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Ask Residents To Slash Sprinkling

A plea for co-operation from town residents to reduce water consumption was voiced by Richmond Hill officials Monday night. An abnormal dry spell coupled with excessive usage for lawn watering have lowered water reserves to the danger point.

The request follows a letter to householders last week which stated that unless voluntary watering restrictions are adhered to, the town would be forced to impose a bylaw regulating sprinkling.

Council asked home owners to limit lawn watering to two days per week. The problem is not one of water supply but of the physical capacity of the treatment plant and transmission equipment to handle abnormal demands during prolonged dry periods, the letter stated.

They suggested that residents living north of Crosby Avenue and east

of Yonge Street, water lawns between 8 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday, and 8 p.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday.

Householders living south of Crosby Avenue and east of Yonge Street are asked to restrict their watering between 8 p.m. Tuesday to 8 a.m. Wednesday, and 8 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday.

Those residing west of Yonge Street are requested to water between 8 p.m. Wednesday to 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Sunday. Officials said that if residents fail to co-operate voluntarily, the suggested regulations will be made compulsory. They warned this would be done without further notice.

Works Commissioner Otto Whalen told council Monday night that water consumption was breaking all records. He said that on July 9, 615,000 gallons went through the treatment plant,

while total consumption for the day reached 1,500,000. Mr. Whalen estimated that over 825,000 gallons were used for watering lawns that day.

On July 10, 594,000 gallons flowed through the plant, but total usage amounted to 1,440,000 gallons, indicating that 845,000 gallons had been used for sprinkling.

Works committee chairman F. R. Perkins expressed alarm over reports in a Toronto morning paper that Richmond Hill was in the throes of a water shortage and said that several people had phoned him regarding the story.

"There is no dire shortage at this time," Mr. Perkins stated, "We have only asked people not to waste water during the dry spell. There is no need to panic," he added.

Certain areas in town have been without water on three occasions re-

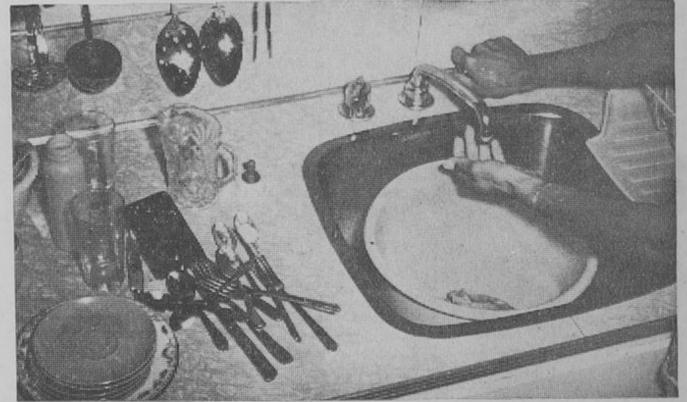
cently. Once when a break occurred in the Crosby Avenue line, and twice when water was shut off temporarily to build a reserve for fire fighting.

Deputy-reeve Tom Broadhurst urged residents to use discretion during this weather and said that it was impossible to have all householders watering on the same night.

He warned that if they do not co-operate, regulations will be brought into effect. "We have water to spare, but not to waste," Mr. Broadhurst declared.

Town officials are watching the situation carefully and say that if a substantial drop in water usage is not recorded, action will be taken immediately.

The proposed bylaw if enforced, calls for a \$50 fine on conviction of a breach of the hours set forth.



It has not reached this stage yet and council are asking householders co-operation to slash outdoor watering consumption to make sure it never does. The long dry spell coupled with excessive outdoor sprinkling has dropped water reserves to the danger point. Officials are asking residents to water only two days a week in an effort to build up dwindling supplies.



Collect 263 Bottles Of Blood At Red Cross Clinic

Three hundred residents responded to the call for donors at the Red Cross Blood Clinic held Thursday afternoon and evening of last week at the town library. A total of 263 bottles of blood was collected which was an encouraging increase over the July 1961 figure of 141 bottles. Thirty-seven people had to be rejected for various reasons. A summer and winter clinic are held each year. Assisting at the clinic were, top photo, (left to right) Mrs. W. S. Pocknell of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Charles Harding of the Richmond Hill W.L., Mr. Jack Passmore a member of the board of directors of the local society and past president, Ontario Division, of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Mrs. M. Clayton of St. Mary's Anglican Evening Guild and Mrs. P. C. Hill, a distinguished Red Cross life member. The four McLean brothers of Woodlane, Richmond Hill, very generously responded to the clinic. In the bottom photo, Charles McLean is seen giving his blood while his brothers await their turn. They are (left to right), Joseph, Lawrence and Len. Mrs. Gail Darling of Yonge Street, Thornhill was the lucky winner of a dozen beautiful roses donated by H. J. Mills Ltd. The winner of the male donors prize of merchandise donated by Canadian Tire was Mr. Michael Dorey of Zelda Crescent in Richmond Hill. (Photos by Lagerquist)

Project Cost \$120,000

Agreement At Final Stages For Markham Well Property

Nearly two years of negotiations between municipal and provincial officials and a private property owner are drawing swiftly to a close with the announcement Monday night by Mayor James Haggart that an agreement will be signed for a new source of water supply.

Located south of Richmond Hill near Bayview Avenue on property owned by James McKay, the well is capable of supplying close to a million gallons a day. Cost of developing the supply is estimated at \$120,000 and will be paid for through utility payments over a 30-year period.

Included in the cost are purchase of the well site, pumping equipment, feeder mains and \$12,000 to carry out test drilling for further wells.

Richmond Hill has already spent \$16,000 in drilling on the McKay property and this amount is included in the \$120,000 estimate.

Disclosure of the information followed a meeting held Monday afternoon between Mayor Haggart, Richmond Hill Works Committee and Dr. W. Berry of the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

Council ratified an agreement between the town and the OWRC Monday night which stipulated that developing of the well be carried out by the commission.

Mr. Haggart told council the new well will add considerably to the existing water supply and remove any danger of a shortage in the area. He deplored the fact that past councils had failed to take action on the necessity of securing additional sources.

A series of test drilling has been carried out by the town over the past three years in an effort to locate a high producing well. Water was first found on the McKay property two years ago but the town was unable to reach any agreement with the owner.

He later decided the well property to Markham Township who found they were unable to use the water due to the high iron content and lack of facilities to process it.

At one stage in the long negotiations, it was agreed that the OWRC would develop the well for Markham and Richmond Hill. Markham was getting its water supply from Metro and the agreement was never ratified.

Late last year Markham agreed to let the commission develop the well for Richmond Hill and they in turn would purchase a maximum of 100,000 gallons of treated water a day from the town.

In addition, Richmond Hill has agreed to sell a maximum of 65,000 gallons a day to Vaughan Township at 40 cents per thousand gallons. This will enable the township to service the Elgin Mills area.

The property transaction between Mr. McKay, Markham and the OWRC is expected to be completed the end of this week. Approval from the Ontario Municipal Board must be obtained before work on the project can start.

Scrap Authority Council To Form Own Committee

Citing lack of revenue as the reason, Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night agreed to disband the two-year-old parking authority and set up a committee of council to handle parking.

Its action followed discussion of a notice of motion tabled last month by Councillor John MacDiarmid calling for action on the part of the authority in dealing with parking problems in town.

Mr. MacDiarmid told the meeting that since making the notice of motion he had spoken with members of the three-man board and had come to the conclusion the fault lay in lack of finances.

He said they could not have done anything more than they had under the present conditions and suggested council start the ball rolling to get an active committee working.

Mayor James Haggart warned that careful consideration should be given before any steps are taken but agreed that a committee of council seemed to be the only solution.

Reeve F. R. Perkins said he could not recall the authority ever asking council for money to carry out its work.

Council is expected to rescind the parking authority bylaw at its next meeting.

The members of the authority are Chairman Al. Harley and Donald Plaxton and Stewart Coxford. It was formed in 1960

Interest Rate Up To Six Per Cent On Town Loans

Richmond Hill Council has been notified by the local branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce that interest rates on its borrowing have been raised by half of one per cent.

The increase means that the town will pay six per cent instead of five and a half per cent on bank loans.

Take Lowest Bid

Award \$62,425 Contract For Road Paving

A bid of \$62,425.35 for paving 4,200 feet of town streets was accepted by Richmond Hill Council Monday night. The figure was slightly over \$13,000 less than works department estimates.

Paul Street Construction Ltd., Richmond Hill, was the lowest tender of eight submitted. Highest bid was from Dufferin Construction, Toronto, at \$85,367.01

Refuse Bid For Levy Cut From Apartment Builder

Richmond Hill Town Council turned thumbs down on a request from a Metro building contractor seeking a \$1,950 reduction in lot levies at a meeting Monday night.

Larry Wynne told council he proposed to erect a 22-suite apartment building at the corner of Colborne and Elmwood Avenues on a piece of property comprising four lots.

He asked permission to amalgamate the four lots into one and to be assessed on the basis of one parcel. The building bylaw stipulates a \$650 levy per lot to help pay for town services.

Council agreed on a motion by Deputy-reeve Tom Broad-

hurst to allow amalgamation of the four lots but denied his bid for a single fee. Permission to join the property is subject to payment of \$650 for each lot involved.

Claiming the town would save money as there would be only one water and sewer connection, not four, Mr. Wynne argued that it would also benefit from increased assessment.

He was told by Councillor Alex Campbell the planning board had a per suite levy under consideration at the present time and in all probability it would be higher. He advised the builder to "grab" it at \$650.

Mr. Campbell also said

the town was not trying to increase its residential assessment as it was already out of line with industrial. He warned that council should be very careful in agreeing to any proposal that would tend to increase residential levies.

Although there would only be one sewer and water connection, 22 families would be using town services, Mr. Broadhurst told the builder. He said he was against any reduction in fees even though the four lots were joined into one.

Reeve F. R. Perkins was of the opinion that fees should be higher on apartment buildings due to the density of population in a much smaller area and the utilities required to service them.

When the matter was brought before council, Mayor James Haggart said he had an interest in the project and therefore would refrain from any discussion or vote on the subject.

Mr. Wynne said that he had appeared before the planning board May 22 requesting relief from the lot levy and he informed council the board had no physical objection to his request.

Councillor Al White was the only member of council to vote against the motion.

Well-Known Local Man Dies At Cottage Sunday

The community was shocked by news of the sudden death of William Lauder Glass early Sunday morning.

Funeral services held Tuesday afternoon from the Wright and Taylor Chapel of Pipher Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, were very largely attended by friends and relatives.

The mass of beautiful floral tributes and the many hundreds of people from all walks of life who called to extend sympathy was evidence of the high regard in which he was held in Richmond Hill and throughout the entire district.

Lauder Glass, a native son of Richmond Hill, and one of the town's best known and most respected businessmen, will be sadly missed in the community where he was born, attended school and carried on business for so many years.

In the best of usual good health he drove to his cottage at Lake Simcoe on Saturday. After a relaxed evening with his wife and family he retired about midnight. In the early hours of Sunday he was suddenly stricken with a heart attack and died within a few minutes.

The Glass Meat Market has been a landmark in Richmond Hill for many years. A long established institution in the community it was taken over by Lauder Glass on the death of his father in 1929.



LAUDER GLASS

The present fine new store was built in 1950 and is one of the most modern and attractive in the area.

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Pass Three Laws To Get Property

Three bylaws authorizing expropriation of property on Crosby Avenue, between Newkirk Road and Osiris Drive, were passed by Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night.

The property is needed for widening of Crosby Avenue. When completed, it will be a 66 foot paved road between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue.

Nearly one and a quarter acres are involved from three different residents. The expropriation was made necessary when the town was unable to reach an agreement on price with the owners.

Increase Over Last Year Shown For Richmond Hill Construction

Value of building permits for the first six months of this year in Richmond Hill have gone up to 260 per cent over last year's total, according to figures released by Building Inspector Jack Hollowell.

Total expenditure for the January to June period was \$1,686,445. In 1961 it was \$645,265. Biggest expenditures approved for the first six months were for four apartment buildings, totalling \$550,000.

Included is a \$200,000 structure at Elmwood and Colborne Avenues. The other three buildings are on Hunt Avenue, Bayview and Elmwood Avenues, and a second building at Elmwood and Colborne.

In May 1962 the value of building permits was greater than for the first six months of 1961 — \$705,350. June was the second biggest month at \$457,000. 1962 permits were ahead of 1961 for every month.

Two Join Clinic Staff

York County Mental Health Clinic, Newmarket has recently added two new members to its staff, G. Mulcair, a psychologist, and Fred Boden, social worker.

Mr. Mulcair was born in Italy but emigrated to the United States in 1954. In 1960 he came to Canada. He now holds an M.A. from the University of Ottawa.

He is married but has no family and comes to York from a position with the Catholic Children's Aid in Toronto.

The social worker, Mr. Boden, comes to the clinic from Red Deer, Alta., where he worked in a home for emotionally disturbed children. He was born and received his high school education in North York.

He is married and has a one-year-old son.

According to Dr. S. E. Jensen, clinic director there is a good possibility the added staff will mean expansion of the clinic's facilities. Any such changes would have to be initiated by the county board of health, Dr. Jensen said.