

35,000 Fixtures To Look After

Hill Resident Helps Keep City's Lights Bright

Street lighting in general, and Toronto street lighting in particular, has come a long way in the last 37 years, says a Richmond Hill resident, Stanley F. Tinker of 151 Richmond Street. He should know, for he has been intimately associated with Toronto lighting for that time. "We have pretty well eliminated the old type lighting," he told "The Liberal" this week, adding that it is only a matter of time before the last of the remaining 400 old-fashioned 1913-type lights in Toronto will be replaced by modern fixtures.

Mr. Tinker, who commutes daily from his home in Richmond Hill to the new and costly service building at Madison and McPherson in Toronto, is supervisor of the street lighting maintenance system for Toronto. He and his crews are directly responsible for about 35,000 lighting units operating in the city and in Leaside.



STANLEY F. TINKER

Fourteen-Year "Hiller"

A resident of Richmond Hill since 1947, the street lighting expert was born in Parkdale. He joined the Toronto Hydro system in 1924 and spent his first eighteen years with the growing corporation in the paymaster's section before going to the Emergency Trouble department. His division operates on a 24-hour basis and is responsible for correcting all types of power failures. Five years ago he was made supervisor of the Street Lighting Maintenance Section.

His department has 27 employees and 10 trucks, with three night mobile patrol crews. These three units log 225 miles a night and during spring, summer and fall usually turn in about 250 "outages" a shift for daytime crews to look after. This includes replacing of lights, correcting, repairing, replacing faulty fixtures, poles and wiring. The December-through-March period brings in around 400 "outages" per shift. In addition to the regular day and night crews, two all-weather, emergency crews are always on tap.

"One headache takes the form of innumerable complaints from private citizens," "The Lib-

eral" was told. As a rule, patrol crews will already have spotted the source of the complaints, but nevertheless every call must be investigated. The double-check is necessary. "We'd look pretty foolish if we didn't adhere to this policy and a complaint turned out to be legitimate," Mr. Tinker said.

Many Innovations

Toronto has come a long way, light-wise, in the last three decades, Stan Tinker reiterated. "In the old days," he said, "a light was stuck on top of a pole and the light dissipated upward. Later, bracket-held lights extended from the poles. The lights had a simple metal reflector which, once it became grimy, caused the light to form an ineffectual little yellow pool on the ground. At the same time, the metal reflectors prevented the light from doing a good job of illuminating. Then there were the famous old cluster lights which had to be turned on and off each day," he recalled. "They were inconvenient and expensive."

Toronto had pioneered the application of modern street lighting, Mr. Tinker declared. He compared it—naturally in Toronto's favour—with other cities. But, he said, there were changes and Toronto's excellent system was having a good effect on administration elsewhere. The city's present system includes incandescent luminaires which make use of prismatic glass reflectors, which throw the light the proper distance in the direction required, and a growing use of fluorescent and mercury vapour lighting, utilizing 400-watt bulbs.

Responsible for Parkway

The unique feature of Toronto's lighting system is the "facade" lighting used on Yonge Street, from Bloor Street to the waterfront. This type of lighting involves 750-watt units mounted on the face of buildings, doing away with overhead wires. The Tinker responsibilities will also include the Gardiner Expressway lighting and the new Don Valley Parkway. "Eventually," he says, "a person will be able to motor from Toronto to Lake Simcoe on a closed access highway, benefiting from as fine a lighting system as will be found anywhere in the world."

Praises Local System While naturally enthusiastic about his Toronto lights, Stan Tinker is pretty enthusiastic about those in the town he calls

home when off duty. The Yonge Street mercury vapour lighting system is excellent both as to spacing and proper mounting height, he says. He's gratified that, as a former member of Richmond Hill Town Council, it was his motion which sparked action on intersection lights in the Markham Road and Bayview area. Council and Hydro acted fast on that one, he said, and were to be commended.

Toronto's street lighting expert has played an important part in the affairs of his adopted town. In his fourteen years as a resident of Richmond Hill he was a member of the Richmond Hill Public School Board for four years, during one of which he was chairman, and served on town council for five years, two of them as deputy reeve. He and his family moved to the Hill for the sake of a son, David, whose health re-

Ask North York For Help

Water Shortage Serious Markham Council Learns

Markham Township will again turn to North York for a water supply to assist over the peak periods in the southwest corner of the township, where pumps are being strained to the danger point to keep up with the demand, Engineer Mikelas was empowered by council to negotiate with North York for assistance, while at the same time applying to the Ontario Water Resources Commission for permission to invest in another half million gallon capacity pump.

Reports were heard of shortages in the Highland Park area, as well as further north near Langstaff. "We certainly don't want to start restrictions," said Councillor Sumner. However, the engineer advised that either the flow had to be restricted at the source to ease the pumps or additional water brought in.

Kleinburg Waterworks Progressing

To Debenture \$150,000 For Waterworks System

Vaughan Township took another step along the road toward the realization of the \$150,000 Kleinburg waterworks system on Monday when it gave their reading to the necessary by-law for its construction. At the same time council gave first and second readings to the by-law authorizing the debenturing of \$149,800 and then referred it to

the Ontario Municipal Board for final approval. OMB construction approval was granted a month ago.

Vaughan's share of the debentures will be \$75,000, with the balance being put up by Kleinburg Estates. Vaughan's consumer commitments take in approximately 75 property owners in Kleinburg. Kleinburg Estates anticipates that its subdivision will eventually have another 85.

The Township's total debentures, including interest, will be returned to Vaughan through the water rate. Vaughan is receiving an Interim Subsidy - Roads. Council also accepted a recommendation from its roads committee that the reeve and treasurer be authorized to sign a petition for the statutory grant on the expenditures of \$183,674.60 on roads up to August 31 of the current year. The money has been spent on general maintenance and one-half will be returned by the Department of Highways.

The township engineer advised council that problems not anticipated had been encountered in the construction of the road base and recommended more money be made available to finance the additional work necessary. He also recommended that the road paving involved be done after the spring thaw. Council agreed to ask the Department of Highways to approve of the transfer of funds in the amount of \$14,000 appropriated for paving in the construction by-law to "base" construction.

The township solicitor was instructed to prepare the necessary deeds for the acquisition of two parcels of land relative to the road widening project. The property owners are Irma Martini, Part Lot 6, Concession 7 and G. R. and N. E. Brownlee, Part Lot 8, Concession 6. The former property will cost the township \$3,500 and the latter \$350.00.

The desirability of an Emergency Measures Organization in Vaughan Township might be beyond question, but the problem of finding a qualified person willing to assume co-ordinator duties is something else, said Reeve A. H. Rutherford on Monday. "We've been looking around for some time," he said, "but without success."

The question arose at council's regular meeting when consideration was given to a letter received from the EMO co-ordinator at Newmarket. Council said the second problem of immediate concern was to clearly decide the duties of a township co-ordinator. The material and information at hand from Newmarket, they said, was none too clear in this respect.

On a recommendation from the finance and general purpose committee, the reeve and clerk were authorized to attend a seminar being held by the EMO on September 26, from 8 to 10 p.m., with a view to acquiring further information.

\$60 A Day to Pump Sewage

Delay On Municipal Board Hearings Said Costing Township Large Amount

Continued holdup on applications to the Ontario Municipal Board by Markham Township drew the ire of council for the second time on Monday night. Members of council had teed off against the OMB previously for similar delays.

At the present time, all municipalities are being asked for a summary of their proposed future capital expenditures for the next few years, and present applications are being held up awaiting this summary. Some of the applications by Markham have been before the board for months.

On one sewer extension project alone, it was stated that it was costing the township \$60 a day to pump the sewage while

council waits permission to complete the job. "Such a holdup as this is ridiculous, there's no excuse for it," said Councillor Sumner.

"We should go on record with the Municipal Affairs Minister in protest over these long delays in getting applications heard," he continued. Members all agreed that the delays were serious, and Councillor Watson suggested that it would even appear that works were being held up on purpose. "If some of these jobs aren't started until winter they're going to cost a lot more money," said Deputy-Reeve Lawson Munro. No action was taken on Councillor Sumner's suggestion to appeal to the Minister.

Vaughan Council Briefs

Vaughan Township Council, at its meeting on September 25, handled the following matters in addition to those reported elsewhere in this issue:

....Authorized the chief constable to attend a Toronto meeting sponsored by the Attorney General (October 3 and 4) to discuss proposed County Court jurisdiction revisions intended to obviate the present overloading of the Toronto court with petty cases belonging to Vaughan.

....Decided to participate in Fire Prevention Week to be held October 8-14.

....Authorized the employment of a Police and Fire Department stenographer at a salary of \$3,120 per annum.

....Authorized the purchase of a new heating plant for the garage of the road department at a cost of \$1,805.

....Accepted the Road Committee's recommendation that the C.N.R.'s proposed plans for an overpass on the 7th Concession Road be referred to the township engineer for a report.

....Granted permission to G. Beauchamp, Lot 21, Plan 1931 to occupy a trailer temporarily while rebuilding his home which was destroyed by fire.

....Agreed that negotiations be started with neighbouring municipalities to standardize the names of arterial roads within the township which, in abutting municipalities, go by different names.

....Agreed that members of the waterworks committee, the waterworks superintendent and representatives of the Humber Summit area meet to discuss

Red Cross Group Slated For Hill

High on the agenda of the Ontario Division, Canadian Red Cross, is a branch for Richmond Hill sometime this fall.

Assistant Commissioner W. R. McAdam, speaking from his Toronto office, told "The Liberal" that there appears to be considerable interest locally. "We have had tentative organizing plans for The Hill all summer," he said, "but the press of business has made a meeting untenable. However, we're starting to work on such a meeting soon."

In The Hill, Junior Red Cross organizations function in the public schools and at Bayview High School. Mr. McAdam said that the senior group pays administrative expenses for the junior setup. "Whatever money the youngsters raise is therefore theirs to do with as they will," he said, adding that such money is always put to good use, including overseas projects whereby such things as books and drugs are sent to the needy and, at home, projects for handicapped children.

Roads And Waterworks Projects For Estelle Get Nod From Vaughan

By-laws relative to roads and waterworks projects in the Estelle industrial subdivision in the area of Jane Street and No. 7 Highway at No. 400 Highway, dealt with by Vaughan Township Council on Monday, will involve some \$116,000.

A by-law was passed authorizing the construction in phase 2, and the debenture by-laws for the financing of the road construction. In phase 1 and phase 2, \$43,000 and \$47,000 respectively, were given first and second readings and now go to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

The construction by-law for the waterworks in Stage 2 of the development was given second reading. The debenture by-law authorizing the borrowing of the necessary funds for the construction of the waterworks in these stages, as approved by the OMB, were given first and second readings. They will go to the OMB for approval.

H. Simpson Appointed To Court Of Revision

Whitechurch Township Council on Monday filled the Court of Revision vacancy caused by the recent death of R. C. Baycroft. Appointed was Mr. Herbert Simpson of Ballantrae, who last year stepped down from that body to allow the seating of W. H. Houting, Oak Ridges.

Council also agreed two of their number should attend the Emergency Measures Organization meeting at Newmarket on September 26. Bills in the amount of some \$300 were ordered paid.

Markham Refuses To Allow Police On Ont. Highways

Markham Township police will only patrol local township roads, regardless of a suggestion from the Department of Transport that they take on the provincial highways as well. Markham council made this decision on Monday night by resolution.

"Send the agreement back as wholly unacceptable," declared Councillor Sumner. It was pointed out that the township would receive a percentage of the fines collected, but the amount was believed to be so small as to be totally inadequate to the service required. "It's too small to even calculate," said Township Clerk Harry Crisp.

"It would take seven or eight extra men to handle the provincial roads, we can't afford it," said councillor Watson.

Employment Office Opened At Steeles Is Said Temporary

A temporary National Employment Service Office has been opened at 7171 Yonge St., Mr. L. A. Nicholson, a department representative, told "The Liberal" this week. The office is located in the new Government Employees Mart now under construction on the east side of Yonge Street at Morgan's Hill, immediately north of Steeles Corners. No unemployment payments will be made from the new office, which is being opened principally to fill heavy demands for clerical and sales help in the area. No information as to the definition of "temporary" was available.

Names of persons in selected occupations looking for work had been removed from Toronto office files and would be handled from the new office, said Mr. Nicholson.

District Ministerial Holds Fall Meeting

The Richmond Hill-Thornhill Ministerial Association met in the home of Dr. Minton Johnston of Thornhill on Monday morning, with ten members present. The meeting was opened by the president, the Rev. James O'Neil in brief devotions.

Several matters of mutual interest were discussed, and arrangements made for religious instruction in the schools of the area which are open to the clergy. The main matter before the meeting was religious broadcasting. Mr. John Graham, manager, and Mr. Vaughan-Bierre of station C.J.R.H. were present to explain to the members the policy of the local services at 11:00 a.m. would be discontinued. An offer was made by the station representatives to make available a half hour on Sunday evenings for a religious broadcast, with local clergy taking part. Following the departure of the representatives the meeting voted in favour of accepting the offer, and appointed a small committee to discuss the matter with the station.

Vaughan Twp. Council Is Without Authority To Halt Night Flying

Nothing can be done by Vaughan Township Council about the night flying at the Maple airport. "We've looked into it," said Councillor Ruth McConkey, "but we have no say in the matter."

Several weeks ago a delegation of irate ratepayers from Normaple Subdivision asked Council to see if anything could be done. The night flying noise was robbing honest toilers of needed sleep, getting on the housewives' nerves and having the effect of irritating children trying to sleep, they said. On Monday council said it had heard from the Department of Transport. The letter seems to specify that the local municipality has no control over such operation as long as the airport is operated in accordance with the department's regulations.

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Ten Days Of Shooting Approved For Markham

Markham Township council has approved a ten-day pheasant shoot in the municipality for 1961. The dates are October 18 to 28, and 800 non-resident licenses will be available. While the annual shoot will be for ten days, the area open will be smaller than last year. By bylaw, council banned the use of fire-arms in lots 1 to 5, from Yonge St. to the 7th concession, an area south of No. 7 highway.

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