

Reject OWRC Financing Of Vaughan Water

Vaughan Township Waterworks Committee should not ask the Ontario Water Resources Commission to finance future waterworks installations in the township. This was the conclusion drawn by Chairman Mrs. Ruth McConkey after a meeting Tuesday afternoon with OWRC officials in Toronto.

Representatives of the Concord Ratepayers Association had asked for the meeting at a Monday night session of the waterworks committee. The association is protesting the township's method of financing the proposed Edgeley waterworks. Ex-

pansion of water facilities in Concord had been turned down last year because of cost.

According to Mrs. McConkey, savings achieved by the OWRC's financing the plan would be negligible. Further, the OWRC would take effective control over the township's water system in such a situation, she said.

Residents could not expect the same kind of service from the OWRC as they had been getting from the township, she stated. Provincial employees would not be apt to stay up past midnight as township employ-

ees had during the recent dry spell to ensure adequate water pressure, the chairman said.

The association object because they feel Concord has prior rights to a new waterworks system. They had been refused last year because assessment in the area could not foot the bill of \$136,000. Now they and other township residents are being asked to pay much of the cost of the Edgeley waterworks, they claim.

A special levy on the Edgeley area, water rates, and a township-wide levy will pay for the system. Since the present assessment is only \$500,000

in the Edgeley area and the maximum local levy under provincial law is four mills, the residents serviced by the system would pay only \$2,000 a year.

Total cost of the system, just under \$200,000, will be paid for at the rate of about \$18,000 a year.

Reeve Albert Rutherford said that installation of a water system in the area would attract new industry and assessment which would eventually pay its own way on the system. A new factory will be in the area by October with an assessment of \$1,500,000, he said. This would

raise the revenue from the area to \$8,000. According to Mr. Rutherford, the firm hopes to expand the plant in the near future.

Ratepayer Harry Bisson suggested that installation of the new waterworks would create a field day for speculators. He stated that the new plant could not expand because of a franchise agreement.

The plant would cover only 25 acres of the 120 acres owned by the firm, according to Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson. Mr. Bisson alleged that the firm hoped to sell the remaining land at a substantial profit.

Council was being over-optimistic in hoping the Edgeley area could attract industry, Mrs. Reg. McLean contended. She stated that industry was no longer anxious to move into Vaughan because of taxes.

In reference to the proposed Concord system, Reg. McLean said that present Concord residents should not be asked to pay for parts of the new water system to serve a proposed subdivision south of Highway 7.

He suggested the difference in cost between six-inch mains, which would serve present residents only, and the 12-inch mains, would be \$32,000.

Most Agree They Would Buy Again

"If you had it to do over again, would you buy a home in Richmond Hill?" This was the question that Liberal staff reporter Neil Campbell posed to a cross-section of Richmond Hill housewives last week.

His survey produced dozens of complaints ranging from high taxes to poor planning. But the overwhelming answer to his question was "Yes, we would buy here again." Here are some of the answers he received.

MRS. N. R. TOMLINSON, 207 Maple Ave.: I think we'd buy a home in Richmond Hill again if we had to do it over again. It's far enough away from the city that we manage to escape the "hurly-burly". A lot of people complain about high taxes now, but they'll eventually go down as the population goes up.

MRS. DAVID FERGUSON, 117 Talmage Ave.: That's a tough question. I think we'd buy a home here in town if we had to do it over again. Living here in Richmond Hill is almost like owning a home in the country. The people in Richmond Hill are so friendly, you can't help liking them.

MRS. JUNE STEELE, 411 Wenlock St.: No, I don't think we'd buy a home in Richmond Hill. It's so far from the city that it's a real chore to go down there to visit relatives or for a night out. We've gotten used to it now, but it took quite a while. It's impossible to sell a house in the Hill, too.

MRS. PAUL DESLAURIERS, 80 Beaverton Rd.: We would still buy in Richmond Hill. The town's just as good as anywhere else to live. The only drawback is the high taxes we are paying right now. It would be nice to have sidewalks, though.

MRS. G. LONGWORTH, 120 Baker St.: Yes, we've lived here since 1939. When we moved here, Richmond Hill was an "old-fashioned" town, populated mainly by retired farmers. Now we have the advantages of movies and restaurants and we're close to all the city's advantages.

MRS. IDA BANKS, 161 Church St.: Yes, we'd buy again. We like the town. It's a very friendly place to live. We've lived here for only three years, but our family was accepted into the community fairly quickly. In some places that takes years.

MRS. L. MILNE, 183 Sussex St.: Yes, we would certainly buy a home in Richmond Hill if we had to do it over again. We like the town and we like the people in it. We've lived here for over 15 years and we intend to stay.

MRS. VERA KILLAM, 183 Church St. S.: If you'd asked me two years ago my answer would have been much different. Now my husband works here. It can never be a really good place to live because it's too close to Toronto to be self-sufficient, and too far away to be convenient.

MRS. QUINTON, 126 Talmage Ave.: I like it here. The only objection I have is that there's no place for the kids to play in my neighbourhood. They've locked up the school grounds and people are scared of kids messing up their lawns. But kids shouldn't learn to play in the streets.

MRS. KAY SCHELL, 56 Cartier Cr.: Yes, we'd buy here in town again. We'd rather live in a small town than in the city. The air is a lot cleaner. There's plenty of room for the kids to play in a town like Richmond Hill, too.

MRS. J. R. SINCLAIR, 36 Rockport Cr.: No, we wouldn't buy here again. They've let the town grow much too quickly. We're going to move to Islington. We're especially unhappy with the lack of town planning. The newer areas weren't planned, they just grew.

MRS. LINDSAY BOOMHOWER, 217 Colborne Ave.: No, we wouldn't buy here again. Taxes are so high they're out of the question. We criticize the town, too, because it hasn't attracted industry. It would be a lot cheaper to live and work in the same town.

Ask County To Issue Debentures

Richmond Hill has approved a request to York County Council to issue its share of debentures for \$1,108,000 for the building of the proposed secondary school in the Langstaff area.

Cost to the four municipalities belonging to the district based on equalized assessment.

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REDUCE RELIEF COSTS 30 PER CENT FROM '61

Praise Effort Of Welfare Director

Welfare payments have dropped almost 30 per cent for the first six months of this year compared to the same period in 1961, according to a report tabled by Councillor Alex Campbell at a Richmond Hill Town Council meeting Monday night.

Direct relief totalled \$6,494.24 from January 1 to June 30, a drop of \$2,762.60 from \$9,256.84 paid out in 1961. Of this amount 80 per cent was borne by the provincial government leaving the remaining share, \$2,863.92, the actual cost to the town.

A decrease in the number of persons on the relief rolls was also recorded. In 1961, 587 drew financial help as against 293 this year.

Highlight of the report was the absence of employable persons drawing benefits. This is the first time in several years that those capable of work have been off welfare payments.

Commenting on the report Mr. Campbell said he was greatly encouraged by the drop in relief costs and the substantial decrease in numbers receiving aid.

PRaises Director

He told council the overall picture was "most satisfactory", and praised the efforts of Welfare Director Norman Lewis for his part in keeping costs to a minimum.

Other figures contained in the report were: old age supplement, \$140; nursing homes, \$2,146; charity and indigents' funerals, \$461.29; ambulance subsidy, \$600; administration expenses, \$1,627.48; relief paid to other municipalities, \$881.81.

In the latter category the town must pay for residents who move from here to other areas until they have established permanent residence.

Total expenses for the first six months amounted to \$12,350.82, down \$2,261.49 from \$14,612.31 for the corresponding period a year ago.

Eleven people drew the old age supplement between January and June, down six from last year, and 23 were placed in nursing homes, a jump of two over 1961.

The town received \$4,305.90 in relief grants and \$1,711.80 for nursing homes from the provincial government. Both sums were down substantially from 1961.

Other municipalities contributed \$346.23 for persons who had moved to Richmond Hill. This was a drop of over \$500 from a year previous.

Ask Vote For Movies On Sunday In Vaughan

The question of Sunday movies may yet come before the voters of Vaughan Township. The township's finance and general purpose committee has agreed to review the matter.

M. L. Axler had requested the vote on behalf of 20th Century Theatres. His firm owns the 400 Drive-In Theatre. A previous application for a vote by the Motion Picture Theatres Association of Ontario was refused June 21.

Wants Township To Rezone Area For New Plaza

Vaughan Township may be getting a new shopping centre, although not in the immediate future. A Minghella of Thornhill has a rezoning proposal before the township planning board which would allow him to obtain a building permit for the project.

The proposed plaza, consisting of 16 stores and a supermarket, would be located on Bathurst Street.

Before the rezoning proposal could be accepted by the planning board, assurance would have to be obtained from the waterworks committee that an adequate supply of water is available for the development.

No further action can be taken on the proposal until the waterworks superintendent has made a full report on the water supply in the area.

Give Wage Hike To Members Of Vaughan Force

Members of the Vaughan Township Police will receive raises as of April 1, 1963. According to a township bylaw police salaries are raised to keep them on a level with OPP salaries.

Salaries of sergeants will be raised by \$300 to a minimum of \$3,250 and a maximum of \$5,500.

Constables will get a raise of \$200 to a minimum of \$4,200 and a maximum of 4,800.

In addition, a new category of probationary constable was added to the township's salary schedule. Pay for this category will be \$4,050.

Break-in Nets \$372 At Yonge St. Dealer

A break-in early last Wednesday morning at the office of R. D. Little and Sons, a new-car dealership on Yonge Street North in Richmond Hill, netted thieves \$372 in cash and checks.

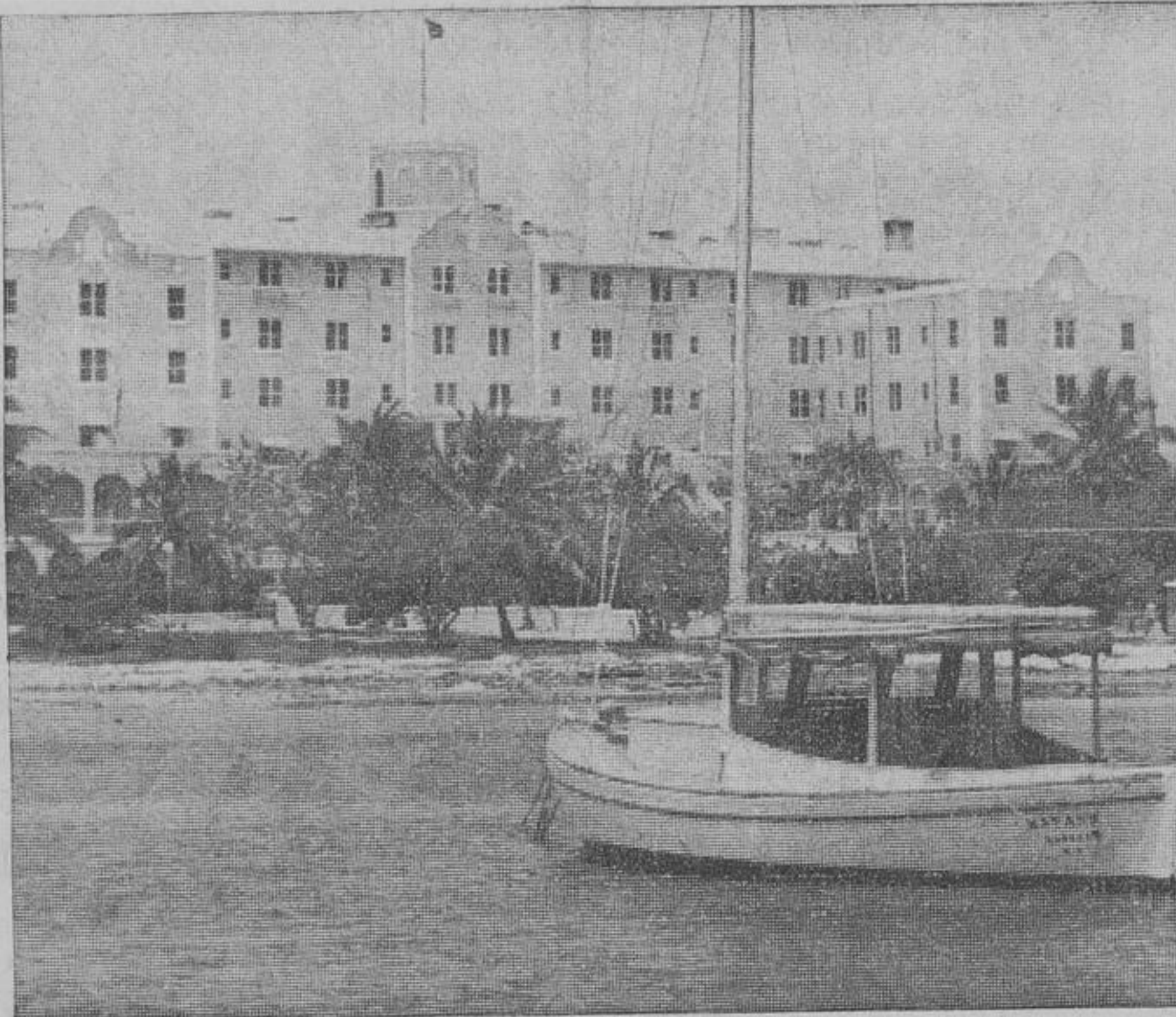
Included in the haul was \$82 in cash and an estimated \$290 in checks. Police are still investigating.

Canadian Bid Accepted

Imperial Bank of Commerce. Their bid was for 97.549 cents on the dollar at six per cent for the first 10 years, and six and a quarter per cent for the last 10 years.

Council considered a bid from Ames and Company of Canada, representing a syndicate of four firms. Their offer was for 90 cents on the dollar with an interest rate of five and a quarter per cent.

Under the terms of the latter bid, the debentures would be sold on the New York market for American dollars.



Home For A Week

Shown above is the fabulous Montague Beach Hotel in Nassau. Some lucky couple who reads "The Liberal" will be vacationing there five weeks from now. The all-expense paid holiday is first prize in the giant "Fix the Mix-up" contest starting this week. Further details on this page.

Campbell Not In Favor

To Allow Sunday Sports In Richmond Hill Parks

Richmond Hill Town Council has opened the door for legalized Sunday sports at town parks.

On a motion at Monday night's meeting by Deputy-reeve Thomas Broadhurst and Councillor Al White, council granted local organizations permission to use town parks for Sunday sports.

Groups or clubs wishing to use park facilities must first get approval from the recreation committee subject to recommendation by Recreation

Director Mrs. Jean Thomson. Council's action followed a request from Mrs. Thomson for a letter authorizing her to allow Dynes Jewellers softball team use of the park Aug. 19 to complete their baseball play-offs.

Councillor Alex Campbell voiced strong opposition to Mr. Broadhurst's motion and said it could be a violation of the Lord's Day Act. He suggested that it may not legally stand up. In voting against the motion

Mr. Campbell suggested that clarification be sought from the town solicitor.

"I need more information before I can vote for this proposition and certainly have not the background to go ahead with it now", he told the meeting.

Mr. Broadhurst said he was all in favor of sports on Sunday. Baseball is no worse than golfing or tennis and anyone wishing to present a concert on the

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Council Refuses U.S. Offer Of .90 On Dollar

Because of the state of the present international money market, a Canadian municipality would find it a good deal more profitable to sell its debentures on the American market, according to M. J. Binnington, representing the latter firm.

Acceptance of his firm's bid would mean a savings of about \$30,000 for the township on the issue.

A rise in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the American dollar would give the township an even greater saving.

However, if the dollar were to fall still further in value the saving would decrease. A fall below a value of 86 cents in terms of American money would cost the township money.

Deputy-reeve E. L. Mumberson commented after the decision had been made by council behind closed doors in a committee of the whole. "I would take the American offer if it were my money, but I don't feel council should gamble with the school board's money."

Busy Month For Canine Control In Hill District

A total of 72 dogs were impounded during the month of May by the Canine Control Kennels in Maple for the adjoining municipalities of Vaughan and Markham Townships, and Richmond Hill.

Some 28 were impounded in Vaughan, 26 in Richmond Hill and 18 in Markham. According to the report from James Ryan, five dogs were involved in accidents.

Mills Ltd. Open Retail Division

Richmond Hill will have a new retail florist shop. H. J. Mills Ltd., a long-established greenhouse firm, have expanded their facilities to include a retail outlet.

Their department will specialize in flowers for weddings, bouquets, funerals and corsages, along with floral design, cut flowers and plants.

The new retail outlet is located at the firm's plant, 123 Dufferin Lane, Richmond Hill.

Trip to Nassau for Two Main Prize In Contest Which Starts This Week

A lucky reader of "The Liberal" who shops in a participating store will win a trip for two to Nassau in the Bahamas about six weeks from now.

In a giant FIX THE MIX-UP contest starting this week, high value prizes will be offered each week for the next five weeks. At the end of contest, someone will win a seven-day trip to Nassau.

On page 12 of this issue, the first contest appears with many co-operating merchants. At the bottom of the page are nine anagrams. In order to take part, the contestant must fix up the anagrams to agree with the name of one of the advertisers.

He can then pick up an entry form from any one of the merchants with whom he has dealt and send it to the office of "The Liberal."

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