

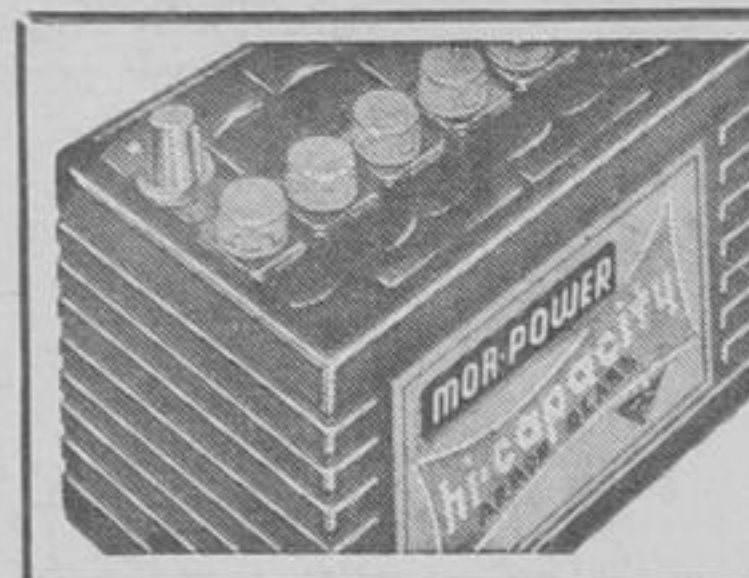
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To Be Swallowed Up By Metro?

Planner Deeks Says 1962 To Be Year Of Decision

To Decide What Future Form Town Should Take

In an address last week Richmond Hill Planning Director Harold Deeks said that 1962 will be a year of decision for the town regarding its future status in the sprawling Metro complex. Is Richmond Hill to retain its own historic identity as a separate community with full municipal powers invested in its own duly elected council or is it going to allow its own individual identity and its powers of town government to be gradually whittled away by some "super" government as Metro? In the face of pressure from an expanding Metro, Richmond Hill must through a strong sense of purpose and proper planning protect its status as a separate municipality through the challenging days that lie ahead.

Planning and dreaming are old pastimes to all of us in Ontario—a career, love, marriage, a family, even a festive occasion like Christmas. But plans and dreams applied to cities usually have only one temptation to solve pressing problems or to bring about a return to some past image: express ways to cope with the traffic jam, slum clearance to dissolve the housing problem, while the neighborhood schemes look back to the early small community. Rarely does one discover a contemporary urban plan which anticipates the future with pleasure.

Civilization has known the "City" form for over 5,000 years but it has only been in the last one hundred years that man has been confronted by the "Metropolis". One could easily walk from the central to the rural area or from one district to another even in ancient Rome with its million inhabitants; but in today's Metropolis it may take hours to move from the centre to the outside edge, even in a car.

Based on today's knowledge it appears that Metropolitan complexes like Metropolitan Toronto will become the dominant sage upon which many plays out his life in most highly developed regions of the world for they produce and consume most of the goods. Their regions could be very large, possibly grouped as continuously urbanized chains several hundred miles long regardless of how low their suburban densities may be. In each Metropolis of necessity there will be a continuous dense network of communication facilities upon which the population will be highly dependent on a daily basis for commuting to and from work, for information, and for supply. Society will likely become highly intricate and its communication increasingly mechanized and depersonalized.

This type of mass habitation and this type of inabitant may become the pattern for Metropolitan Toronto. In the face of this, Richmond Hill in the coming year is confronted with the necessity of making a brave decision for its future — should it attempt to retain its historical identity and that feeling of "Home Town" within a Metropolitan framework or will it permit itself to be swallowed up to become just another faceless gob of Metropolitan urbanity?

Nowadays most Metropolitan dwellers move to and fro in their daily lives seeing little besides paving, sidewalks, building walls, advertising signs or a car idling in front of them as they rush to and from the heart of Metropolitan Toronto. With the exception of areas like Rosedale which has managed to keep its identity or, stretching a point, possibly along such streets as University Avenue, City public for the most part experience visual beauty very rarely.

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Schools For Retarded Control Remains With Local Association

At the recent opening of a new wing at the Beverley School for Retarded Children in Toronto, Premier John Robarts stated that schools for retarded children should continue to be operated by local voluntary associations. He said that public awareness of the need for schools for retarded children can best be developed by community effort, and that the present system is working so well it would be unwise to change it.

Asked by "The Liberal" to comment on Mr. Robarts' evident statement of Provincial Government policy, Mr. Wentworth Bowdell of Willowdale, who heads not only the local Thornhaven School for Retarded Children, but also the Metro Branch of the Ontario Retarded Children Association, said, "It is acceptable to O.R.C. We would certainly like increased financial support from the government, but those who have been longest in this work are not anxious to have the schools taken over by the Department of Education at present. Before such a step is taken very careful consideration must be given to all facets of the matter. The local associations within the present set-up have a measure of freedom, so that they serve the interests of all retarded. We don't close the doors to anyone. A change in this system might bring restrictions which would leave some children out of the picture entirely."

Mr. Dowell said that the recent campaign for \$15,000, convened by John Lawler, local lawyer, is not yet completed but that it looks as if it will come fairly close. The Thornhaven School currently serves 45 pupils from an area bounded by Stouffville and Markham on the east to Woodbridge on the west, and to Kleinburg and Oak Ridges on the north. Three buses collect the students from these scattered points each week day. The school, constructed in 1958, now has five full-time teachers caring for the growing number of retarded children in the area. One of the immediate needs is a utility or adult workshop to handle training for older students.

At the present time the Department of Education provides 30 per cent of the capital cost of buildings and a grant for \$50 per month per student. This, however, proves less than fifty per cent of the money required to operate Thornhaven School. The balance must be made up through payments by the parents of children involved, school board grants, service club and private donations, and the annual canvass.

Mr. Dowell explained that the proposed adult workshop is in the hands of a very capable committee, and will go a step further than the protected workshops now in existence in several places. In the protected workshops only a small percentage of retarded children on reaching the age of 18 and being judged capable of contributing to their own support are employed. The local plan is for a workshop where all adult retarded may be occupied without the emphasis being placed on monetary returns.

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The question of a uniform taxi by-law for Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill has been under consideration for a year. Richmond Hill is presently drafting the by-law but as yet has not submitted it to the other municipalities for approval.

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First Session Magistrate's Court

The first session of Richmond Hill's own magistrate's court was held Tuesday in the municipal offices in Richmond Hill. Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake, Q. C., presiding. Magistrate Hollinrake opened the session, then called upon Rev. William Patterson of St. Matthew's United Church who offered a prayer of blessing and direction for all those who worked with the court in building respect for the law and disciplined behaviour in the community.

Magistrate Hollinrake thanked the people of Richmond Hill for making the council chambers available to the court. Mayor James Haggart said that he was pleased to see the court come to Richmond Hill. He also mentioned the fact that a police court in the south of York County will be an advantage to the various police departments concerned because considerable time will be saved by officers who previously had to appear before a magistrate in Newmarket to give evidence in criminal cases.

Chief R. P. Robbins of the Richmond Hill Police Department presented a pair of Bibles to the court on behalf of the department. Following official opening ceremonies the first session of the new court was held. Nine cases were brought before Magistrate Hollinrake, most of them concerning incidents occurring in the past two weeks.

Markham Tp. Inaugural Monday January 8th

Reeve Wilfred Dean of Markham Township announced this week that the inaugural meeting of the 1962 township council will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, January 8th, in the municipal offices at Buttonville. Sworn into office will be Reeve W. R. Dean, Deputy-reeve Lawson Mumberson and Councillors Allan Sumner — Ward 1, Charles Hooper — Ward 2 and Charles Hoover — Ward 3.

A short devotional service will be held, followed by the customary acceptance speeches by the 1962 council. The first business meeting of the new council will be held in the afternoon following dinner.

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Maple Resident Lucky Winner At Little's



Mrs. Andrew Snider, Maple, receives the keys for the lovely new Fairlane 500 Sedan which will be hers to use during the coming year from General Manager Donald Little of the well-known local Ford firm of R. D. Little & Son Ltd. Mrs. Snider was winner of the lucky draw featured by Little's to mark the official opening of their new enlarged premises. Mrs. Snider, whose name was selected from among the many entries will have free use of the sparkling new Fairlane during 1962. (Photo by David Barbour)

Re-Appoint E. Redelmeier

Chairman L. Clement, explained item 9 of finance and purchasing and bring in a recommendation. It was noted that all members of the board had received invitations to attend the January 7 evening service at St. Gabriel Anglican Church which will remember community leaders before God. The invitation was accepted by the board as a whole. Skating Rinks

Mr. Turton reported that after receiving a letter from Town Works Commissioner Otto Whalen, which stated that his department had completed erecting boards for skating rinks at some of the schools under the board's jurisdiction and that it was the board's responsibility to flood and maintain these rinks, he had contacted Deputy-reeve John Bradstock, to point out that flooding and maintenance of the rinks was the responsibility of the works department.

At a recent meeting of the board set aside \$800 for maintenance of the rinks, but with the understanding that the responsibility for maintenance would continue to be the town's, he explained. When the accounts were considered, Mr. Turton noted that in November, 1960, the hydro bill for Walter Scott School was \$326.88, and in November, 1961, \$252. The vice-chairman explained that this reduction was due to the installation of fluorescent lighting.

Arrangements were made for the 1962 inaugural meeting on January 11, starting at 7:45 p.m., and the vice-chairman asked the members of the board to give consideration to the making up of the committees for the coming year, so that each member might acquire as broad a knowledge as possible of the business of the board.

May Allow Public School Staff To Enter Politics

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Trustee Mrs. Castle, backed by Trustee Mrs. Worrell, felt that item 23 under "staff", which prohibits members of staff from participating in elections for all municipal bodies, including school boards, was unfair. She felt that the board was depriving staff members of their rights as taxpayers to take part in municipal elections, and gave notice of motion that at the next regular meeting she will move that the item under question be amended to read, "Employees should avoid participation in elections or nominations for public school board trustees." The presiding officer instructed the secretary to submit to Donald White, the board's legal counsel, the present item 23, the item in the town's procedural by-law on which it was based and the proposed amendment, for his opinion.

Trustee Mrs. Castle also thought that principals should receive a copy of board minutes. Vice-chairman Sanderson explained that the superintendent passes on to the principals anything applicable to their duties in the operation of the schools, and the board agreed that it was not necessary for the principals to receive such reports.

Stove Oil Tender
A letter from E. Harris Fuels (Richvale) was read, stating that because of a misunderstanding of the terms of the tender, he would be unable to furnish stove oil at the tendered price of 17.1c per gallon, but would be willing to supply it at 19.1c. Trustee Worrell moved and Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch seconded, "That the secretary inform E. Harris Fuels that his quoted price is not acceptable to this board and that we award the tender to I. D. Ramer & Son at 19c." — Carried.

Fire Report
A letter from Fire Chief Alf Stong, reporting on his recent inspection of the schools, stated that he found all schools in excellent condition and the principals well aware of safety measures in fire prevention. He recommended that other storage space be found for some combustible material for present overcrowding in the electrical room in MacKillip School, and that panic hardware be installed on the west doors of the same

G. McDiarmid Head Of Teachers' Federation

Garnet L. McDiarmid, Principal of the L. M. McConaghy Public School was elected 1962 president of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation in Toronto last week. Mr. McDiarmid has been acting president since August when G. H. Wadrum of Guelph resigned to become a school inspector.

Earlier in the sessions, Mr. McDiarmid told the assemblage that "The school book image of white conquerors as swashbuckling explorers waited on by colored servants must be revised if children are to grow up with a true knowledge of the world." He said that school-children have been taught for generations to emulate the courageous Captain Drake. "They probably cannot comprehend the mistrust among colored people today because they were not told, as we were not told, that Drake was a slave trader."

Mr. McDiarmid said that children in school today will be more involved than their parents in world affairs. "More of our citizens will be killed on peace missions. More of our missionaries will be killed. If blood runs in the streets of South Africa, as a recent winner of the Nobel peace prize fears, our pupils will have to make commitments." The teachers were also urged to shun the concept of the "great democratic average" and strive to become above-average in every respect, by the Very Rev.

Findlay G. Stewart of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. He continued, "If you are going to demand your place in society — salary-wise and otherwise, the public will be glad to give it to you if you represent a profession that is far above average. What is needed in our schools are men and women who are ahead of their times."

It is the duty of teachers, principals and all people in the education field, he said, to develop strong, positive beliefs in themselves and in those under their charge.

Town Inaugural Monday Morning

The inaugural meeting of the Richmond Hill Town Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Monday, January 8, 1962, at 11 a.m. Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake, Q.C., will preside over the annual ceremony and Rev. Robert McLennan, The Church of St. Gabriel (Anglican), will invoke divine blessing.

Immediately following the ceremony, council will adjourn and reconvene at 7 o'clock for the first business session of the year. Members of the 1962 council are: Mayor - James W. Haggart; Deputy-Mayor - Floyd Perkins; Deputy-reeve - Tom Broadhurst; Councillors - Alan White, Mrs. M. Southwell, John MacDiarmid, Alexander M. Campbell

Fast Work By Markham Police Brings Arrest Of Armed Robbers

Markham Township Police investigated an armed robbery case Thursday evening, December 28. At approximately 9:20 that evening, Mr. Cyril Greenland of 192 Grandview Avenue, Highland Park answered the door to two men, one with a revolver, who forced their way into the home.

They were joined by a third man and the home was completely ransacked. A number of guns and several valuable rings were taken. On Friday, three men were picked up in Toronto and charged with armed robbery. The three men charged were Richard J. Davidson of 163 Doverscourt Road, Toronto, Thomas L. Davidson, 392 Logan Avenue, Toronto and Allan Maurice Kinschale 9412 Yonge Street, Richvale.

They appeared in Richmond Hill Police Court Tuesday morning where they were convicted of the offence. They were remanded for sentence until January 9th by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake.

Two Fires Mar Vaughan Weekend
Vaughan Township firefighters answered two calls over the week-end. The first on Friday, December 29 was at the home of Dr. Redford in the Windrush Subdivision, Kleinburg, where a fire caused by faulty wiring caused considerable damage. On January 1, 1962, at 5:01 p.m. the firefighters responded to a call to the 8th concession of the township, where the home of Mr. Robert Myers was completely gutted. Cause of the blaze has not yet been determined. Mr. and Mrs. Myers and their children were not at home at the time.

Week Of Prayer For January 8-12
Next week, January 8-12, is the world wide Week of Prayer, observed in almost all Protestant Churches and many others. This district ministerial association has arranged for prayer services locally in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, and in Thornhill Baptist Church. Unlike other years the members of the churches are invited to come for prayer any time which proves convenient between the hours of seven and nine in the evening. Literature will be available, and some of the ministers will be on hand to give help as may be sought. The public are invited to make this time of prayer a fitting prelude to the New Year on which we have entered.

First Purchaser New 1962 Car Plates



Mr. W. A. Wagner (left) of 118 Richmond Street, Richmond Hill, receives his new 1962 licence plates from local issuer William Neal. Mr. Wagner was the first driver to receive his new plates when they went on sale at Neal's on January 2nd. Mr. Neal urges everyone to purchase his 1962 markers as early as possible and thus avoid the March rush. (Photo by Lagerquist)



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Town Planner

with a minimum burden on transport and municipal services; and to provide for pleasant and beautiful surroundings. With a spirit and desire on the part of all for hopeful intervention, little Richmond Hill, the Cinderella of Metro, will be transformed through the coming years into the beautiful Princess which she is — wearing a mantle of Roses and a tiara of sparkling church spires in her leafy hair.

Appoint Wm. Masters To High School Board

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Out Of The Mouths Of Children

Trustee Cecil Williams, who is retiring from the Richmond Hill Public School Board at the end of the year, drew a chuckle from board members Thursday night of last week. He reported that his young son, in an effort to impress a neighbourhood youngster who was constantly boasting of his father's blocks off, said: "But my father's one of those trusty men who sit on a board."