supplemented by adequate executive offices. There are no dark corners. Philippine pre-finished mahogany adds to the bright appearance of the building, whose big windows let in a maximum of natural light.

Fast References

International Business Machines equipment has played a large part in creating efficient modern working conditions. Nothing is left to guess-work. For instance, just behind the parts department counter, an extensive card system, supplemented by catalogues, makes it possible to identify and reach any article required by a customer in very short time.

An inter-com system makes contact between workers in all parts of the store fast and easy, while music can be turned on over the whole retail area at will.

Construction of the building was started in early September, 1960. General contractors were G. Stan McClintock Ltd. of Mimico.

Separate School Rate Up Eight Mills

4.3 Mills Tax Increase Follows 9-Hour Session

Official Opening Of C.T.C. Store Thursday Event

Although its doors have been unofficially open for a few days, the new Canadian Tire Corporation Associate Store will be officially recognized as an integral part of Richmond Hill's growing commercial pattern next Thursday, May 11th.

At 10 a.m. on that date Mayor Haggart will do the honours and declare the store officially open for business.

Net Increase Equivalent To Uncontrollable Jumps

Residential property owners who are public school supporters will pay a tax rate of 54.4 mills this year, an increase of 4.3 mills over 1960. The industrial and commercial rate will be 56.95 mills as compared to 52.40 mills last year — an increase of 4.55 mills.

Residential property owners who are separate school supporters will pay at the rate of 59.43 mills — a jump of 8.20 mills from the previous year. Commercial and industrial separate school supporters will pay at the rate of 61.98 mills — a hoist of 8.45 mills for the year.

Markham Tax Rate Lowers 1.8 Mills On Houses, Farms

Although expenses had risen in many departments, an increase in total assessment had helped to keep the actual mill rate down, it was revealed at this week's Markham Township Council meeting. The farm residential rate for the year will be 14.8 mills as against 16.6 mills last year. The commercial and industrial rate will be 17.8 mills, as opposed to 20 mills for 1960.

The police rate will be 5.3 mills — the same as last year — while the fire protection rate goes up from 9 mills in 1960 to 1.2 mills for 1961.

Police protection this year will cost \$78,000 — a decline of approximately \$1,000 from 1960.

The rate arrived at by council this week covers local taxation only. To it have to be added the county rate and the high school rate, both of which are up, plus rates for public schools, which vary according to the school sections. Council expects to finalize 1961 figures in about two weeks.

Assessment of the township increased from \$15,423,000 in 1960 to \$16,650,000 in 1961. The approximately million-and-a-quarter increase helped to keep the mill rate down in spite of greater expenditures.

It was 5 p.m. when members of Richmond Hill Town Council, who had been sitting since 9 a.m. in a marathon "committee of the whole" budget session, tackled the final pruning. At that time they had to get rid of some \$65,000 of proposed spending in order to keep the municipality's own expenditures — those which it controlled — down so that there would be an approximate four mills net increase. They succeeded, near enough, adjourning at 6.30.

County, High School Up

This year's increase, net, represents the extra amounts demanded by the high school board and the county — amounts over which council has absolutely no control. Council had requested the high school board to delete from its budget the amount of \$40,000, said to be for continuing four mills net increase.

Suggest Transient Trader Licence

Council Tells Treasurer To Clean Up Tax Arrears

A "get tough" policy is to be adopted by Richmond Hill Town Council in connection with overdue taxes. Advised by the municipality's auditor, H. Stewart Joscelyn, that revised legislation permits the adding of 8 per cent interest to any overdue taxes over \$1,000 in one year, council, meeting in committee of the whole to deal with the budget, agreed that a by-law which would legalize such action should be prepared.

Taxes, said the auditor, go into the "taxes in arrears" column at the beginning of a new year. Thus 1960 taxes became in arrears at the start of 1961 and are subject to the 8 per cent penalty. The reason for setting the amount of arrears in any one year at a thousand dollars, Mr. Joscelyn told council members, was to deal with businesses which, in the past, had figured it to be good financing to let their taxes go into arrears and use the money in their businesses instead.

Rental warrants will also be employed to collect taxes on properties where a renter is in occupancy and where taxes have not been paid by the landlord. In this case provincial legislation provides that arrears may be collected through rental warrants. The municipality advises the tenant that he must pay his rent to the town treasurer, whose receipt constitutes a legal acknowledgment of the payment of such rent. The amount is then credited on the overdue taxes.

Town Treasurer Russell Lynett was instructed to proceed in such cases. Auditor Joscelyn also advised town council to institute a transient trader license, with a recommended charge of \$300. Any person or company starting business in the municipality would have to deposit this amount. If they remained in business, an amount would be credited against business taxes. Business, particularly those handling "bankrupt" stock, kept coming and going and, while they shared in services provided by other citizens, did not bear part of the cost.

Unpaid taxes for 1960 amounted to \$120,446, the auditor reported. Payment of \$1,331,152 represented 91.59 per cent of the total tax roll for the year. \$27,256 was also outstanding on 1960 taxes, it was reported. Mr. Joscelyn recommended action, saying that tax arrears above 94 per cent were not regarded as good.

The town generally was in good shape, said the auditor, especially considering what it had been forced to debenture for in the way of education, following the terrific population increase of recent years.

D. L. Little New Head Local Lions



The Richmond Hill Lions will have Donald L. Little as its president for the year which ends officially in May, 1962. Election of the executive officers took place May 4, and also cleared the way for various activities in future. Mr. Little will have Dr. Walt Mason, Craig Bowden and Bill Mirrieles as first, second and third vice presidents respectively. Other officers are: Secretary, Walter Sleeman; Treasurer, Pete Dyson; Tail Twister, George Fenwick; Lion Tamer, Dick Hallman.

Candidates for the board of directors, with the exception of Don Ross, who is as follows: Ken Blanchard, Doug Boynton, Bill Fahey, Gunnar Soderberg, Reg Williams, Bill Calder, John Farrow, Fred Waters and Dr. Cam Cowan. There are three candidates to be elected and the top two will serve two years and the remaining for one year.

On May 13, Past Deputy District Governor Jack Elliott from the Markham-Unionville Club will give a demonstration and talk on the progress of stereophonic sound.

Separate School Taxes Up Two Mills

The Richmond Hill Separate School Board has asked Council to raise \$55,989.15 for general purposes for the coming fiscal year. This represents a two-mill increase over last year's rate of 19.9 mills. Last year the board required \$48,874.97. This amount will, of course, be charged to Separate School taxpayers only.

New Plant Being Built

W. A. Stephenson and Sons have started construction of a new plant at the corner of Sussex and Centre Streets, Richmond Hill. It will be the new Canadian home of an American company, and will, for a start, contain 2,400 square feet.

It is expected that the plant will be ready for occupancy in June. Particulars regarding it are awaiting an announcement from the company's head office.

Slash Road Budget By \$322,000

Vaughan Mill Rate Same High School Is Up 4 Mills

The 1961 Vaughan Township mill rates, 18.8 for residential and 21.5 for commercial and industrial, are unchanged from last year. In dollars and cents, these rates will bring in the approximate \$512,000, needed for the municipality's current expenses. The budget was set by council Monday.

Public Works

Again, as was the case last year, the largest expenditure set for public works (roads and bridges), in the amount of \$398,000.00. This money will cover maintenance and construction and requirements are still being worked out by the roads committee under Chairman Wilfred Kefer. This year's figure is in sharp contrast to last year when a roads budget of \$720,000.00 was set, not all of which was spent. Provincial subsidies will return half of the \$398,000.00 to the township, which will issue 10-year debentures to cover the other half, \$199,000.00. However, the roads committee has made it policy to spend only what is needed on roads this year and the \$398,000.00 could be somewhat high.

Police Costs

This year costs will be \$101,000.00 compared to \$84,800.00 in 1960. The increase is accounted for by the addition of two officers, a full-time secretary and replacement of two patrol cars. The force is now made up of 15 officers.

Fire Costs

Fire protection for the township will take another \$38,000.00, about \$7,000.00 more than 1960, and covers the brigades in Maple, Richvale and Woodbridge.

Education

Vaughan public school costs last year came to \$494,896.00. The township has not yet received the 1961 budget being worked out by the school board, but it can safely be assumed that this year it will exceed the half million dollar mark.

High Schools

Vaughan's share of the York Central District High School Board 1961 budget will be \$299,065.00. Beyond that there is the debenture levy of \$106,927.00.

The mill rate indebtedness this year is 16.7, four mills above last year when the township had to find some \$287,000.00 and beyond that \$77,636.00 relative to the 1960 debenture levy. In the last year a new debenture issue has taken place, thus accounting for the nearly \$30,000.00 increase in this department.

County Government

The cost of county government will be up 1.7 mills from an even 6 mills in 1960 (\$126,518.00) to 7.7 to about \$150,000.00.

Welfare

Vaughan is allowing \$40,000 for welfare this year. Last year the township spent \$32,500.00. A considerable proportion of this \$40,000.00, or whatever is spent, will be recovered in provincial subsidies and payments from other municipalities.

First Step Taken In Getting Water To East Richvale

Steps leading to a water supply for the East Richvale area were taken at Markham Township Council meeting this week, when a resolution was adopted to provide a water system on a local improvement basis. The system would serve Yonge to Bayview and south from 16th Avenue to Duncan Road, in general. It would be paid for by owners of property, according to the frontage of their lots.

Next step will be to advertise the project. This has to be done over a three week period. After that township council will consider a by-law, giving it two readings. Before the third reading is given a hearing will be held by the Ontario Municipal Board. Any property owner having any objections or otherwise will have the chance to be heard. Notification will be given to owners through advertising or other methods.

If, after all the foregoing steps have been taken, the project is approved, township council will then call for tenders. Reeve Wilfred Dean said on Monday that it would take considerable pushing to get the project completed this year.

Before Markham council passed its resolution a deputation from the East Richvale area, headed by Fred Gerard, was heard. Its members stressed the urgency of their situation and were told that action would be taken — a promise which was made good later in the afternoon.

Town Planners To Study Annexation Elgin Mills Area

The town planning board will study the auditor's report detailing the financial situation if annexation of the general Elgin Mills area on the west side of Yonge Street to Richmond Hill was effected, it was decided by town council this week.

Stressing the need for motel accommodation which it was believed would come into existence as a result, Mayor Haggart urged that application for annexation should be made to the Ontario Municipal Board. He felt that this would get annexation moving as rapidly as possible and that study of the situation could proceed in the meantime.

"This is logically part of this area," said Deputy-reeve Bradstock. "It should be in the town. We are providing services there now. This area has been within the sphere of Richmond Hill planning for a long time."

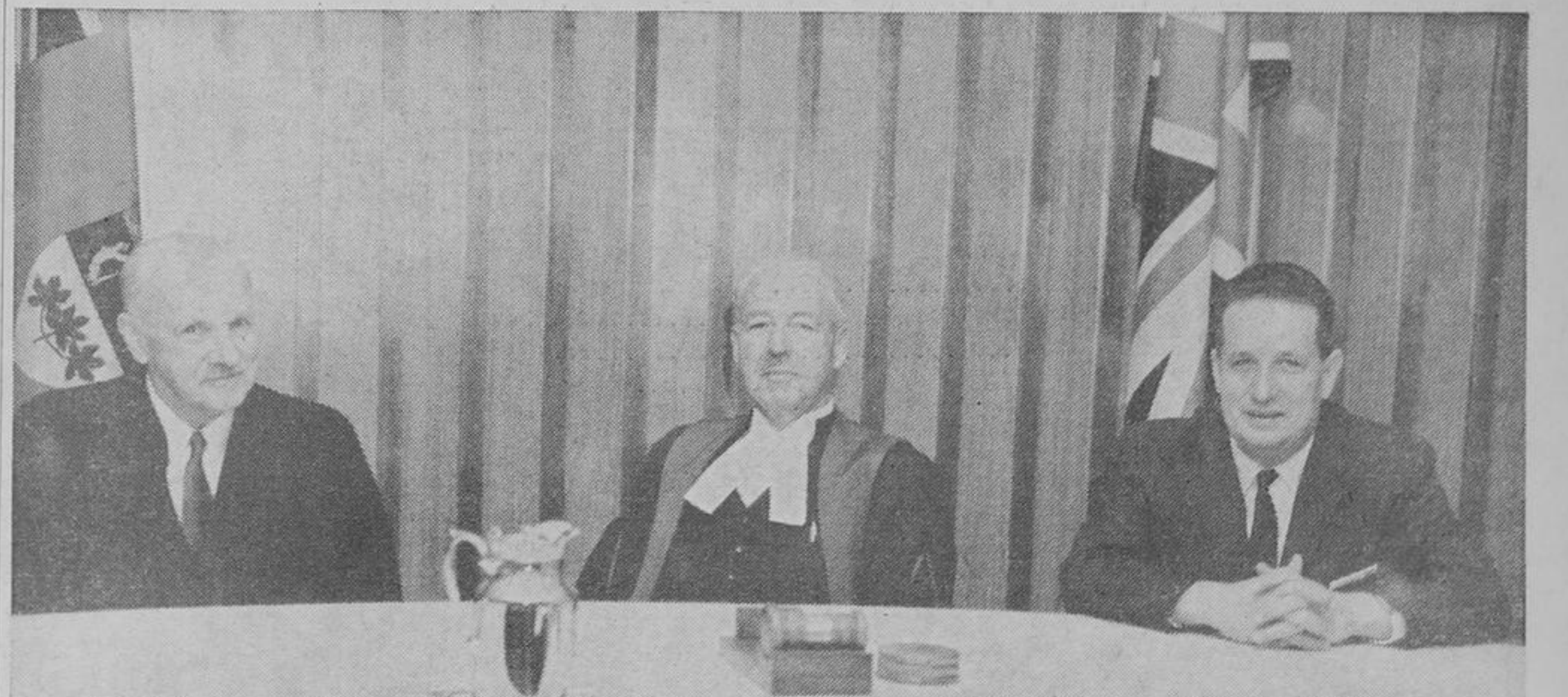
Councillor Mrs. Southwell pointed out that pupils from the area were attending Richmond Hill schools at the present time. But, she said if the area was taken into Richmond Hill grants would suffer. At present rural grants, which are higher than urban grants, were being received on these pupils.

Expect Stop Lights By Midsummer

The new series of stop lights which will control traffic from the Markham Road right through to Elgin Mills will be operating about mid-summer, Deputy-reeve John Bradstock, chairman of the police committee, told the Liberal following a meeting this week.

He expected that some definite information would be available in about a month. Council included the cost of the new system in the 1961 budget, saying that it was cheaper to have the work done now, with the Department of Highways sharing the cost, rather than to defer it and have to carry the whole cost later. Councillors looked on the installation of lights as inevitable.

Mayor Helps Magistrates Open First Traffic Court



Any comments that Richmond Hill's Chief Magistrate, Mayor James Haggart, should be facing the magistrates in the above picture, instead of sitting beside them, can be put down to jealousy. Seen are Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake, centre, with Magistrate N. P. Kelley on the left, at the opening of the first traffic court to be held in Richmond Hill for many years. Sessions will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Purpose of the Richmond Hill Court, which meets in the municipal

council chambers, is to relieve pressure on the court held at Maple and to give those called to answer for their traffic sins less in the way of travelling. Expressing appreciation of the quarters provided, Magistrate Hollinrake invited Richmond Hill's

Mayor to sit on the bench while he explained that decisions of the court would be based on the traditional grounds of justice and fair play. The first court was a busy one, 62 cases, covering almost every variety of traffic infraction, being handled.

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