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## "Unnecessary And Absolutely Ridiculous" - Merchants

# Request Council To Lift Yonge St. Parking Ban

## Planning Committee Considering Director

The York County Planning Committee told county council last week it wants to confer with the Department of Municipal Affairs, before appointing a county planning director.

If such a director were appointed, he would aid in preparing a master plan for the entire county. He would also act as an adviser to the municipalities which required assistance in this field.

The committee's report noted that "there is a great deal of planning work to be done in the county." The committee sent out questionnaires to all 14 municipalities, and discovered that while all of them have active planning boards, and building bylaws, many have either patchy zoning and planning, or none at all.

The questionnaire also asked for a brief listing of the particular problems of each municipality, and these were outlined in the committee report. While there were as many different answers as municipalities, the southern areas, which have been planning for several years, complained of fewer and less severe problems than those in the north.

Richmond Hill and Markham Township both indicated they were preparing new official plans, and Vaughan Township said its basic concern at the moment was its study of neighborhood developments. Richmond Hill was also concerned about the problems of annexation.

## Rejected By County Council

## King City W.I. To Still Advocate Election Of High School Trustees

While King City Women's Institute's resolution calling for the election, rather than appointment, of high school boards was decisively rejected by York County Council last week, the campaigning members here are not given up hope.

Mrs. Austin Rumble told "The Liberal" the W.I. delegation was appointed in county council decision and said members intended to send their resolution on to the Minister of Education.

Mrs. Howard Hayward, Mrs. Harold Ratcliff, Mrs. William Willoughby and Mrs. E. McCoy attended the council session with Mrs. Rumble, who outlined reasons which had prompted the resolution from King City Branch.

She pointed out large sums were spent on high school education and her organization felt school board representatives would be more responsible to taxpayers if they were elected by them, instead of being appointed.

Mrs. Rumble spoke in appreciation of council's choice of Mr. John Dew to Aurora and District High School Board this year and said it was the first time there had been a King City representative.

While voting down the resolution, council approved an amendment to it proposed by Reeve Norn Garriock of Woodbridge that high school boards be paid.

A daily rate plus mileage was suggested, to replace the present nominal annual allowance of \$60.00.

## Announce Hours For Barbershops In Richmond Hill

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night gave third reading to a bylaw regulating the hours of business for barbershops.

Starting June 18 they will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday.

They will be closed all day Wednesday except when a statutory holiday falls in that week, in which case they will remain open.

A change in hours was requested by eight shop owners on a petition to council. Previously the shops were open a half day on Wednesday.

The bylaw calls for a maximum fine of \$300 for violation.



## Richmond Heights Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

The gigantic three-day second anniversary celebration starts today at Richmond Heights Centre on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill. Seen above is the windowfull of merchandise some lucky shopper will win at a draw to be held at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon. All you have to do to qualify is guess the correct retail value of all merchandise on display in the window of D. Albert Brown Coiffures, next to Loblaw's, fill out a draw coupon available at any store in the centre, and deposit it in boxes provided by the merchants. Also to be won are five boys' and girls' bicycles. And as a special treat for the kiddies, free ice cream will be supplied by your friendly centre merchant. Remember the days - Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The place - Richmond Heights Centre on Yonge Street. For bargains galore and a chance to win free merchandise and cash, be sure to attend.

(photo by Lagerquist)

## 668 Cast Ballots In Advance Poll

Federal Returning Officer Warren Baillie reports that with 9 out of 10 advance polls reporting 668 citizens cast ballots.

The polls were open on Saturday and Monday. Recent changes in the federal election laws have made voting at an advance poll a good deal easier.

## Sunday Trade Hard Hit By Traffic Regulations

A plea from seven Yonge Street merchants to abolish the Sunday and holiday parking ban on Yonge Street was made to Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night. Thirteen businessmen attended the meeting.

The request, contained in a brief presented by William Waters, owner of the Richmond Hill Dairy Bar, said the ban on parking between 1 and 6 p.m. on the east side, and 6 p.m. and midnight on the west side, "was not only unnecessary, but absolutely ridiculous."

Mr. Waters told council the merchants relied to a large extent on Sunday business. But since the present regulations were put into effect June 3 they have suffered a considerable decrease in trade, he stated.

He said this weekend business was needed by the merchants to survive. An increase in competition and exorbitant taxes the Yonge Street businessmen have been forced to carry, were the reasons cited for the request.

Consideration should be given to the retailers ahead of transient holiday shoppers returning to Metro, Mr. Waters said.

The spokesman claimed that transients accustomed to stopping Sunday evening in Richmond Hill, were now unable to do so on account of the parking ban. He said this has deprived the merchants of a much needed income that had taken years to develop.

The parking ban started June 3 to keep traffic moving through Richmond Hill on Sunday.

Criticism of council for not giving the problem adequate study was also contained in the brief.

"In all my years in Richmond Hill I have never known of more than one or two traffic (Continued on Page 3)

## No Discount On Paying Taxes Early

This is tax payment time in Richmond Hill, and June 20th is the final date for payment of the first instalment which was due June 1st. After June 20th a penalty of three per cent will be added.

Many local taxpayers this year were disappointed that for the first time in many years there is no discount for prepayment of the other two instalments. In former years one per cent discount was allowed on the second instalment, and two per cent discount on the third instalment when payment of the whole amount of the current year's taxes was made on or before the 30th of June.

The idea behind the discount for prepayment was that by encouraging taxpayers to make payment of the full amount in June the town saved in interest on bank borrowing. This policy was inaugurated several years ago and many citizens took advantage of the discount offer and the municipality saved substantial amounts in interest payments to the banks.

The new policy inaugurated by the town council this year of offering no discount for prepayment means that many taxpayers who formerly paid their taxes in full in June will pay only on the installment due dates.

## Council Names Seven To Serve Commission

Bylaws approving the constitution and membership of the Richmond Hill Industrial Commission were passed by town council Monday night on recommendations submitted by Robert Langford, commission secretary.

Named to serve on the commission until Jan. 1, 1964, were William G. Angus, J. O. Graham and K. W. Tomlin.

Terms of office for A. F. Mahaffy and J. G. Phillips will terminate Jan. 1, 1963.

Other members of the seven-man board are Councillors J. MacDiarmid and A. Campbell, representing the town.

Mr. Langford was officially designated as commissioner of industry.

## 30-Acre Sports Centre Planned For Markham

A 30-acre recreation centre costing almost three million dollars will be constructed on Bayview Avenue as soon as services are available, W. R. Dean, reeve of Markham Township said Wednesday.

To be located north of the CNR bypass, it will contain outdoor and two indoor regulation size swimming pools, curling and skating rinks, bowling greens and alleys, as well as a clubhouse and dining room.

Mr. Dean said the township has been negotiating with the developers for several weeks and that further details will be announced shortly.

In charge of the dining room will be a chef from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, Mr. Dean said.

He also said plans are completed for the construction of a curling rink to be built this year on the former Shoullice property north of John Street in the Thornhill area, one mile east of Yonge Street.

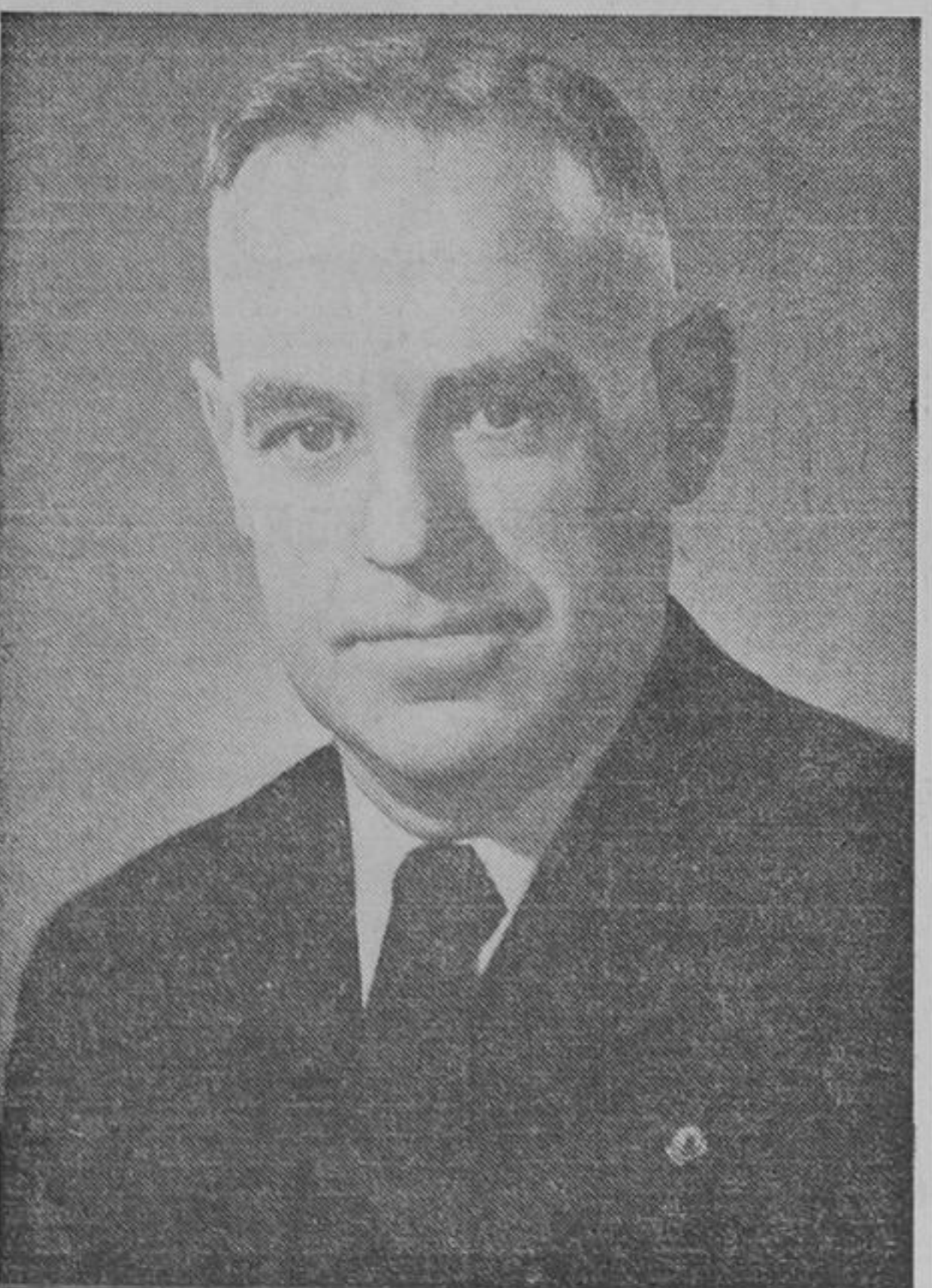
It will probably be ready for curling this winter, Mr. Dean stated.

The reeve also announced that Esna Electric Ltd., Toronto, will build a plant on the Don Mills Road, south of the CNR bypass. Construction is expected to start in three weeks.

Costing \$175,000, the plant will be ready for occupancy later this year. It will have 40,000 square feet of floor space.

Mr. Dean said several firms are interested in locating in the new 800-acre industrial area recently zoned by the township. At least three or four other companies are expected to locate this year, the reeve said.

"We are quite happy with this expansion and the work that will be available for township residents," Mr. Dean stated.



W. J. (TOM) TAYLOR

Ex-warden of York County, and former Reeve of Richmond Hill who was appointed a member of Toronto and York Roads Commission by York County Council at the June session, taking the place of ex-warden Earl Toole who recently died.

The new Toronto and York Roads Commissioner was chosen after balloting for four candidates for the office. Others standing for election were ex-Wardens John Rye of East Gwillimbury, and Joseph Fry of Markham village, and K. M. R. Stiver, Newmarket barrister.

W. J. Taylor was born in Sutton and came to Richmond Hill in 1926, taking over the long established funeral business of the late W. Ashford Wright and founding the firm of Wright and Taylor. He carried on this business with marked success until his retirement in 1958. He

## "Scrap Parking Authority" MacDiarmid Tells Council

A notice of motion calling for the disbandment of the Richmond Hill Parking Authority was tabled by Councillor J. MacDiarmid at a meeting of Town Council Monday night.

The move came after a discussion on the relocation of parking meters on Yonge St. Mayor James Haggart had suggested the parking authority make a study and report to council.

Mr. Haggart told council that since the new traffic signs had been erected some of the meters were now in the wrong positions.

It was then that Mr. MacDiarmid questioned the need for a parking authority and asked if they were still operating. He also suggested that meters were no longer necessary on Yonge Street.

Deputy-reeve Thomas Broadhurst said that if the authority was not working out, the bylaw should be rescinded. As an alternative he suggested a committee of council be appointed to look after parking in the town.

During the discussion, Mr. MacDiarmid recommended that the police committee be appointed to look after parking. He claimed they were the logical choice and it should be under their jurisdiction.

Mayor Haggart was opposed to disbanding the authority and termed Mr. MacDiarmid's motion "premature."

"I would prefer that it be put to a committee of council for study and wait for their report before acting on this motion," the mayor said.

"Rescind parking authority bylaw and let the police committee take over. I am fed up with studies and reports. I want action on this matter now," Mr. MacDiarmid told council.

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell agreed with Mr. MacDiarmid and asked if the parking authority had been active since it was formed.

"I have never heard of them doing anything," she said.

Rather than rescinding the bylaw immediately, Mr. Broadhurst suggested that a notice of motion be tabled in order that parking authority members be given a chance to present their views.

"We should give them warning of our intentions. It is hardly fair to act without consulting with them," Mr. Broadhurst stated.

The notice of motion proposed by Mr. MacDiarmid was seconded by Councillor Alex Campbell. It is expected to be discussed further at the next meeting of council.

Members on the parking authority are: Al Harley, chairman, Donald Plaxton and Stewart Coxford. It was formed in 1960.

## Receive Twelve Bids

Bids from 12 firms were received on a new truck by Markham Township Council when tenders were opened Monday afternoon.

They ranged from a high of \$8,600 to a low of \$6,433.71. All quotes were plus federal and provincial taxes.

Council referred the tenders to the roads committee for study and its recommendation is expected early next week.

## Plan Industrial Development On 800 Acres In Markham Township

Markham Township Council If not connected to a sewer no save third reading Monday afternoon to a bylaw prohibiting erection of lands and erection of buildings in an 800-acre section of the municipality.

The area is bounded by the CNR tracks on the north; Highway 404 on the west; Ontario Hydro property on the east; and Steeles Ave. on the south.

Council hopes to make the area into a prestige location for future industry. Officials say that two large-size firms have already made commitments to build and negotiations are underway with several others.

The bylaw permits any light manufacturing operation that is not obnoxious by noise, smoke, odor, dust, gas fumes or water carried waste.

It prohibits any building to be constructed on less than one acre of land. On the Don Mills Road a manufacturer may not build on less than two acres.

Any structure connected to a sanitary sewer can occupy up to 60 per cent of the total lot area.

## Four Candidates Seek Federal Seat



JOHN ADDISON Liberal

C. A. CATHERS Progressive Conservative

ALEX FORD Social Credit

STANLEY HALL New Democratic Party

Two businessmen, a school teacher and a packing house supervisor are fighting it out in York North for the support of 58,800 eligible voters — a gain of almost 13,000 since 1958 — in the June 18 federal election.

Liberal for 22 years, it changed allegiance in 1957 when C. A. (Tiny) Cathers took the seat for the Conservatives by a 7,000 majority. He increased this 12,000 in the Conservative landslide of 1958.

Both the Conservatives and Liberals are waging an all out campaign with each having successful businessmen with a farm background as their candidates.

The New Democratic Party and Social Credit are also campaigning strongly for support in York North, although the Socreds just managed to nominate their candidate before the June 4 deadline.

Headed the Liberal ticket is 32-year old car dealer JOHN ADDISON. Born and educated in Toronto, he attended Sunnylea Public School, Pickering College and the University of Toronto, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

He started Addison Leasing Services Ltd. in 1954, renting cars and trucks. In 1956 he purchased a car dealership and four years later took over British and American Motors Ltd., and is now president of the firm.

Active in football and hockey circles, Mr. Addison is on the advisory council of the Toronto Argonauts.

Married to a former nurse

and native of King Township, Joan Burns, they have two children, a boy and girl, and live at Oak Ridges.

He says the Conservative government has cost Canada upwards of 300,000 jobs since taking office in 1957.

And claims they have adopted one misguided economic and fiscal policy after another. Mr. Addison says Canada has become an economic weakling while other countries of the world are booming.

"Investors have lost confidence in Canada and Canadians in themselves," the Liberal candidate says.

The present member for the (Continued on Page 11)

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