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Richmond Hill Meet May 24

Little Metro To Have Important Bearing On Future Southern Area

Reeve Norman Goodhead of North York has come out strongly in favour of the possible formation of a "Little Metro" by the Townships of Markham and Vaughan, the Town of Richmond Hill and the Villages of Markham and Woodbridge. Representatives of these municipalities will meet with a special co-ordinating committee at Richmond Hill High School on May 24th to commence what is expected to be a year long enquiry into consolidation.

The co-ordinating committee, consisting of Mayor James Haggart, Reeve Floyd Perkins and Clerk R. Lynett of Richmond Hill, Reeve Albert Rutherford and Clerk Jim McDonald of Vaughan Township, Reeve R. Norn Garriock of the Village of Woodbridge, Mrs. A. M. Walker, Reeve of Markham Village, and Markham Village Clerk Mr. H. Graham, and Mr. H. C. T. Crisp, Clerk of the Township of Markham, met for a breakfast meeting today (Thursday, May 10th), at the La Cantina Restaurant in Richmond Hill to make final plans for the conference. Reeve Wilfred R. Dean of the Township of Markham and Clerk Bert Young of Woodbridge, were unable to attend.

Joining in the May 24th meeting will be Murray V. Jones, Metropolitan Toronto Planning Commissioner, Grant Crawford, director of the Institute of local government at Queen's University, formerly provincial deputy minister of municipal affairs, and Prof. Edward C. Pleva, head of the geography department of the University of Western Ontario.

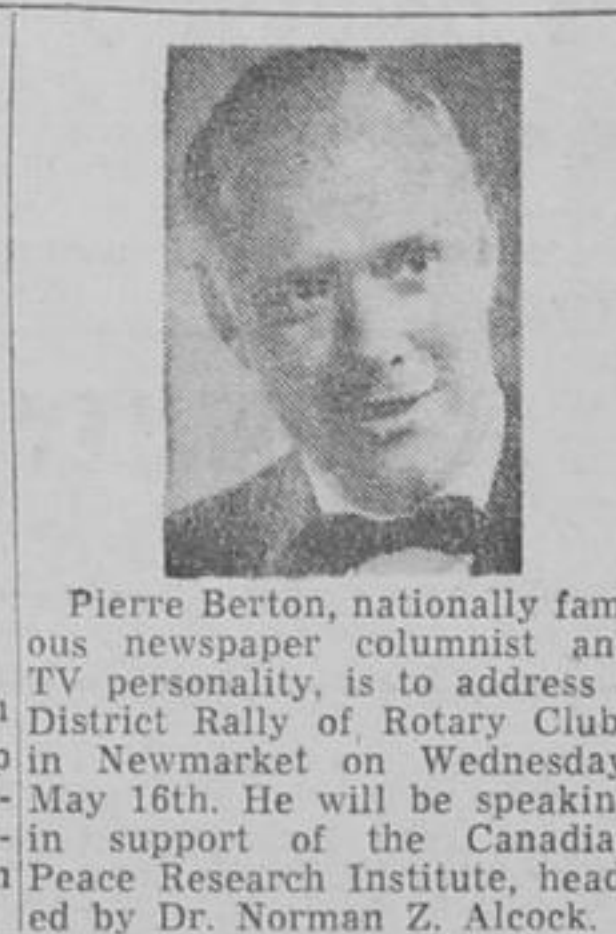
Decisions made at the meeting could mean one of the most significant changes in Ontario municipal government since the formation of Metropolitan Toronto in 1953, as it is possible that the five municipalities will consider detaching themselves from York County. They contribute more than 50% of the population, assessment and financial aid to the county and feel that their problems are vastly different from those of the northern municipalities. They are already under the jurisdiction of the Metro planning area and appear to be headed for rapid

development in the next few years. Initially, the five municipalities will consider the amalgamation of water and sewerage services, incinerator facilities, police forces, transportation and schools. It would mean the pooling of \$85,775,000 in municipal assessment and the formation of an administrative body to manage the unified services.

It is hoped that the pooling of resources will help meet the problem of continuing urban sprawl from the Toronto area. Reeve Wilfred R. Dean of Markham Township feels that Metropolitan Toronto should have a representative on the co-ordinating committee as the five municipalities are, in fact, organizing on a larger scale in order to co-operate with the Metro government.

Second Try
A co-ordinating committee was first formed in the late

1950's but was disbanded in 1960 when Vaughan Township withdrew. It had originally included only Vaughan and Markham Townships and the Town of Richmond Hill.



Pierre Berton, nationally famous newspaper columnist and TV personality, is to address a District Rally of Rotary Clubs in Newmarket on Wednesday, May 16th. He will be speaking in support of the Canadian Peace Research Institute, headed by Dr. Norman Z. Alcock.

All Set For Winnipeg



The men behind the scenes! Doug Bellis, stage manager, and Denny Featherstonhaugh, lighting director, of the Curtain Club's festival winning production of "Don't Listen Ladies", crating the scenery prior to its dispatch this week for Winnipeg. The play will be presented in the Dominion Drama Festival on May 19th at the Playhouse Theatre. (Photo by Cross)

Will Instruct Young & Old

The Red Badge For Water Safety Local Red Cross Launches Program

"We will shelve all other projects, and get to work immediately on a Water Safety Program," Chairman Ed Butlin announced last Thursday at a committee meeting of the Richmond Hill and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Jack Passmore, Jefferson, a former president of National Division, volunteered his services for the campaign and was appointed Chairman of Water Safety.

The highly instructive water safety program will include swimming and boating lessons for children in this branch's area, which embraces Thornhill, Aurora, Maple and Markham, and all points in between. Mr. Passmore told those present, the Red Cross Water Safety program was introduced last year at Richildaca Day Camp, and that as a result of its success, and the number of young swimmers who received Red Cross swimming cards, the camp, run by Bill Babcock of Richmond Hill, will have a small artificial lake this summer.

To accelerate the program over this whole district, and have it well underway before summer vacations commence — and children and parents begin water activities in earnest — the Richmond Hill and District Branch of the Red Cross held an organization meeting last night, Wednesday (May 9). It was attended by representatives from all local service clubs and organizations in the area.

Appoint Disaster Services Chairman
Prior to calling on Malcolm MacAdam, guest speaker at the Thursday night meeting, Mr. Butlin welcomed Deputy-Reeve Lawson Mumberson of Markham Township to the executive board.

Mr. Mumberson is to be chairman of the disaster services for the local branch of the Red Cross. The disaster committee is the core of the Red Cross Society, and works both in war and peacetime.

The chairman also drew attention to the fact that no campaign for Red Cross funds would be instituted by the local branch at this time, stating, "The drive for funds for the new York Central Hospital must take precedence, we may be able to start our campaign this fall."

What Program Is
He then introduced Mr. MacAdam, director of instructor training, national division

water safety, who outlined in full the value of a water safety program to save lives.

"We must first of all have qualified swimmers from your area, who can be trained in Red Cross methods. They will be trained by us and return to instruct in their own communities. Possibly, some will eventually be hired by service clubs or your municipality for this work," the speaker said.

Another beneficial aspect of the program would be the knowledge parents would glean from their children's interest in the course on water safety.

"Water Safety," he said, "means the mastering of such techniques as swimming properly, life-saving and the circumvention of the growing hazards attached to boating."

Use Nearest Waterways
Chairman Butlin pointed out that Richmond Hill does not have a public swimming pool.

And Mr. MacAdam replied to this saying full instruction can be given despite this handicap. "In some communities," he said, "the nearest stream or river is used for a water safety program." And, added, that quite frequently a Red Cross Branch has been instrumental in swinging public interest towards the development of a community pool.

"But the first and most important step," Mr. MacAdam said, "is to get the local service clubs, and those interested in a Water Safety program for the children, working at once."

Water safety week will be held across Canada from June 3-9 inclusive. During May CFTO-TV will run a two-week Red Cross Water Safety program. It will be a Limerick Contest on the Professors' Hideaway hour. Children entering from grades 4 to 8 will compete for awards, and the final winner will have a two-week holiday at a Red Cross supervised camp — and may be presented with his or her award by Marilyn Bell.

In endorsing the safety campaign, William Hamilton, chairman of the blood donor clinic for the local Red Cross said, "I'll get behind this as much as I can, and give it all the time I can."

Mr. Mumberson applauded the forward step the branch is taking, stating, "This is a splendid way to cement public relations between the public and the Red Cross. With so many drownings each year, we are taking a very important step towards safety, tonight."

Approve Purchase \$1500 Yonge St. Traffic Signs

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday approved a recommendation of the police committee (Deputy-reeve Broadhurst, and Councillors MacDiarmid and White) for the purchase of 141 traffic signs for the complete re-signing of Yonge Street from Markham Road to Levedale. They will purchase the signs from Kenny Signs of Toronto at a cost of \$1,500. The town will seek a provincial subsidy of 75% towards their total cost.

In reply to questions regarding the hours of parking Police Chief R. P. Robbins stated the only changes will be in the matter of morning and afternoon rush hours.

Public Tenders
Mayor James Haggart took exception to the fact that the police committee had not called for public tenders in the purchase of these signs. Councillor Al White reported that the prices had only been handed to the police committee by Chief Robbins a few minutes before the council meeting. The quotations had never been discussed in committee as is the usual procedure. Councillor White stated three quotations had been received and that the

SCHOOL GROUNDS
Trustee Ron Firman of the town public school board met with the police committee on May 1st regarding the use of school grounds for recreation after regular hours. The school board has been considering the closing of the grounds after hours because of a rash of broken windows and other damage to school buildings. Solicitor J. D. Lucas informed the committee that the municipality has no legal authority to pass a by-law defining and restricting the type of activities that can be carried on on school property. There had been some thought that the town's parks by-law might be applicable to the school yards. It was suggested that the school board prepare a list of rules and regulations covering the use of school property after hours and submit the list to the police committee for study.

Big Day Is June 18

Warren Bailie, Returning Officer Is Very Busy Man

The York North Returning Officer at the home of Federal Returning Officer Warren R. Bailie, Concord, is the scene of frenzied activity these days as Mr. Bailie together with election clerk Mrs. Audrey Boron and Mrs. Elizabeth Bailie cope with the mass of detailed work required to set the wheels in motion for the coming election on June 18th.

Mr. Bailie received his appointment as returning officer a scant two months prior to the issuance of the writ setting the election date. This left him very little time to carry out one of his most important duties, the revision of the polling subdivisions. A polling subdivision must be broken in two whenever the number of voters reaches 350 and the tremendous influx of people into the York North riding the past few years has made it almost impossible to keep the revisions up to date.

208 Polling Subdivisions
York North now has 208 polling subdivisions, the greater part of which are now classified as urban subdivisions. Each of the urban subdivisions has two enumerators, while rural

rural voters will find their lists posted throughout their area. Getting these lists mailed out to the voters is in itself a formidable task. Arrangements have been made with the ladies of Maple United Church to do the job and the ladies will congregate at the church on May 23rd to address and fill the envelopes. It is expected that it will take between 30 and 40 ladies at least one day to get the job done. The ladies will turn the money they earn this way over to their church.

Advance Polls
The returning officer also has the task of arranging advance polls where any voter who will be absent on June 18th may appear to make his affidavit to this effect and cast his vote. There will be approximately 10 such advance polls in York North. There are an estimated 53,600 voters in the riding, but when all the enumerators reports are in, it is expected that the final number will be in excess of this.

Nomination Day
Nomination day has been set for June 4th and the nomination meeting will be held in Newmarket. Immediately after this is held, the returning officer must have the ballots printed having made the necessary arrangements with several printers earlier. Then the ballot boxes are filled with the necessary ballots and other information and sent out to the deputy returning officers throughout the riding.

In the meantime, arrangements must be completed for courts of revision before which any voter omitted from the list may appear and have his name added. Rural enumerators form their own courts of revision and rural voters are so advised. The official addition of the votes takes place the week after the election. After that, all the election materials — enumerators' kits, ballot boxes, everything, must be parcelled up and sent back to Ottawa.

Mr. Bailie reports that not only has he had the best cooperation from his enumerators but the representatives of the three political parties have all been most co-operative and helpful to him in his work. So you see it is not only the candidates for office who work hard prior to an election. And if you see Mr. Bailie sporting a few grey hairs after June 18th, you will know why. It is to be hoped that a part of his duties after the election will be to have a good long rest!

SCARBORO: An amendment to the assessment act brought to light at a township council meeting recently could reduce certain land assessment to about \$110. The land affected would be that which is used for agricultural purposes. The township's solicitor is looking into the correct definition of the word farm as set down by the



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The week of May 13-19 is hereby proclaimed CLEAN UP - PAINT UP WEEK in the Town of Richmond Hill for 1962.

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill

W. J. HAGGART Mayor
R. LYNETT Clerk-Treasurer

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN TO DISPENSE WITH A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan intends to apply to The Ontario Municipal Board for approval of the construction of watermains hereinafter mentioned, at an estimated cost of \$77,300 which shall be raised by the sale of debentures payable over a term not exceeding twenty years, and intends to charge the cost thereof, including debenture charges, and cost of maintenance and management, upon the lands in a defined area known as Concession One (North) Water Area.

2. It is proposed to raise the annual payments by:
- (a) a special rate on all the rateable property in the defined area which shall be a specific sum sufficient to pay the said payment after taking into account receipts obtained from clauses (b), (c) and (d) hereof or from any other source;
 - (b) a special tax in each year of 4 mills in the dollar according to the assessed value of the land fronting or abutting upon any highway in, through or along which the watermains are laid;
 - (c) a special rate of 20 cents per foot frontage upon the land fronting or abutting upon any highway in, through or along which the watermains are laid;
 - (d) a charge of water rates to consumers;
- The following is an example of the annual charge on an average dwelling property having a frontage of 103 feet and assessed at \$2,800.00
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| frontage tax — (103 feet X 20c) | \$20.60 |
| Special Levy (\$2,800 assessment X 4 mills) | 11.20 |
| Water Consumption rate | 40.00 |
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| | \$71.80 |

3. The area upon which such water rate is to be levied is as follows:
CONSTRUCTION OF WATERMAIN EXTENSIONS on:
- 1) YONGE STREET (Highway No. 11), from Elgin Mills Road to Oxford Street
 - 2) ELGIN MILLS ROAD, from Yonge Street to Regent Street
 - 3) OXFORD STREET, from Yonge Street to Lot 59, R.P. 1999
 - 4) REGENT STREET, from Elgin Mills Road to Oxford Street
 - 5) IREDALE ROAD EXTENSION (Lot 75, R.P. 1931) from Southerly limit Lot 75, R.P. 1931 to Northerly limit Lot 75, R.P. 1931 together with service connections and hydrants, and compound meter and chamber to be installed at the intersection of Oxford Street and Iredale Road.
4. Application will be made to The Ontario Municipal Board for an order to dispense with the assent of the electors and for approval of the said works. Any ratepayer may, within twenty-one days after the first publication of this notice send by post prepaid to the Clerk of the Township of Vaughan at the address given below a notice in writing stating his objection to such approval or to the imposition of the special rate, and the grounds of such objection.
5. The Ontario Municipal Board may order pursuant to the statute that the assent of the electors shall not be required and may approve of the said works, but before doing so it may appoint a time and place for a public hearing when any objections will be considered.
- DATED at the Township of Vaughan this 10th day of May, 1962.
- J. M. McDonald,
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